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105th Day of Siege.

### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1900.

With this number commences the subterranean production of the *Mafeking Mail* Siege Slips, which we hope will now appear with the same impressive regularity that distinguishes our request for subscriptions. We regret the long interval between the publication of this and the last issue, but our staff are not conchophiles, and the one shell through the office created a scare. It was therefore necessary to make a bomb-proof for the composing to be done in; as we would be the last to coerce anybody to continue their avocation under conditions which nerve failure made terrifying, even though we believed but little in the existence of the danger. We think our friends will agree that the circumstances under which the slips are now being produced may certainly be regarded as interestingly exceptional.

The Bank will be open on Sunday from 9 till 10 a. m. to receive deposits.

In connection with Banks and Banking affairs we call attention to the General Order regarding the issue of Bank notes, also one announcing the advent of a paper currency. This order clearly establishes these notes a legal tender, but does not limit the amount of any one payment. It would be interesting to know whether as this issue is to balance the silver shortfall, the limit of a legal tender will be the same, *i.e.*, £2.

In our last issue we gave a synopsis of the telegrams and paragraph appearing in the *Natal Witness*, relating to Lord Methuen's column, that being the one to which we are more interestedly directing our attention and feeling more curious regarding its movements. In to-morrow's slip we will try to collect all that is reliable regarding the other portions of the force. To-day we have only space to reproduce the notice published yesterday for public information by the Colonel Commanding.

### LATEST NEWS.

The following news, which has been received to-day up to the 18th instant, is published for information:

General situation remains much as before. Lord Roberts has arrived in South Africa with Lord Kitchener as his Chief Staff Officer, and reinforcements are daily arriving.

In Natal Sir R. Buller is still South of the Tugela, and a big engagement is expected shortly.

A determined attack was made on Ladysmith on the 6th instant and was repulsed with heavy loss. The place is impregnable. The troops have a good deal of sickness there, so will be glad to get out.

Lord Methuen occupies a strong position on Modder River, and had repaired the railway and bridge and is awaiting his

reinforcements in a strong position. Kimberley is well supplied with food and is not closely invested. Similarly General Gatacre is entrenched in a strong position at Molteno, thereby preventing the Boers interfering with the Port Elizabeth line to the Free State and Kimberley.

General French has again pushed forward from Arundel to Colesberg Bridge after a successful fight. He is reported now to be surrounding the enemy at Colesberg.

The Boers have got every available man in the field now.

Up North Colonel Plumer's force is now at Gaberones with advanced force and armoured trains in touch with the Boers near Crocodile Pools. The Boers have retired within their own border and are occupying a strong position with artillery there. Colonel Plumer is, however, getting his artillery down from the North, including a big quick-firing gun and hopes shortly to clear them out.

The Natives there, who had been helping the Boers, are now deserting them and report them very short of food.

Lord Roberts telegraphs, to the Colonel Commanding his warm congratulations on Mafeking's plucky defence, he only wishes he could get help to us at once and earnestly hopes we can manage to hold out for a few weeks more when the situation will be changed. This we can do for a few months more if required.

Lieutenant Hon. A. H. C. Hanbury Tracy, who directs the Intelligence Department, informed us that no newspapers came by last mail, a fact we regret. We mention this because there have been some complaints and suggestions made by the public that news was withheld from the press, the C.S.O., Major Lord E. H. Cecil, felt that such suggestions were very unfair, every item of news having been made public immediately on its receipt. For ourselves we do not remember having ever written anything suggesting that the Intelligence Department knew more than was published. If we had done so we must apologise, for such a suspicion never entered our mind.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 22ND JANUARY, 1900.

*Issue of Bank Notes.*—It is notified for general information that the Colonel Commanding has authorised the issue, by the local branch of the Standard Bank, of certain Notes of £1 and £5 face value respectively on Banks outside the limits of the Cape Colony.

MAFEKING, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

*Paper Currency.*—Owing to the scarcity of silver it has been found necessary to issue a paper currency for small amounts (namely 3s., 2s., 1s., 9d., 6d. and 3d.). This

will be redeemable on the termination of the Siege, and is current for its full face value. All persons are, therefore, warned that refusing to accept; charging commission on; or paying less than the full face value of this currency, is illegal, and will render the offender liable to severe penalties.

### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 28th instant!—

Erf 50	...	G. Lippmann
„ 51	...	G. Riesle
„ 51	...	J. Dobie
Erven 52, 53 and 54,		J. Weil
Erf 27	...	H. C. Bradfield
„ 27	...	P. M. Fincham
„ 27	...	E. Solomon
„ 26	...	J. O. Evans
„ 26	...	Grant & Pennycook
„ 144	...	A. H. Friend
„ 10	...	W. A. Hampson

### NOTICE.

#### TOWN DAIRY.

OWING to the demand for Milk for the sick and wounded, also for the women and children, supplies, except only to the above, is reluctantly stopped from date until further notice.

E. MUSSON.

Mafeking, 18th Jan., 1900.

### AUCTION SALE.

Sunday, 28th Jan.,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The undersigned, being duly instructed by the D.A.A.G.b, will sell by Public Auction, on the Market Square,

Without Reserve,

a quantity of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

All new and in good condition.

ALDRED & ROSS,

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Sworn Appraisers.

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