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## BOER WAR HERO COMING SOON

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Baden-Powell Will Visit America Shortly.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Official and military circles in the national capital are looking forward with undisguised interest to the prospective arrival in this city, toward the end of the month, of Major General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, who has started from England on a tour of the world and is expected to spend several weeks in the United States, visiting a number of the large cities in various parts of the country. One of the objects of his tour is the solidification of the Boy Scout movement, of which he is the father, into an international organization.

Gen. Baden-Powell who is considered one of Great Britain's greatest and most brilliant military men, was born February 22, 1857, the son of the late Rev. Baden-Powell of Oxford and Langton Manor, and Henrietta Grace, daughter of Admiral W. H. Smyth, of the British navy. Robert Stephenson, the builder of the first locomotive, was his godfather. He received his education at Charterhouse and at the age of 19 joined the 13th Hussars. He was made adjutant and served with that regiment in India, Afghanistan, and South Africa. He served on the staff as assistant military secretary in South Africa from 1887 to 1889, took active part in the operations in Zululand and was mentioned for his bravery in dispatches. From 1890 to 1893 he was assistant military secretary in Malta. In 1895 he was sent on special service to Ashanti, in command of native levies and for his eminent services he was decorated and brevetted lieutenant colonel.

During the campaign in Matabeleland, 1896 to 1897, Col. Baden-Powell was chief staff officer and for his bravery he was again mentioned in dispatches and made brevet colonel. Shortly afterward he was made colonel of the irregular horse in South Africa and in 1897 he was placed in command of the 5th dragoon guards.

As lieutenant-colonel, commanding the 5th dragoon guards, he took part in the early operations during the Boer war. Snycdam, the Boer commander, shut him up in Mafeking on the morning of October 15, 1899, only three days after the declaration of war. Cronje came over from Ladysmith and drew the lines closer about him. Joubert appeared and added to the strength of the besieging forces. After a terrific bombardment on October 22, he was asked to surrender, but he answered, "You can't take us by sitting down outside. Come in and get us." The bombardment was continued day after day, but steadfastly Baden-Powell refused to surrender. When the shells came flying too fast and furiously the besieged men dug holes in the ground and made them bomb-proof.

Baden-Powell's force consisted of 600 South African rough riders, a few Kaffirs and a handful of town residents. His artillery consisted only of a few old cannons that had seen service in South Africa 50 years before. He was 570 miles from Cape Town 144 miles north of Kimberley, and 850 miles from Bulawayo. There did not seem much prospect of relief, as the British troops were kept extremely busy at other places, but Baden-Powell refused to surrender. Always smiling, always ready with a kind word or a joke, sharing the privations of his troopers as he did their dangers, he was their idol.

On October 31, Baden-Powell with his handful of men made a sortie, but was driven back by superior forces. The bombardment was continued by the Boers, but without effect upon the spirits of the besieged. On December 26, Baden-Powell again made a sortie and succeeded in reaching the Boer trenches, but once more was he forced to fall back. Not until February 18, 1900, two months after the beginning of an almost continuous bombardment did the Boers make an attempt to storm the town. Although weakened by starvation and reduced in numbers by sickness, the British defenders repulsed the Boers with heavy losses. During the following two months several other attempts were made by the Boers, but in every case they were thrown back by the gallant defenders. It was on May 16 that Mafeking was finally relieved, after a siege of 217 days. The brave commander of the Mafeking garrison was promoted major general and in that capacity took

part in the subsequent operations in the Transvaal. He was repeatedly mentioned in dispatches and was made Companion of the Bath.

After the war he organized the South African constabulary and served as inspector general of the constabulary until 1903, when he was appointed inspector general of cavalry and returned to England, where he became the lion of society and extremely popular not only with the army but with people in general. He never married and devoted his spare time to outdoor sports and the writing of books on hunting, scouting and various other military subjects.

### FRATERNAL ORDERS OF LA GRANDE.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. N. MOLITOR, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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