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THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

Everybody knows that Mafeking has been relieved, and a great many people here as elsewhere outside the recently beleaguered town, are feeling the effect of it.

Since October 15, the place has been closely invested by the Boers, and gallantly defended by Col. Baden-Powell who has made a name for himself, that will be remembered as long as British history is read.

The siege has been a very trying one, the enemy having made many determined attempts to capture the town and secure as prisoners the distinguished Englishmen within its confines, and its isolated position has made relief a long and difficult task.

The garrison consisted originally of not over one thousand regular troops, and the citizens, white and black, reinforced from the immediate vicinity, until the population reached the vicinity of ten thousand, who have suffered many privations, and death by Boer shells and bullets, disease and lack of food has done its worst, until the number of inmates of the town must be very greatly reduced.

The whole British Empire has awaited with breathless suspense for the success of Col. Baden-Powell and his brave men and women, and it is no wonder that the news of the relief has been received with the wildest rejoicing.

Prominent among the defenders was Lord Edward Cecil, son of the British Prime Minister, so that the raising of the siege brings a peculiar personal joy to one of the leaders of the British nation.

Mafeking is the last of the beleaguered towns to gain relief. Kimberley was the first, Ladysmith speedily followed, and now the only British soldiers or citizens within the Boer power are the prisoners under lock and key at Pretoria, and even they will soon be liberated.

Lord Roberts is marching on Johannesburg, and will soon be knocking at the gates of the Boer capital. The end of the war is in sight, and even the victorious British army and nation will welcome it.

No rewards within the power of the Sovereign to give, will be too good for Baden-Powell, who at the early age of 43 finds himself among the illustrious men of the century. His splendid courage, his unlimited resources for securing the safety of the town, his inspiring message and his splendid example to his men are among the most conspicuous features that helped to maintain a defence of the beleaguered town.

"Liberalism has been tried in the province. It has been tried in the federal arena. It has been found wanting in sincerity, wanting in administrative ability, wanting in regard to its solemn pledges, and willing to resort to any device, however disreputable, to thwart the will of the electors and retain control of the treasury."—Sun. [Toronto] has also been tried in the provinces, and in the federal arena, and has been found a quarrelsome, corrupt and disreputable thing. It has also been tried in the criminal courts of the country and has been sent to jail.]

THE DISCUSSION AT THE JOINT MEETING OF ALDERMEN AND BOARD OF TRADE REPRESENTATIVES THURSDAY SHOULD HAVE SOME PRACTICAL RESULTS.

The discussion at the joint meeting of Aldermen and Board of Trade representatives Thursday should have some practical results. The aldermen received a great many valuable hints from the commercial gentlemen, which it is hoped will not pass unheeded.

If we want to deserve the appellation of "the Celestial City," we must clean up and fix up a good deal before our centennial and summer visitors arrive.

Hugh John Macdonald, the Tory premier of Manitoba, proposes a tax on railways, banks, insurance companies and various other corporations, following a line adopted in this province some years ago. When such taxes were first levied in New Brunswick, there was an opposition howl of direct taxation, but our Tory friends are silent regarding the Manitoba Tory premier's proposal.

It is said that W. K. Reynolds, editor of the St. John Free Press, is to return the first of June to his former position at Moncton as press and advertising agent of the Intercolonial Railway. Mr. Reynolds was an industrious and efficient officer, and if the report of his proposed change is true, the railway service is to be congratulated.

The Boer peace delegates, after visiting almost every European capital, seeking foreign intervention to put a stop to the war, failed to secure what they were after, and now they are going to try at Washington, where they will meet with no more satisfactory results.

The pulling down of the fence around the officers' quarters, was a wretched piece of destruction, for which there is no excuse. Leave to celebrate a great occasion is not license to pillage and destroy valuable property.

It seems there are other Boers, and that the Boer general by that name who was hanged by Gen. Hutton, was not the Boer commander-in-chief. Never mind, Lord Roberts will have the whole family shortly.

President Steyn is reported at Pretoria in close conference with Kruger. Probably both gentlemen are packing their grips preparatory for flight to Europe.

It is said that the Duke of Argyll, formerly the Marquis of Lorne, has been offered and declined the first governor generalship of federated Australia.

Three Boer generals and the Free State capital, were captured on Monday. That was Lord Roberts' record for Thursday.

The Toronto Globe warns Liberals to prepare for the general Dominion election.

CHILDREN'S DAY. Very interesting services at the Methodist Church Sunday.

The children's day services held at the Methodist church and Sabbath school Sunday were a marked improvement on any previous occasion.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were announced as follows: Superintendent, Dr. J. R. Inch; Assistant Supt., W. J. Osborne; Secretary, Dr. Scott; Asst. Sec'y, Jas. Wilson; Journal Sec'y, Chas. Weddell; Librarian, Geo. S. Clark; Assistants, Messrs. Carrwell, Golden, Osborne, Pond; Organist, Miss Torrens. Mr. Martin Lemont, the retiring superintendent, in presenting a plea in the morning service for financial support, stated that the school has had only three superintendents in the last 33 years and the same with its assistant superintendent and secretary.

Judge Wilnot occupied position of superintendent for the last 16 years. It is understood that these officers were urged to remain, but they considered that it would be for the best interests of the school that changes should be more frequent by order to prevent affairs from getting into a rut.

Mr. A. W. Wilnot trained the children in their songs, and played the organ at the morning service very acceptably, while Mrs. Gill took charge of the recitations. Miss Hazel Palmer made her first appearance as a violinist and assisted the choir, adding to the enjoyment of the music. The congregations were large, considering the rainy day. The collections amounted to about \$70.00.

Forty Hours Devotion. The forty hours devotion exercises were commenced at St. Donatus' church Sunday morning, beginning with high mass at eight o'clock, celebrated by Rev. Father Murphy. At ten o'clock His Lordship Bishop Casey officiated at low mass and preached on the last presence. At 11 o'clock last evening Pontifical services were sung by Bishop Casey, assisted by Rev. Fr. Murphy and Rev. Fr. Ryan. St. Mary's Bishop Casey also preached an eloquent sermon at this service and was listened to with rapt attention by a very large congregation.

Services were also held Monday at 6:30 o'clock, at 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock. At both these services the congregations were unusually large. Benediction took place Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Among the visiting priests in attendance are Rev. Fathers Carney, Deber, Ryan, St. Mary's, LeBlanc, Kingeleer, and McDermott, Peterville. The services will be concluded this evening. Rev. Father Carney will preach the closing sermon.

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