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The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1899.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

## BRITISH VICTORY AT MODDER RIVER.

News from the South has been received this morning, through reliable native channels, to the effect that a big fight took place last week between the Boers and our force proceeding to relieve Kimberley. The encounter took place at Modder River. One of our shells broke the Boers' big gun in two. The Boers suffered a heavy defeat. A Boer describes the British force as "numerous as a cloud of locusts."

## KURUMAN DEFEATS THE BOERS

Kuruman was attacked a fortnight ago. This place is garrisoned by 66 Cape Police, 20 Townspeople and 120 Natives. They fought the Boers for five days when they retired, losing fifteen killed. Our loss one Cape Police killed.

## NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

### We Capture the Boers' Cattle And General Malan's Son.

Captain Holdsworth and party, assisted by Linchwe's men, looted all the cattle from the Boers' Lager at Sequani. (They had a hundred wagons there). The news of the loss has created the greatest consternation throughout the Transvaal. General Malan's son and son-in-law have been captured by our force.

## "OFF THEIR OWN BAT."

The Natives near Pitsani are up in arms against the Boers.

## MAFEKING NEWS.

### What our Snipers are Doing.

SCORE:  
MAFEKING ... 287  
CRONJE ... 19

The Boers are suffering loss every day from our "Snipers." Natives say there is a big hole near McMullins, into which day by day they throw those

we kill. The wounded are sent to Zeerust. They keep very secret the number they lose.

CRONJE HAD 3,000 MEN

in his commando when he came here. During his stay

HE LOST 287.

When he left last week to go South there only remained 2,000 to take with him.

## WE LEARN BY DEGREES

### What the Men of our Garrison have done.

The Boers had two pieces of artillery knocked out by us at the Waterworks affair on October 23rd.

## FUNNY MR. BOER.

### Says He'll try Taking Mafeking Again.

The Boers say they are going to have

ONE LAST TRY

to take Mafeking and are getting up some more guns to do it with.

[They may save themselves the trouble, they would not take it even if they had fifty guns.]

## LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Shrapnell, Solid Bases ...	30s.
" Bullets, per cwt.	2s. 6d
Shells, unexploded:	
Ninety-four pounders	75s.
Twelve pounders ...	23s.
Seven pounders ...	10s. 6d
The new Five pounder ...	44s.
Mauser bullets, per gross...	3d
Martini bullets, per load ...	1s.

Market firm, sellers inclined to hold in anticipation of a rise, as supply is falling short of demand.

## St. John's Church, Mafeking.

### Advent Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1899.

The Rev. W. H. Weekes will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion,	7-30 a.m.
Matins ...	10-30 a.m.
Evensong ...	7-30 p.m.

We are glad to learn that in consequence of the success of the concert given by the Railway Division last Sunday it has been decided to hold another

**Promenade Concert**

at the North end of the Railway Camp,

**First Avenue,**

at 4-15 on

*Sunday Afternoon next.*

**TEA WILL BE PROVIDED.**

We learn that more talent has been discovered in Mafeking, the inexhaustible; and some important addition to last week's programme may be expected.

Apropos to Sir Geo. White who is now taking such an active part on the Natal side in the adjustment of South African affairs, the following extract may be of interest:—

General Sir George Stewart White gained V.C. for gallant service in Egypt in 1893, and was created G.C.B. for distinguished services in India in 1898, in which year he was appointed Quarter Master General to the forces. He is 64 years of age, was educated at Sandhurst, entered the army in 1853, served in the Indian Mutiny with 27th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Seaforth Highlanders. He received his captaincy in 1863, was promoted to the rank of Major in 1873, and five years later was in the Afghan war with the Gordon Highlanders. He was present at the battle of Charasia, the occupation of Kabul, expedition to Maiden, Sharpur, capture of Takti Shah; march from Kabul to Candahar and received the Afghan medal with three clasps. He was Military Secretary to the Viceroy of India in 1881, became Lieut.-Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders in 1881, Colonel in 1885, and commanded the Brigade in Burmah in 1885-1886. He was promoted Major-General for distinguished service in field, and was thanked by the Government of India. He conducted the expedition into Zoab, and was Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India from 1893 to 1898. He was born, and still has his home, in County Antrim, Ireland.

A Gymkhana Meeting will be held, under Siege conditions, at the Polo Ground, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 1899, under the patronage of Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, commanding the Garrison. Commencing 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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