

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Continued cold, partly cloudy, probable snow flurries, fresh southwesterly winds.

"77"

(Special Cable Despatch to the N. Y. World.) London, Jan 29.—The ravages of the Grip in London nowadays are worse than at any time since the original epidemic in 1881.

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Over 3 Miles of Dress Goods discounted—5,100 yards at 25 and 33 1/3 off.

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Wool Cardinal Delains 46 in. at 36c worth 40c.

Crimson, Cardinal and Garnet Serges light and heavy weight, 38 in. 24c., 40 in. 32c., 42 in. 35 and 49c.

Heavy Navy Blue Storm Serges, suitable for spring suits, costumes, etc., 38 in. 25c., 40 in. 31c. and 38c., 42 in. 39 and 42c., 38 in. 48c. This lot excellent value.

Navy Serges in fine twills, suitable for Suits, Dresses, etc. 38 in. 25c., 40 in. 35c., 46 in. 49c., 42 in. 38c., 45 in. 62c., 43 in. 64c.

Good Goods in Shirts, Brocades, Stripes and beautiful combination in all the leading shades. Widths from 38 in. to 40 in. and prices 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30c. to \$1.15. Also a nice lot of heavy wool goods, suitable for Suits and outing suits sold at 38 and 42c., now 29c.

Costume lengths of 64 and 7 yds. in plain ladies' cloth, fancy mixtures, brocades, checks and stripes; prices 40c., 52c., 54c., 56c., 60c., 65c., 75c., 78c., 85c., 95c., 98c., \$1.05, \$1.10.

Scotch Tartans in ten different colors worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25, now 75c.

German Plaids in all wool, wool and silk suitable for blouses and children's dresses 38 in. 27c., 40 in. 39c., 42c. and 45c., 42 in. 45c., 38 in. 60c. and 62c.

Black and White Goods in Shepherds Plaid, Stripes and Brocaded Rep, 38 and 42 in. 26c., 32c., 48c., 89c.

Black Cashmere and Merino all wool 46, 50c., 55c., 61c., 62c., 65c., 72c., 92c., regular price 52c. to 1.20.

Black Serges fine twill, extra value 42 in. 50c., 46 in. 50c., 37 in. 50c., 42 in. 60c., 44 in. 64c., regular price 65 to 90c.

Heavy Black Storm and Estimane Serges, 38 in. 25c., 40 in. 36 and 39c., 38 in. 43c., 42 in. 60c.

Spring Serges Black 52 and 54 in. 85c., 97c., \$1.04 and \$1.08 worth from \$1.20 to 1.45.

Extra Black Banalines 44 in. 75c., 47 in. 95c., regular 95c. and \$1.25, 46 in. 56c., 42 in. 66c.

Black Soulan cloth, 50 in. 82c., 52 in. \$1.04 and \$1.05 worth from 75c. to \$1.35.

Black Lustres 40 in. 26c., 29c. and 32c.; 44 in. 38c., 38 in. 39c., 48 in. 55c., 4 in. 57c., regular prices 35 to 78c.

22 in. Brilliant Silk Finish Blouse goods only 16c. a yd.

Black Figured Lustres, 43 in. 37 and 42c., 42 in. 45c., 44 in. 53c., 40 in. 58c., 42 in. 60c., 44 in. 88c., regular price 48c. to 1.15.

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THE MORNING GUARDIAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1900.

THE SIEGE OF MAFEKING.

From recent despatches it seems that if Mafeking has not been yet relieved there are good prospects that it will be. In the meantime Col. Baden Powell and his little band have proved such brave, alert, resourceful and cheery defenders that they have challenged the interest and admiration of the world. At the outbreak of the war the town was described as a pleasant little place on the flat, open veldt, with a few small hillocks distant a mile or two from its buildings. The stores and houses consisted of structures of corrugated iron. Since the opening of the railway northward to Bulawayo three years ago the place had made forward strides. English, Dutch, Roman Catholic and Wesleyan churches, a Masonic temple and a hospital had been built, and a town hall was in course of erection. The only fortification was a small square fort a little distance from the town built for the police, and close by it is the native town of about a thousand Bechuana huts.

Last summer, when war seemed inevitable, Col. Baden Powell was sent from England to take command in Bechuanaland and at once began to prepare Mafeking for a siege. Wire netting was fixed around the town, entrenchments were thrown up and trenches were dug. There are wells in the town and the Malopos river is only 500 yards away. Everything was ready by October 6 when the women and children were ordered to leave. The Boer commando, just across the border—3000 men with three guns—were eager to begin the fray, for Mafeking had been the starting point of the Jameson raid. These numbers were afterwards largely increased, with big guns from Pretoria. To oppose them Powell had never more than a thousand fighting men, frontiersmen, colonial volunteers and settlers. There were no cannon worth speaking of, and an attempt to bring in two guns on an armored train resulted in the capture of the train by the Boers.

Immediately war was declared the enemy moved on Mafeking. Col. Powell sallied out and drove them off. Ten days later the Boers surrounded the town in a general attack. Again they were repulsed and still again on October 30, but this time two British officers were among the six killed. The Boer loss was believed to be 300. But Cronje, the most redoubtable of the Boer generals, was not to be thus disposed of. He brought a big siege gun from Pretoria and summoned the garrison to surrender. "I will let you know when



The best thing with which a mother can crown her daughter is a common sense knowledge of the distinctly feminine physiology. Every woman should thoroughly understand her own nature. Every woman should understand the supreme importance of keeping herself well and strong in a womanly way. Nearly all of the pains and aches, nearly all the weakness and sickness and suffering of women is due to disorder or disease of the organs distinctly feminine.

A woman who suffers in this way is unfitted for wifehood and motherhood. Maternity is a menace of death. Thousands of women suffer in this way because their innate modesty will not permit them to submit to the disgusting examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the average physician. These ordeals are unnecessary. Dr. R. V. Pierce, an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., has discovered a wonderful remedy with which women may treat and speedily cure themselves in the privacy of their own homes. This medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's 'Favorite Prescription.' It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned. It makes them well and strong. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and rests the tortured nerves. Taken during the critical period, it banishes the usual discomforts and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. Thousands of women who were once weak, sickly, nervous fretful invalids, are now happy, healthy wives, because of this medicine. It is sold by all good medicine dealers and no honest dealer will advise a substitute.

"When I commenced using Dr. Pierce's medicine some three years ago," writes Mrs. Ella J. Fox, care of W. C. Fox, of Eldorado, S. D., "I was the picture of death. I had no heart to take anything. Weight was 125. My husband had been to see five different doctors about my trouble (female weakness). I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicine, also wrote to him for a prescription, and one vial of his 'Favorite Prescription,' and am now a well woman."

I have had enough," was the reply, and the siege was continued.

Then bombardment was vigorous for several days from five 7-pounders, one 10-pounder, two Krupp 12 pounders and one Krupp 24-pounder. Three hundred shells were thrown into the town within 36 hours, Powell in turn harassed the enemy with night attacks, mines and novel devices. He had a quantity of dynamite which it was dangerous to keep in the town during a bombardment. He loaded it on some railway trucks and sent it down the line in the direction of the enemy, hoping they would attack it. They did so and blew themselves up. Then the enemy extended their trenches near the town, from which their rifle fire became troublesome. An unexpected night attack and bayonet charge drove them out. Then Piet Cronje came up from Vryburg, flushed with victory to join his father and "capture Mafeking." But his boasting was vain, the attack failed and Piet was slain.

Then Cronje drew off the main portion of his forces to go down to Modder River and help check Methuen, but still the siege of Mafeking was kept up. Before leaving, Cronje had reported to Pretoria that the garrison were "obstinate." Then Powell sent the enemy a circular advising them to disperse to their homes. For a time both besiegers and besieged respected the Sabbath, but closer came the Boer trenches, and two officers of promise were killed in the next sortie. Early in December the town was deluged with a rain storm, flooding the cellars and rendering the men's camp uninhabitable. This was only a temporary trouble, however, and word reached the garrison that Col. Plumer was coming from the north to their relief. He has since been heard from at Gaberone, 90 miles away with three armored trains and nearly 2,000 men.

One serious reverse befel the Mafeking garrison in a desperate night assault on one of the enemy's works from which the fire had been most galling. Of the storming party Captains Vernon and Sandford and Lieut. Paton, with twenty-one men were killed and twenty-three wounded. Since then we have heard of Col. Powell driving the Boers back to secure more room to pasture his stock. One of his laconic reports on the situation at Mafeking was, "Boers outside; billiards within." There has never been a thought of surrender, and very little hope of early help from outside. Yet always from Mafeking as from Ladysmith have come words of hope and cheer, such as not only show the brave spirit of the garrison but have helped to enlighten the universal gloom in Britain and throughout the Empire. These are among the great examples of the war, a war which has furnished so many instances of the nobler qualities of the Anglo-Saxon stock.

Prieska, which despatches say has been occupied by British troops, lies in Victoria District of Northern Cape Colony and nearly 100 miles N. W. of De Aar. It is not near the junction of the Orange and Vaal rivers, as has been stated, but some 75 miles lower down on the left, or south bank of the Orange. The esteemed Patriot tells that the British troops to reach Prieska, "proceeded from Belmont along the Orange River, thence by the Vaal to the north of Kimberly." A glance at the map will show that this route would not take the troops from Belmont to Prieska, but to a point in a nearly opposite direction and 150 miles from Prieska.

According to a recent statement the total forces, British and colonial that have been placed in the field, in South Africa, including those already there when the war began, are 113,868 men, 19,784 horses, 85 machine guns, 242 field guns. These are reduced by some 8,000 men and a number of horses and guns placed out of action, leaving about 105,000 men, 85 machine guns and 230 field guns. There were a few days ago at sea 17,309 men, 4,141 horses 4 machine guns and 98 field guns, of which 10,000 men were due to arrive by February 1st. This would give a total British force now South Africa of 105,000 men of all arms with 87 machine guns, and about 300 field guns, with more to arrive.

"Better the Feet Slip Than the Tongue."

Slips of any kind are to be deplored, but there is one slip Nature never forgives. It is the carelessness of ignoring the signal that the body is in danger of wreck. It may be that the kidneys or the stomach or the head gives the warning sign. But remember, the blood feeds every organ of the body.

Make no slip, but first tune up the system through the blood, and health will surely follow. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best preparation man has devised to make pure, life-giving blood. It never disappoints.

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DIED.

At Verona River Bridge, on Tuesday, the 30th inst. Catherine Furness, widow of the late John Furness, aged 77 years.

At Charlottetown, Feb. 2nd. Alice, beloved daughter of Peter and Mary E. Bradley, aged 17 years. (Funeral from residence, Douglas Street, Sunday at 3 p. m.)

The Canadian Order of Foresters.

This purely Canadian fraternal benevolent society was organized in 1879, and now has a membership of upwards of 33,000, distributed in every province of the Dominion.

The society gives insurance to its members in policies of \$500, \$1000, \$1500 or \$2000, the latter sum being the limit on any life. The premiums, payable monthly in advance, are as follows:

Table with columns: Ages of, Between the, \$500, \$1000, \$1500, \$2000. Rows: 18 to 25, 25 to 30, 30 to 35, 35 to 40, 40 to 45.

After paying upwards of one million and a half dollars in death claims, the order had a surplus in the insurance department of \$223,000 at the end of November last, all of which is invested in gilt-edged securities in Canada, or is on deposit in the best monetary institutions of the country. Not a dollar of the money collected for the insurance fund is or has been used for the expenses of management. The death rate per 1000 of membership in 1898 was 4.56, and since the organization of the society in 1879, the average death rate has been only 4.94.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Branch is a very popular department, and upwards of 16,000 of the members of the society are participating in this feature of the order. The benefits are \$3 per week for the first two weeks of illness, and \$5 per week for the following ten weeks, and \$56 during any one year, besides a funeral benefit of \$30. The fees, payable monthly in advance, are as follows:

Table with columns: Between, 18 and 25 years, 25 and 30 years, 30 and 35 years, 35 and 40 years, 40 and 45 years. Values: 25 cents, 30 cents, 35 cents, 40 cents, 45 cents.

During the year 1898 over \$48,000 was paid out in sick and funeral benefits, and \$143,000 in death benefits. All physically and morally qualified males between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who are not disqualified on account of occupation, are accepted for membership.

For further particulars enquire of any of the officers or members of the order, or address:

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