

# THE SIEGE OF MAFEKING

The Most Interesting Episode of British-Boer War.

Lasted 217 Days and Both Sides Behaved Well - Baden-Powell's Courage.

Mafeking's remarkable siege and defense lasted just 217 days. The town and its story will furnish one of the most interesting episodes of the history of the war. Gatacre's reverses, Buller's failures and Kimberley's famous mines did not divert attention from the gallant defense made by the handful of men at Mafeking under the command of Col. Baden-Powell.

The little half British, half Bechuana settlement in the north on the Transvaal border was in reality hardly worth the siege or the defense to either side. But it was attacked vigorously and defended valiantly.

On October 12, only two days after arrival in England of the Boer ultimatum, the burghers crossed the Transvaal border 40 miles south of the town and cut off railway and telegraphic communication. From that time the people of the place were compelled to subsist upon the stock of provisions in Mafeking at the beginning of the war. Baden-Powell's scouts and runners brought news to the outer world occasionally telling of attacks and repulses, of the suffering of the besieged and of hunger and sickness, but always with the word that the heroic commander could still hold out.

Two days after the siege began the Boers opened an attack, thinking they could take the city at once. They met with a bewildering repulse, which Baden-Powell described in the following message: "Fight Monday. All night."

After this the burghers settled down to a bombardment which lasted almost up to the very day when the town was reached by the relieving forces. After a few weeks of shelling and waiting a Boer messenger with a white flag approached the British works and asked for a surrender. Baden-Powell was sleeping when the messenger arrived. He was awakened at once, and after giving the Boer an excellent luncheon he told him to return to Gen. Cronje.

"Tell Cronje," said the undaunted colonel, "that when we have had enough we will send out to him and let him know."

About this time Reuter's correspondent wrote: "Col. Baden-Powell is always smiling. When the people see him walking down the street whistling they take heart."

After the return of their man the Boers were inactive for several weeks. Then the colonel sent them this message: "You can't take us by sitting down out there. Why don't you come in and get us?"

This started up the bombardment again. Week after week the shells shrieked over Mafeking. The convent was hit, the hotel was hurt a little, and the famous dog was killed, but no British.

Early in the siege Baden-Powell's men made a few sorties and inflicted some damage with their bayonets. The children became so accustomed to shells that they watched for them to burst and then fought for possession of the fragments.

On December 26 Mafeking prepared a sortie and carried death up to the very trenches of the enemy. Capt. Vernon and Sanford were killed and Lords Edward Cecil and Charles Cavendish Bentiick were wounded.

On January 6 word came from Baden-Powell: "We are making up our minds to stick out as long as need be, and have food for another three months." Col. Baden-Powell must have figured in his horses and mules as available food supply, for Mafeking had soon to begin dieting on that kind of fare.

Toward the end of February, says the Chicago Times-Herald, the people of Mafeking began to feel the pinch of hunger, and to realize, what a siege really means. On February 19 it was reported that the garrisons had been placed on the shortest possible rations. By this time the besieged were growing accustomed to horse meat, and that, too, in small quantities. Everybody was fed, but nobody was surfeited.

Then began several relief movements toward the town, with the chief and successful one marching from the south. The last attempts of the Boers to take

Mafeking was made on May 19, when they were repulsed with severe loss.

### Most Popular Young Lady.

This evening at St. Andrew's ball the question of who is the most popular young lady in Dawson is to be decided by the raffle of a bracelet.

The bracelet has been donated by Jeweler Sale and the proceeds are to go to Mrs. O'Neil who was recently the victim of such a painful accident. Chances in the raffle will cost \$1. It is a good cause and it is to be hoped will end very successfully.

### OFFICIAL CANVASS.

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that of his running mate 334.

It was thought by some that Mr. Noel would lose his deposit money but the figures show him to have saved it by 16 1/2 votes, which is what might be termed a near thing.

The returns from the other polling places were given at the time of the election and the official count of today shows them not to have varied.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Prudhomme are now members of the Yukon council, and will probably take their seats with the remainder of that body at its next regular meeting which takes place next Thursday evening.

### St. Andrews Ball Tonight.

All arrangements for St. Andrew's ball tonight are complete and youth and beauty, gallantry and charm, grace and gentility, starch and style will hold high carnival. Hundreds of tickets have been sold and the attendance will be large and select. The management has taken such steps as will exclude any and all objectionable persons and there need be no fears entertained that the affairs will not be all that it should be so far as caste is concerned.

The Savoy has been especially refitted for the occasion. All partitions on the first floor have been removed, the interior has been beautifully and artistically decorated, and all that remains is for the participants to arrive in ample time to take part in the grand march, which begins promptly at 9 o'clock.

### A Disastrous Fire.

The fire which occurred at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning in Mrs. O'Neil's store on Second avenue, and next door to the Dawson Hardware store, was of disastrous effect in that it not only destroyed goods in the store to the value of \$2000, but almost resulted in Mrs. O'Neil being cremated in her bed. As it was she was very badly injured by the flames, being much burned on the arms, breast and face. She is now at the McDonald hotel and is today resting comparatively easy as compared with the manner in which she suffered yesterday and last night. Her attending physicians do not hesitate to state that she will recover, although progress will be necessarily slow and painful.

The fire laddies did noble work in extinguishing the flames, which were confined within the walls in which the fire started, the origin being a spark from the stove falling on a fur rug. Mrs. O'Neil, the unfortunate lady, is a pioneer in Dawson and to her is extended a great deal of sympathy in her trouble, and it is probable that something more substantial than mere sympathy will be extended in the near future.

### Thought Himself to Death.

The startling fulfillment of the prediction of Mrs. Elizabeth Horstman of Nuhawaak, Ind., made last July, when she was apparently in the best of health, that she would die on August 30, has set the press once more to discussing the probability of premonition of death. Mrs. Horstman, who was related by marriage to Bishop Horstman of Cleveland, is said to have been a person of great piety. It is not known that she was of a melancholy or a superstitious disposition. Neither is anything known as to the motive that prompted her to make the gloomy prediction. It is known positively, however, that she made it, and that it was fulfilled to the letter.

There are, of course, numerous interpretations of this event. One of the commonest is that founded on the fatalist theory. Her day had been appointed, and she was informed of the time by some occult or supernatural agency. The spiritualist view, in its broadest sense, is hardly less common. She was advised by some departed near and dear one as to the time when she should die. The rational belief is that which is advanced by the Pittsburg Dispatch: Her death is clearly an example of the remarkable power which the mind exercises over the body.

It is known that fatal results followed the experiment of making a man believe that he had been lanced and was slowly bleeding to death. The

story of the practical joke played by a lot of young French medical students on the janitor of their college is familiar. They accused him of some fictitious offense, gave him a mock trial, and sentenced him to death by decapitation. He was led to a block. Beside it was an ax. His upper body was bared and his eyes were bandaged. His head was forced down to the block. One of the students smote him across the neck with a wet towel and—he was dead. It is held that it was not the ill usage or the shock that killed him, but his firm conviction that his time had come.

There are many cases recorded in which people have predicted the time of their deaths, and Mrs. Horstman's seems not unlike the others of which a record has been kept.

### The Savoy Decorated.

Those who go to St. Andrew's ball this evening either as participants or spectators have in store a very pleasant evening, not only in the matter of the dancing and refreshments, the piping and the marching, but in the handsome scene the Savoy interior will present. The committee on decorations were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. James Townsend as decorator and from the way the room looked this afternoon there is little doubt but that Mr. Townsend will acquit himself in his usual creditable manner.

The principal feature of the decorations will be two monster flags looking down upon the ball room from the front and sides of the stage. The American flag on the left and the Union Jack on the right. The different colors of the bars are lighted up by the correspondingly colored electric lights, and both flags are mounted upon poles formed of lights. The walls of the room are decorated with the flags of nations, and the fronts and sides of the two tiers of boxes are all profusely draped with flags and colors.

The stage will be occupied by the orchestra and behind the drop will be spread the tables. Other refreshments will be served on the second floor at the rear end of the balcony.

Ladies will find a dressing room on the left hand side of the hall leading from the balcony to the front of the building, and the gentlemen will be likewise accommodated on the opposite side of the hall, where checks will be issued for hats and wraps.

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