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Each subscriber for the new series commencing to-day will be furnished with a numbered ticket. We shall keep a copy of each edition for every ticket thus issued so that the holders may know their papers are lying here and can be obtained at any time. By this means we hope to avoid disappointing our friends, as in the case of No. 1 and No. 2, both of which are out of print.

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
ALBERT EDWARD,
PRINCE OF WALES,

Greeting :

Mafeking, Beleaguered, wishes Your Highness many happy returns of the day.

WHAT IS A FORTNIGHT?

We could wait twice the time without turning a hair.

The news we publish in another column may be taken as definite and reliable confirmation of the rumours brought by various natives who have straggled into the town. The first direct information received since our isolation. From another source we learn that the investment of Kimberley was raised after three days' fighting. The Free State sent to Kimberley a Commando of 3,500 and four guns, under Major Albrecht. We suppose they must have been reinforced considerably or Kimberley would not have been beleaguered. When Colonel Kekewich reviewed the garrison before the disconnection, it totalled up to 2,500 men, including some six or seven hundred North Lancashires, a considerable number of Yorks Mounted Infantry, Kimberley Rifles and a

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NOTICE.

We are aware that during the tedious hours spent in the trenches by our little garrison innumerable amusing and interesting anecdotes, both personal and otherwise, are often heard, which, if circulated to other parts of the defences, would amuse many of our other defenders. We therefore propose to open our columns for the publication of any such stories sent to us and to give a prize at the end of each week for the best story published. The yarns to be confined to fifty words.

Contributions in the shape of poetry, rhymes or Limericks (fit for publication) will also be gladly received. Brevity in these, however, is requested. Address: Sub-Editor, Dixon's Hotel.

strong Town Guard. He also had the Garrison Artillery, the Diamond Fields Artillery, and a Maxim Battery. If we had that little lot for Colonel Baden-Powell to work with, the dead Boers round Mafeking would have created a plague by this time. As it is there is only a tenth part of our force have done any fighting, and the Boers have lost a tenth part of their big Commando. Wait a fortnight? Yes! Six of them if needed.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Tuesdays General Orders contained the following:—

Notice.—1. A surprise against the camp of the enemy to westward of the town was smartly and successfully executed at dawn this morning, by a force under direction of Major Godley.

2. Captain Vernon's Squadron of the Protectorate Regiment, carried out the operation with conspicuous coolness and steadiness.

3. The gunners of the Artillery, under Major Panzera, fought and worked their guns well under very trying fire from enemy.

4. The "Bechuanaland Rifles" are to be congratulated on the efficient services rendered by them under Captain Cowan in this their first engagement in the field.

5. The enemy appear to have suffered severely, while our casualties were luckily very light. This was largely due to the fact that Major Godley delivered his blow suddenly and quickly and withdrew his force again in good time and in good order.

6. The Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in placing on record a plucky piece of work by gunners R. Cowan and F. H. Godson. The Hotchkiss gun, of which they had charge, was overturned and its trail hook broken in the course of the action.

In spite of a very heavy fire from the enemy's 1 pd. Maxim and 7 pd. Krupp these men re-attached the trail to the limber by ropes, etc., and brought the gun safely away.

Arms.—Commander of Corps are warned to be particularly careful as to the custody of the Arms, Ammunition, Bandoliers, etc., of men wounded or killed in action. The men should be instructed that in case of it being necessary for them to leave their Arms they should disable them. In the case of the Lee-Metford, by taking out the bolt so that they may not fall into the hands of the enemy. This is necessary in view of the various forward movements which may be made against the enemy's outposts, etc.

Bars in Town.—The keepers of Bars, Public Houses, etc., are warned that should excessive drinking take place on their premises or should they be found to be supplying in any way liquor to men in excessive quantities that they will be liable to a heavy fine and the destruction of their stock, for which no compensation will be given. It is clearly to be understood that no man who, in the opinion of the Bar Keeper has had sufficient liquor, shall be served. Any contravention of this rule will render the proprietor liable to the penalties above mentioned.

The Colonel Commanding publishes the following for information:—

A shell having come into our Hospital yesterday, a letter was sent to General Cronje, remonstrating and pointing out that his Artillery had been firing on the Women's Laager, Hospital and Convent, in spite of previous warnings to him on the subject, and that a bitter feeling was being engendered which might lead to regrettable retribution later on.

Cronje replied that he had fired upon the Convent because he heard we had a Maxim and rifles firing from it

(which is entirely untrue). He made no excuse for firing on the Hospital or Women's Laager.

NEWS.

The following news has been received to-day:—

The British forces in Natal have had three big and successful engagements at Dundee, Glencoe, and Elandslaagte.

At Glencoe the British charged an almost inaccessible position with the bayonet, the enemy fled, pursued by Cavalry. Many prisoners were taken, including Commandants Kock (Jouberts nephew) and Schiel. On our side Colonel Sherston, D.S.O., was killed, and 31 men; General Symmons and 151 men wounded.

At Elandslaagte the British again attacked over bad ground with complete success. The Lancers charged through the retreating Boers three times. The Boers allow to 300 killed and 300 wounded. British loss killed: Colonel Chisholme, Major Dean, Lieutenant Monroe, Lieutenant Murray and 37 men; wounded: 30 officers and 175 men.

There is also a report of a successful decisive battle at Van Reenen's Pass, where it is said 1,200 Boers were killed and 120 wagons and 15 guns captured by the British.

The detachment of the Cape Police in returning to Kimberley from Vryburg, encountered the Boers and fought them successfully, losing 4 killed, including Elliot, and burying 17 Boers, who had been left on the field.

The following men wounded on the armoured train at Kraaipan, are in Hospital at Vryburg and doing well:—Tillard, Collins and Rossiter; Captain Nesbit is at Pretoria, doing well.

There are several officers and men there as prisoners, probably from the small posts on the Railway, etc.

We shall probably have to sit out another fortnight of siege before we can join the final defeat of the enemy.

ERRATUM.

In our issue of yesterday
"twenty men of C Squadron under
Lieut. Holden" should read:
"twenty men of B Squadron under
Lieut. Welman."

A Cricket Match

will be played by Elevens of

Lieut. Murray's & Lieut. Minchin's

in the Market Square,

ON SUNDAY NEXT,

at 10 a.m., resuming at 2.30 p.m.

LOCAL DEFENCE ACCOUNTS.

ALL accounts for goods or labour supplied on above account should be addressed to the Chief Paymaster and must be supported by the necessary orders and receipts.

H. GREENER,

Chief Paymaster.

Mafeking, 9th Nov., 1899.

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