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114th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.

In last issue allusion was made to a shell having damaged the printing office on Wednesday night. We regret to record that a death has since taken place caused by that same missile. At the moment it struck the ground, about the middle of the road, opposite Mr. Bradley's garden, F. W. G. Jones, formerly waiter at Bradley's Hotel, was coming up the street from the direction of Dixon's Redan, and must have been full in front of the thing when it exploded. We are inclined to think that on hearing the report he either threw himself down just at the back of the printing office or that he was making for the protection of the underground printing room. At any rate a piece of the shell, it was a ninety-four pounder, struck his head and he did not regain consciousness. Hospital Sergeant Dowling appeared, bareheaded, almost instantly and attending the injured man, had him removed to Victoria Hospital, where he died on Thursday afternoon. With the exception of the late Captain the Hon. D. H. Marsham, we think Jones is the only actual resident of Mafeking lost. This man was not at the time he was killed, a combatant, and the manner his death was accomplished, even if it be sanctioned by recognised usage of civilized warfare, cannot be regarded by right-thinking men as aught but murder. "Murdered by Snyman or whoever instructed the firing of that gun by night, upon non-combatants" is the verdict that would be passed by a jury of men who appreciate heroism and can applaud a deed of daring. Unfortunately the decease of this man takes away the main support of two who depended upon him, and they are aged. In an unaristocratic but respectable district in London, his mother and father have probably sat many a shivering hour during this winter, fireless, foodless, through non-arrival of remittances which Mafeking's beleaguement prevented a devoted son sending. The poor fellow was well known to many and if one of those who did know him will endeavour to collect something which can be forwarded to his parents directly the Siege is raised, he will be performing a praiseworthy action. A little money from each of those who remember him would, if not assuage their grief, at least help the sufferings of that grey-haired couple, his father is seventy years old who we may picture in a far-away cheerless room, nightly sobbing their prayers to the Almighty for speedy tidings of the support of their old age, who lay staked in our cemetery.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow afternoon the Protectorate Regiment will play the Cape Police. The teams are composed as follows:—

PROTECTORATE REGIMENT.

Goal: Tpr. Evans (A Sqn); Backs: S. S. M. Davis (B), Capt; Sergt. Waller (A); Half Backs: Corpl. Holl (B), Tpr. Taylor (C), Tpr. Grant (D); Forwards:

Tpr. Ireland (B), Sgt. Lowe (D), Corpl. Credie (A), Tpr. Moore (C), Tpr. Hogan (A); Lineman: Staff Sgt. Elder.

CAPE POLICE D. 2.

Goal: O'Brien; Backs: Corporal Gash, Pte. Dyer; Half Backs: Pte. Faulkner, Pte. Brown, Pte. Hayes; Forwards: Pte. Hazellrigg, Corpl. Ashton, Sergt. Jenkins, Pte. Steele, Pte. Bray.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

Garrison Deposit Bank.—The Manager of the Standard Bank, at the instance of the Colonel Commanding, has agreed to establish a Deposit Bank, to receive deposits of 10s. and upwards, for those who have no banking account at Mafeking.

The money, excepting under most exceptional circumstances, to be repaid at the end of the Siege in cash or Government cheque.

Each Depositor will be supplied within pass book, of which the counterfoil will be signed by the Bank Manager, and the tear-off by the Depositor and retained in the Bank.

The Bank will be open to receive deposits from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily, commencing from next Sunday.

MAFEKING, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1900.

The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in placing on record his appreciation of the smart and plucky piece of work performed on Thursday night by Corporal Currie, Cape Police, and Sergeant-Major Taylor, Colonial Contingent.

This party, taking with them two strong charges of dynamite, made their way to the front of Corpl. Currie's post in the Brickfields to a brick kiln near the enemy's advanced entrenchment, which had been utilised by them as a position for sharpshooters. Having placed their dynamite within the kiln they successfully exploded the charge, blew up a mass of bricks and got away without casualty.

Appointments.—Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan is appointed Commanding Engineer, and will perform that duty in addition to those of Base Commandant.

All questions on the following subjects will, therefore, be referred to him:—

As Commanding Engineer: Construction and repair of buildings, defence works, communications, telegraphs, etc.

As Base Commandant: Water supply, sanitation, S.A. and M. gun ammunition.

Major Gould-Adams, O.B., C.M.G., is appointed to command the Mafeking Town Guard and Defences.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 5th February, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

Visiting Justice.—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.

Sales to Private Purchasers.—Mr. Lippman and Mr. Firth will be allowed to open their shops for sale to private purchasers on Sunday, 4th inst. Goods may be purchased without a written order being produced. Other shops will be notified for opening the following Sunday.

"Black Watch."—Mr. H. O'Neill having been appointed second in command of the "Black Watch" at the rate of 10s. per diem, from this day's date inclusive, is taken on the strength accordingly.

Brigade Signallers.—With reference to General Order No. 9, of 27th January, 1900, Trooper James, of "D" Squadron, Protectorate Regiment, is granted the higher rate of 1s. per diem from 13th October, 1899, and not 3d. as therein shewn. Trooper James has been re-examined and given the 1st class rate in consideration of his want of practice on the last occasion being greatly due to the fact of his detention in Hospital in consequence of wounds received in action early in the Siege.

By order,

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

NOTICE.

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