

WOMEN'S LIFE DURING THE SIEGE

Julian Ralph writing from Kimberley on March 13 to the London Mail, gives interesting descriptions of "Women's Life During the Siege." He says: "In the first place the women stayed at home while a great number of their men were in the various volunteer forces, manning the forts, living in camps, skirmishing with the enemy, busy at soldiering. They were not bombarded as much as the women in the town were, but even if they had been it would not have been so bad for them because it takes half the 'courageousness' out of danger to be fighting the fellows who are trying to kill you.

When we come to making the terms of settlement with these inhuman Boers, every woman in England must remember why her sisters in Kimberley were in more danger from shells than their husbands. It was because the

What Dr. Ashe calls the most wonderful of the many narrow escapes was one which I will narrate in detail, because it carries a profound moral with it. It proves how far men go out of their way to prove themselves absurd when they venture to criticise the eccentricities of feminine fashion in dress.

A LADY WAS LYING DOWN FULL DRESSED on her bed, resting before dinner. A man came in to say that she found a man with firewood (which was very scarce,) who wanted a certain sum for a load. The lady turned over on her side, to get in the pocket at the back of her dress, and just as she rolled away from the side of the bed a hundred pound shell came and bored its way through the bed in exactly the same place where she had been lying. It went through the bed and the floor and into the foundation of the house without exploding; but it would have cut her to pieces had she been dressed as men are clad and been able to put her hand down at her side and take her purse out of a pocket there.

BOERS PURPOSELY SHELLED THE HOUSES knowing that only women and children were in them. The Boer commandant was quoted in a Free State paper as saying that he was 'putting his shells right in the middle of the town' on purpose.

SPLINTER PROOFS.

The ordinary houses, the writer was told by Dr. Ashe, were not originally intended to resist one hundred pound shells, and therefore the people prepared what were called "splinter proofs" in their yards and gardens. These were little chambers or caves hollowed out of the earth. Some were as good as brass could devise and money could obtain. They were very deep, and were roofed over with gigantic beams, steel plates, earth, and then another layer of steel and earth or sandbags over all. The one in the grounds of the dwellings of Mr. Gardner F. Williams, general manager of the De Beers Company, is well floored, contains rugs and wall-hangings, is electrically lighted, and ventilated by electric fans. As the ladies of Mr. Williams' family were away, the servants benefited by this haven of safety. I have no doubt the shelter proof at the Sanatorium, where Mr. Rhodes lived, is equally well built and appointed. I do not know that he ever made use of it.

Plenty of women who stood the smaller shelling very well, found their nerves at the breaking point when the Boers brought the hundred-pounder to play on their homes. That was when, as if by common consent, the servant girls used to dive under the beds whenever the alarm was sounded to announce the coming of the big one.

DOWN IN THE DIAMOND MINES.

There came a few days towards the end of the siege when Mr. Rhodes invited all the women and children to seek perfect safety in the diamond mines. Imagination runs riot at the mere idea of their treasure caverns becoming the familiar haunt and rendezvous of a populace. Their thoughts on finding themselves walled about with rocks whose contents could purchase principalities and stir the longing of queens—These and the emotions of a thousand fair women of more modest mould, who are of common clay, and yet love diamonds full as fondly, are too complex, too intense, too tremendous for handling here. But, apart from these suggestions, the actual scenes in those subterranean chambers are said by Dr. Ashe to have been too strange ever to be forgotten by him.

But, to return to the shelter proof "GHASTLY LITTLE DOG-HOLES" most of them were," says Dr. Ashe in his absorbing diary. They were often without ventilation, and were more dangerous than even Boer shells. Yet to these ran many women (and men, too, you may be sure) when the shells were flying. In these lived many invalids and children and nursing mothers, and in one a woman stayed from a Wednesday until a Friday evening.

Different women behaved differently. "As a rule, we think, they showed more pluck than the men," a leading citizen said to me.

Two women were sitting on different stoops on different days. In each case a shell fell near by and exploded in the street. One—an Englishwoman—looked on rather amused than otherwise, and went out and gathered the pieces to give away as mementos. The other—

To one of these gem-encrusted caverns hollowed deep in the earth's interior, came fifteen women and children; to another came a thousand. Small as were their companies, it seemed impossible to move without treading on a sleeping child. Rugs, sheets, blankets and mattresses had been brought to the mounds of these treasure wombs and

LOWERED INTO THE DEPTHS, and those who lived in these strange refuges were fed as were no people on the earth's surface overhead, for the great monopolists produced milk and tinned soups and many delicacies for their guests. A few wretched men, shaming the honor of their mothers and the sex of their fathers, crept into the mines to share the safety of the babes and women, but such was the silent contempt they inspired that they presently fled to the upper air, and none of their kind took their detestable places.

Many women worked in all the ways that charity, humanity and benevolence suggested and those who formed an organized corps distributed the few delicacies obtainable, and especially the tinned milk, which was most precious, taking care that it went only to the nursing mothers, the babies and the wounded.

One thinks of all the fair and gentle sisterhood as lamenting the carnage and cruelty of war. One is apt to forget in war that, after all, a woman contributed to the make-up of every warrior.

A DUTCH WOMAN DIED OF FRIGHT.

Two Kaffir women were walking in the main street side by side. A shell came, killed one and did not touch her companion.

Dr. Ashe tells of a lady who walked or rode out with her husband every day shells or no shells. Plenty suffered dreadful deaths. Plenty enjoyed amazingly narrow escapes, mainly while at their daily work in their homes. One young lady hid in a shell-proof pit until it was time to dress for dinner and then went to her room and was killed. That is precisely how death came to George Labram, the mechanical wizard who made a big gun for the town. Another shell fell under a bed on which a babe was sleeping, but it did not explode. Another fell under a bed on which lay a Hindoo mother with her newly-born child. This shell did explode and set fire to the bed, but

MOTHER AND CHILD ESCAPED INJURY.

Again a shell came to the breakfast table of the family of a volunteer who was on duty on the town's border. It burst and killed a six-year-old child, broke the arm and leg of a younger girl, and badly wounded the mother.

A WOMAN'S HATRED OF THE BOERS.

I had forgotten this when I said to gentle Sister —, yesterday, "Does it not amaze you that men should butcher and mangle each other as these poor chaps in this hospital have been butchered?"

She hesitated, bit her lip, and then, between set teeth, she said: "Only make it possible for me to put on men's clothes and carry a rifle, and I will shoot the cruel and cowardly Boers as long as I had life and strength to pull a trigger."

JULIAN RALPH.

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Mr. Edwin L. Taylor, of North Bedeque, left yesterday by the Northumberland for Halifax taking with him his well known driver Prince Victor, which he sold some days ago to a gentleman in that city.

Mr. Wm. Chisholm of Lowell, Mass., was in Summerside yesterday en route to his former home in Lot 10. Mr. Chisholm is deaf and dumb and when a boy was educated in the Halifax Deaf and Dumb Institute. After his school days he went to Lowell, Mass., where he obtained employment and learned a trade. He has worked with the same firm, the Lowell Mills continuously for 10 years and purposes returning after a short visit.

A VERY successful entertainment was given in Epworth Hall, Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. Rev. N. McLaughlin presided. An interesting program consisting of vocal and instrumental music dialogues by some of the members of the mission band was very nicely rendered. There was a full house and a silver collection which was in aid of missions amounted to \$14.73.

Prof W. G. Cushing of Summerside is rejoicing, and with good reason, in a substantial increase to his pension from the U. S. Government. He has received a new certificate entitling him to a pension of \$8 per month, beginning with June 19, 1899. The amount previously drawn was \$6 per month. The services for which the pension is given were rendered by him while master at arms on board the U. S. S. Paul Jones.

Dr. James McDonald performed another very difficult veterinary operation a few days ago. A large fibrous tumor through which the brachial artery passed was successfully removed from the neck of a horse owned by Mr. Arsenault of Wellington. The artery was severed but was caught up and ligatured, the wound stitched and the animal is apparently as well as ever.

THE Easter business meeting of St. Mary's congregation was adjourned until Tuesday evening last when the vestry clerk, Mr. H. J. Massey handed in his financial report for the year, which proved a very satisfactory one. The building committee's final report showed that the debt on the manse building is almost wiped out. Messrs. H. C. Mills and W. B. Mills were re-appointed church wardens and Mr. H. J. Massey re-appointed vestry clerk.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. K. Ross is confined to his house through illness.

Mr. T. A. McLean returned yesterday from St. John.

Mr. F. Parker Carvell is registered at the Halifax Hotel, Halifax.

Mr. R. Thorp returned to the city by the Princess yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John Davies and Mrs. Davies are expected home early next week.

Rev. Dr. Hartz arrived in the city yesterday afternoon by the Princess.

Mr. Reuben McDonald of Georgetown was among those visiting the city yesterday.

Ensign Sabine of the Salvation Army, crossed by the Princess yesterday afternoon.

Miss M. Barrett returned yesterday morning after spending the winter in Montreal.

On April 22nd Mr. McLean, P. E. I., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Avlden Whidden, at Greenfield Col. Co. N. S.

The many friends of Miss Abbott, will be pleased to learn that she has returned to the city, after an extended visit to the country.

Mr. J. D. McKeen, Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. for the Maritime Provinces came to the city yesterday afternoon on the Princess.

H. L. Chipman, Esq., agent of the Plant line of steamers plying between Halifax and Boston, went to Cape Breton to day.—Truro Sun 25th.

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KITCHENER NOT TO WED.

LONDON, April 24.—Investigation of the rumor circulated here and cabled to the United States that Mrs. James Brown Potter, having been divorced from her husband by mutual consent, was shortly to be married to Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, shows the story to be entirely without foundation.

A JAPANESE SCHEME.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 24.—The steamer Braemar arrived at quarantine yesterday with 1056 Japanese immigrants, while the steamer Empress of China, due to-day, has 600 more, all or almost all being bound for the United States, T. H. Yamma, a leading labor contractor, said to-day:

"We all work together. If a Seattle or Trisco agency wants Japanese they send here. We give each Japanese \$30 to pass the United States inspector. They give it back to our agent in the United States, who returns it to us. This evades the United States labor and pauper immigrant law."

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