

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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146th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1900.

#### THE STOLEN BANK NOTES.

From numerous remarks made concerning the advertisement that appeared in last Monday's slip re the stolen Unsigned and Unstamped Bank Notes, it is evident that some of the public were under the impression that an employee or some employees of Messrs. Townshend & Son were to blame. To remove suspicion from men who, whatever their opinion upon the subject of shell fire, are most trustworthy and deserving, and have kept manfully at their work, we publish a report of the case:

At the Court of Summary Jurisdiction Jim Phuthego was brought before H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G., and Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore, charged with theft in obtaining goods by means of false pretences.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Solomon, duly sworn, stated: I know the prisoner. He bought the goods, produced before the Court, on Saturday. He paid me with paper money. He got goods to the value of £3 2s. with paper money. (Paper money produced unnumbered, unstamped, and unsigned). I was sitting in the shop; another man came across and took 30/- change from this money. Then I told the other man I did see any signature on it. I noticed it when I had to give change, when the other man drew my attention to it. I sent to Amod the owner of the shop; he went round and told the Sergeant about this. I told him (prisoner) these notes were not signed, and he said: "My master will sign them tomorrow." He did not say who his master was.

Sallie Mahomed also proved receiving some unsigned, unnumbered notes from prisoner.

Pillay, duly sworn, stated; This boy came bringing a note for 2/- on Saturday. He asked me for 6d. worth of tobacco I said I had no change. I gave him 6d. and a packet of tobacco. I did not notice that the paper was unsigned until later on. I am prepared to take this tobacco back.

The Gaoler proved to finding a few loose shillings in the prisoner's possession.

Peter Stuart, duly sworn, stated: In consequence of a report made to me on Saturday evening about spurious papers being in circulation, I arrested the prisoner and found the notes (produced) in his possession. They were the value of £4 8/-, if signed and stamped. After being cautioned he (prisoner) said he picked them up on the Market Square. He did not state at what time. I cautioned him that he need not make any statement. The boy has been working for Sgt.-Major Jollie—his private boy.

Sergeant-Major Jollie proved that there was a stock of unfinished notes kept in the underground office, to which accused had unwatched access, for clearing up, every morning.

Captain Greener, sworn, stated he is Chief Paymaster at Mafeking. These notes are printed by Townshend & Son and issued by the Government. He remembered receiving these particular notes in a parcel from a representative of the

printers. They could not have been lost in transit, as if any were dropped the whole parcel must have been dropped.

The accused made a statement to the effect that he picked up the notes in the Market Square.

The Court sentenced prisoner to 20 lashes and three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell, Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 6TH MARCH, 1900.

Whereas the following persons have broken through the lines and have left the defensive area of Mafeking without leave under the circumstances hereinafter mentioned, namely:—

Sergeant H. W. Bolton, Protectorate Regiment, deserted from Her Majesty's Service while his Regiment was on active service on the 29th of October, 1899.

Peter Evert and Rudolph Beek broke through the lines without a pass on or about the 25th day of February, 1900.

It is, therefore, now hereby proclaimed and notified that if any person shall give such information to the Authorities as shall lead to the arrest of any or either of the abovementioned absentees, or shall produce the body or bodies of any or either of such absentees, or shall give information which shall lead to the identification of such body or bodies, then the person, giving the information abovementioned shall, provided always such information prove to be sufficient, receive the following reward, that is to say, the sum of FIFTY POUNDS STERLING.

*Change in position of Medical Staff.*—Mr. Young, Medical Student, is transferred, from this date, from the Railway Bridge Dressing Station to the Brickfields.

*Pay (Postal and Telegraph Staff).*—The following members of the Postal and Telegraph Staff will draw the special allowance mentioned below, from the commencement of the Siege, namely the 13th October, 1899, inclusive:—

Mr. Howat, Trench Allowance at rate of 2/6 per diem, and in consideration of the very valuable work he has done under fire and under considerable strain, a special allowance of 10/- per diem.

Messrs. Campbell, Kearney, Simpson, Stewart and McLeod, Trench Allowance at rate of 2/6 per diem.

The following are also granted a special allowance, under the same circumstances as Mr. Howat, at the rate of 2/- per diem: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simpson, Mr. McLeod.

In consideration of the valuable work done by Mr. McLeod, as Linesman, under fire and under exceptionally trying circumstances, he will receive, in addition, special extra duty pay at the rate of 5/- per diem.

*Dogs (Registration of)*—In pursuance of General Orders of 26th and 27th ultimo, all unlicensed dogs found within the Defences, will be captured and impounded at the Dog House (by Mr. Wenham's residence, Molopo River Bridge) for a space of twelve hours, at the expiration of which time (provided the owner, in the interval, does not claim and prove the dog to be properly licensed) dogs so captured will be destroyed. No unlicensed dog so captured

will be released (unless the Authorities see fit, because of special circumstances, to make an exception) under a fine of Five Pounds. Any communication on this subject must be addressed to the Town Clerk.

*Losses of Kit, etc.*—The attention of Corps Commanders is called to the loss of Kit, Arms, etc., of men going into Hospital. The strictest measures should be taken to see that no loss of Kit, Arms, etc., occurs on those occasions. A responsible Officer or N.C.O. should be sent from the Corps to take over any effects.

*Extras.*—Extras will not be issued under any pretence whatever unless a Medical Certificate is produced, signed by the following:—

For Women's Laager... Dr. T. Hayes.  
For any other part of the Town, etc., Dr. Hayes, P.M.O.

*Dop or Brandy.*—It is found necessary to call for returns of available stock of the above spirit. All persons having any in possession must therefore declare at once the amount of their present stock in gallons, to the D.A.A.G. (B), Captain Ryan. This return must be made whether stock previously declared or not.

*Matches.*—As the stock of matches is running low the greatest care should be exercised in using them. Any persons, having a stock of matches in possession are at once to declare the same to Captain Ryan, whether previously declared or not.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

It is with regret that the Colonel Commanding has to record the death, from wounds, of Sergeant-Major Taylor, of the Colonial Contingent. This Non-Commissioned Officer had earned the admiration of all ranks by his daring and zeal, and had he survived, he would have been recommended for the Medal for Distinguished Service. His loss will be greatly felt by the Corps in which he was so good a leader.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

TEPR. HAY.—Recruiting for the B.S.A.P. took place in 1890, but whether the Corps was really formed during that year or in the early part of 1891 we have no means at hand of ascertaining. There were various Mounted Corps existing before that date whose members enrolled in this force, which must not be confounded in any way with the B.S.A.P. of the Protectorate.

"Imitation is the Sincerest Flattery."

#### SALVATION ARMY.

Sergeant Black, of X Squad on, formerly a member of London Corps Salvation Army, would like any members of above to forward their names to him. Letters may be addressed to the office of the *Mafeking Mail*.

#### £1 REWARD.

LOST, on the 6th inst., Broad Flat Ring set with single Diamond. Finder will receive the above reward by returning same to Captain Marsh, South-western Outpost.

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