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MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

DECEMBER 3RD, 1899.

Court Martial.—A Field General Court Martial will assemble to-morrow for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.—Captain Marsh, Protectorate Regiment.

MEMBERS.—Lieut. the Hon. Hanbury Tracy. Royal Horse Guards; A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

Prisoner will be duly warned and witnesses ordered to attend. The time and place of trial will be notified by the President. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Lord Edward Cecil, and C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Prisoners.—When any prisoners are remanded by Officers for trial by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, the Officers should submit the names of the witnesses and the charge, to the Court, in such time as to allow of the witnesses being duly warned to attend.

Notice.—Tent Pegging, Tilting at the Ring, Polo, etc. Great care must be taken by the Senior Officer present that these are not carried on in any place sufficiently visible to the enemy to draw fire, especially the ground near the Protectorate Camp, as fire directed by the enemy at this point is very liable to endanger the Women's Laager.

Telephones.—Considerable damage having occurred to the lines through wagon drivers flicking their whips and striking the wires when passing beneath them, all wagon drivers should be cautioned on the subject and warned that severe punishment will be meted out to any driver who is caught injuring the lines through his carelessness in this respect.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,
C.S.O.

LATEST NEWS.

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

The S.S. "Reichstag," arrived at Beira from the North yesterday.

The news received in Zanzibar is up to the 16th inst. The Boers were then returning to the north of Ladysmith.

From official London cables the press correspondent says: 35 militia battalions were to be ready on the 20th instant.

Canada will send a further contingent on the 7th instant.

General Buller has ordered the evacuation of Stormberg, Rosmead, and Naauwpoort, awaiting reinforcements.

The Boers have occupied Stormberg. The Press states that Khama's Natives report that a large party of Boers and sixty wagons have passed Baine's Drift and are coming towards Rhodes' Drift.

LONDON, Nov. 3rd.—Sir Geo. White has declared his personal responsibility for the reverse near Ladysmith, when 800 of our men were captured by the enemy. This despatch to the War Office has created a magnificent impression on the continent.

Lord Roseberry, voicing his opinion of the nation, says: "Whatever cost, we mean to see the thing through."

LONDON, Nov. 3rd.—Canada has offered an entire Brigade for service in South Africa.

Liberal Imperialists are supporting the Government, even Mr. Labouchere advocates the fight to finish.

LONDON, Nov. 4th.—The Sydney Premier suggested that the force to be called the "Australian Contingent" shall be formed, if necessary, 10,000 strong.

The Royal Berkshire Regiment has moved from Naauwpoort to De Aar.

The Boers have blown up the Achtertang Railway Bridge.

A Mounted Volunteer Corps to be called the "South African Light Horse" is in process of formation at Capetown.

Captain J. C. Knapp, "Imperial Light Horse," Natal, was seriously wounded in a skirmish with the enemy early in November, he was shot through the lungs.

The English mails ex S.S. "Lusitana," left Beira at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 23rd, and were expected at Bulawayo on the 29th ult.

All quiet during the night; (dispatch left 25th) at Border Station.

"This morning, News was received, which brings us down to last Thursday, the 30th ult.

SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT AT BELMONT.

Kimberley Relieved.

"Kimberley was successfully relieved on the 23rd by a force of 3,000 British after a severe fight at Belmont, in which the Boers lost heavily."

BAYONETS DID IT AGAIN.

"The Boers were strongly posted in koppies, from which they were driven at point of bayonet. Our losses 58 killed, 151 wounded. Enemy's loss double (one account says 1,000)."

COMING HERE NEXT.

Now we Shan't be Long.

"Ten thousand men under Lord Methuen have been sent up to Kimberley."

"A flying column is proceeding to the relief of Mafeking."

DRIVING THEM BACK IN THE NORTH.

"Up North the Boers have retired before Colonel Plumer from the neighbourhood of Tuli.

"At Sequani Colonel Holdsworth, with 100 whites and Linchwe's men, attacked the Boer laager on the 26th. 26 Boers were killed, 100 head of cattle, 13 horses, 12 Mausers and 28 women and children were captured. The women and children have been handed back. Our loss: 15 Natives killed, 16 wounded. A party of Linchwe's also cut off five spans of the enemy's oxen near Gaberones. The Boers then retreated to Crocodile Pools, after burning their supply of forage, etc.

"On the 29th the Boers shelled Sequani without doing any harm and then advanced to attack, but Linchwe's men lining the river bank, drove them back with heavy fire."

HOW MANY DOES THIS MAKE?

"Fifteen thousand men have gone to Natal under General Clery."

GYMKHANA MEETING.

A most successful Gymkhana Meeting was held yesterday under the patronage of the Colonel Commanding, R. S. S. Baden-Powell. Major H. J. Godley kindly acted as Secretary and thanks are due to him and the Committee for the excellent manner in which the whole was carried out. The

committee consisted of Lieut-Colonel J. A. H. Walford, Captain Lord C. Cavendish-Bentinck, Captain H. C. Singleton. The Judge was Major Gould-Adams and the Starter Lieut-Colonel C. O. Hore.

The day's Sports opened a little before noon with.

TILTING AT THE RING.

By N.C.O.'s and men of the Protectorate Regt.

The letter after the name denotes the Squadron.	Tilts.	Total.
Trooper Bones, C ...	1 0 2	3
Corporal Kelly, A ...	0 1 2	3
Trooper Hogan, A ...	1 1 0	2
Sergeant Williams, B	0 2 0	2
Sergeant Stebbins, A	1 0 0	1
Trooper Poole, A ...	1 0 0	1
Corporal Kelland, C ...	0 1 0	1
Trooper Terblanche, B	0 1 0	1
Trooper Braisher, A ...	0 0 1	1
Trooper Lambert, A ...	0 0 1	1
Trooper Mattinshook, B	0 0 1	1
Sergt.-Major Wyllie, D	0 0 0	0
Sergeant Parsons, D ...	0 0 0	scratched
Sergeant Waller, A ...	0 0 0	0
Corporal Robertson, D	0 0 0	0
Trooper Humphries, A	0 0 0	0
Trooper Maher, A ...	0 0 0	0
Trooper Silby, A ...	0 0 0	0

TENT PEGGING.

	2nd	Try	Final
Trooper Poole, Prot. ...	12	6	6
Corporal Newton, B.S.A.P.	12	6	0
Private Scally, C.P. ...	12	2	
Private Hodgson, C.P. ...	12	0	
Corporal Abrams, C.P. ...	10		
Private Gradie, C.P. ...	10		
Trooper Armstrong, B.S.A.P.	8		
Corporal Ellworthy, B.S.A.P.	6		
Corporal Kelly, Protectorate	6		
Private Durand, C.P. ...	6		
Private Hazelrigg, C.P. ...	6		
Trooper Murrell, B.S.A. P....	6		
Corporal Kelland, Prot. ...	4		
Trooper Bones	4		
" Lambert	4		
" Murray, C.P. ...	4		
" Terblanche, Prot. ...	4		
Sergt.-Major Wyllie, "	2		
Corporal Braisher, "	2		
Corporal McDowall	2		
L.-Corpl. Tomlinson, B.S.A.P.	2		
Trooper Garland, B.S.A.P.	2		
" Lloyd, B.S.A.P. ...	2		
" Olsen, Protectorate	2		
Private Rushton, Bech. Rifles	2		
Corporal Cash, C.P.			
" Cooke, Bech. Rifles			
" Robertson, Prot.			
L.-Corpl. Rowland, Bech. Rifles			
Sergt.-Major Bunbury (scratched)			
Sergeant Parsons, Protectorate			
" Ross			
" Stebbins			
" Waller			
Trooper Hogan			
" Humphrey			
" Maher			
" Mattinshaw			
" Reid C.P.			
" Swart Bech. Rifles.			

We will continue this in to-morrow's slip. Time prevents more being done to-day.

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