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### The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

#### LAST SUNDAY

our weekly holiday, was a full day. Cricket in the morning, Concert in the afternoon, and a Dance in the evening. The new flags were mounted over the various posts, and the passer by on looking at them and remembering the heroism they represent, feels anew the pride of belonging to the nation whose flag has the irresistible power of stimulating and uniting her sons to stand as firmly, or more firmly, together at the end of four months' Siege than they did at the beginning. One flag we looked for but did not see, that was "C" Squadron's. Present at the first fight, and actively so at nearly all engagements, losing two-thirds of its men, and at the last affair all officers, but one shows that it has not been behind hand when fighting was about.

From the *S. and D. News*, January 26th. "At Inkerman the percentage of losses was 31, Allueva 48, at Salamanaca one battalion lost 90 per cent. of its officers and 83 per cent. of its men. At Modder River the British lost about 7 per cent."

#### THE CONCERT

The concert given at the Masonic Hall on Sunday last, the 18th Sunday of the Siege, was certainly one of the best if not the best entertainment we have had here since the war began. There was not a "turn," the omission of which would have improved the programme. The playing of the "Khaki" Band was excellent, so was the Mandoline Solo by Mr. J. P. Murray, with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. Richards. But for pianoforte performances we should certainly award the palm to that of Signor Paderewski. We do not consider it an exaggeration to say that no one in Mafeking has ever heard a pianoforte recital like it before. At any rate it is certain that the "Signor" is an artiste of no mean order. Mr. Campbell sang twice and all who listened were charmed. Miss Friend sang with her usual ability. Mr. Bulleid, who possesses a tenor voice difficult to equal, was in first-class form and sang "Juanita" exquisitely. Mr. E. W. Coxwell's song, "If it wasn't for the maxim in-between," written by the singer, was deservedly appreciated by the audience, who applauded vigorously. Mr. Westland performed a Piccolo Solo. Mr. F. J. Jacobs exhibited some sleight of hand, very clever but not plentiful enough. This we believe was on account of the difficulty in obtaining necessary articles in town. Captain Ryan sang a coster song, Lieut. McKenna recited a skit on those declamatory pieces of the maudlin sentimental order so popular with a certain class of Americans. "Gentleman Joe" was exorciatingly funny in his coster delineation and showing how the making-up is done. In fact the audience had such a laugh over his performance that the effect of eighteen weeks' Siege was

wiped away from every face and it did the public almost as much good as the announcement of relief would have done. We are glad to learn that the net result of the bookings is a sum of ten pounds four shillings handed over to the Sports Funds, a result which we think would justify a repetition of the entertainment.

#### THE BACHELOR OFFICERS DANCE

at the Masonic on the same evening was well attended and enjoyed but, unfortunately, nearly all the hospitable inviters, like the officers on the eve of Waterloo, were summoned from the ball room by the call of duty and spent the night at their posts instead of sharing the pleasure they had so graciously provided. Less fortunate than on the historical occasion at Quatre bras they had not an opportunity to take any part in the dancing because it was just about the time announced for the commencement of the ball that volleys from the enemy were heard, and the Protectorate, C.P., and Rifles had all to scurry off before the fun began, passing on their way from the Hall, the remainder of the guests, just arriving. Following are the names of hosts and acceptors of invitations, many of whom continued dancing till a late or rather an early hour of the morning.

##### HOSTS:

Lieut.-Col. Walford, Lieut.-Col. Goold, Adams; Chaplain Weekes, Cpts. Marsh, Williams, Brown, Cowan, Scholefield-Singleton; Drs. Holmden, Hayes; Messrs. Greenfield, Moorson, Holden, Peehell, Swinburne, Bridges, Dunlop-Smith, Daniel, Hope, Martin, Murray, McKenna, Moncrieffe, Hanbury-Tracy, McKenzie.

##### GUESTS:

Capt. and Mrs. Girdwood; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Bland, Bradley, Buchan, Davies, Gemmell, Gwynne, Hall, Hayes, Minchin, More, Rising, Stewart, Werner, Whales, Winter; Mrs. Lake; The Misses Becker, Coker, Cowan, Cramer, Crawford, Friend, Gamble, Moss, Sheasby, Wyatt. Lieutenant-Colonel Hore, Majors Anderson, Panzera, Hepworth, Baillie, Godley, Lord Edward Cecil, Cpts. FitzClarence, Marsh, Ryan, Lord Chas. Bentinck, Greener. Messrs. Algie, Bell, Bolus, Brady, De Kock, Friend, Geyer, Grayson, Stent, Stigand, Weil, Whiteley, Wirsing.

#### Mafeking Garrison.

##### GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Friday, the 16th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Pay, etc.*—Sergt. Louse, Railway Division, is granted Sergt's. pay at the rate of 1s. per diem from the 12th December,

1899, inclusive, as being in charge of the Nordenfeldt gun, in recognition of his good services in connection with that duty; and the exceptional hardships entailed thereby.

*Horses: Dead or Wounded.*—All horses killed or wounded are to be instantly reported immediately to Headquarters, in cases of horses being killed the carcasses are to be handed over to the D.A.A.G. (B) and on no account are such carcasses to be sold or given away without reference to that officer.

By order,

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

#### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 18th February:—

Erf No. 49	A. W. Fincham
" 1B	J. B. Herd
" 1B	W. G. Kirkpatrick (Agent: W. J. E. Mahony)
" 15	Mafeking Club
" 12	N. D. Farquharson
" 10	W. A. Hampson
"	O. Fodisch
" 31	J. E. Jones
" 45	W. N. Cooper
" 93	Townshend & Son
" 21	Mrs. Dall (Agent: A. G. Early)
" 99	G. Masters

#### LOST

A FOUNTAIN PEN on the 11th inst., at Dixon's Hotel. Finder is requested to return same to Rev. FATHER OGLE.

#### "Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKES, W.M.

AN Emergency Meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple, on Sunday evening next, February 18th, at 8-30 p.m. Visiting B.B. are invited to attend.

J. S. PARK, Secretary.

#### NOTICE.

IN consequence of complaints having been made by Post Commanders of not receiving the full issue of certain of the rations to which their men are entitled and it being supposed that the cause of the deficit being the theft of these rations by Native boys who are sent to draw them, Post Commanders are directed that in future, that in all cases a responsible man must be sent to supervise the drawing of rations.

(Sgd.) H. GOULD-ADAMS,  
Town Commandant.

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