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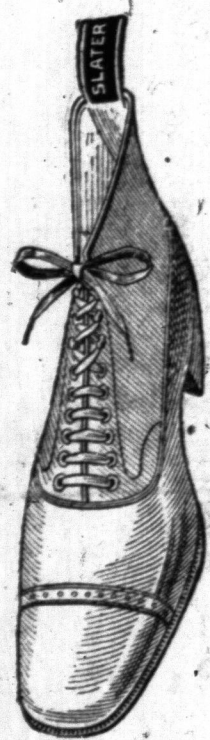
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And it is Time for Great Britain to—Wants Deeds not Talk.

Lahore, Punjab, April 17.—That Britain's attitude towards Afghanistan in connection with Russian designs on Herat does not meet with approval at Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, is proved by an autograph letter, published with the Ameer's consent, in which, after referring to the various rumors, he adds:—

"Now, when Afghanistan is overwhelmed on all sides, the British Government does not seem to take any interest, but enjoys the pride of aloofness and reserve. Whenever I have suggested a check to Russian aggression, I have had no response from the Government of India, except the suggestion that Afghanistan might consent to the construction of railways as the Afghans consider that such a step would mean their ruin. Notwithstanding all these troubles, I have groined for the last 21 years the ally of Great Britain. But now, at the last moment, I must inform my powerful ally, the Government of India, that the present is the time for deeds, and not for talk."

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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

Lord Roberts Scorchs the Work of Buller and Warren

Their Recall Must Follow at Once—The Publication of the Report Creates a Great Sensation in London.

London, April 18.—The government has chosen this as the moment to publish a despatch from Lord Roberts, pronouncing severe censure upon Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren, two of his most important subordinate commanders. This despatch was written Feb. 13, and has been in the hands of the war office for five weeks. Just why it is published now, in the middle of the campaign, is not understood, unless it is expected that Gen. Buller and Gen. Warren will ask to be relieved of their commands. The revelation of their incapacity must tend to undermine the confidence of the troops in their leadership.

Lord Roberts' despatch with the inclosures is the great feature of the London Press this morning. In a long editorial the Daily News speaks of the "somewhat appalling language" of the despatch. The Times and other papers approve of Lord Roberts' severe condemnation and say it is justified by the records. Spencer Wilkinson, however, characterizes the publication as ill-considered.

"The effect of it on the army in Natal," he says, "must be positively demoralizing unless great changes are made in the commands, changes which, if necessary, should have been made without any preliminary public ventilation of mistakes and cross-censures."

By the publication of Lord Roberts' despatch the position of Sir Redvers Buller is rendered untenable and his resignation or recall is a matter of course. But the government cannot be credited with arranging the matter with consideration or generosity. There was no need to trumpet these things to the world. The despatches might have slept in the archives for the use of future historians, and Gen. Buller's recall might have been arranged."

LORD ROBERTS' REPORT.

London, April 18.—The war office publishes in the Gazette a despatch from Lord Roberts dated Feb. 13, submitting Gen. Buller's despatches describing the Spion kop and other operations from Jan. 17 to Jan. 24. Lord Roberts deals severely with Gen. Warren and some others. Even Gen. Buller does not escape.

Lord Roberts complains that the plan of operation is not clearly described in the despatches. After sketching Gen. Buller's intentions, as communicated to Sir Charles Warren, who commanded the whole force, Lord Roberts points out that Gen. Warren seems to have concluded, after consultation with his officers, that the flanking movement ordered by Gen. Buller was impracticable, and therefore so changed the plan of advance as to necessitate the capture and re-

tention of Spion kop. Lord Roberts continues:—

"As Warren considered it impossible to make the wide flanking movement which was recommended, if not actually prescribed in the secret instructions, he should, forthwith, have acquainted Buller with the course he proposed to adopt. There is nothing to show whether he did so or not. But it is only fair to Warren to point out that Buller appears throughout to have been aware of what was happening."

Regarding the withdrawal from Spion kop, the retention of which had become essential to the relief of Ladysmith, Lord Roberts says:—

"I regret to be unable to concur with Buller in thinking Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion in ordering the troops to retire. I am of the opinion that Thorneycroft's assumption of responsibility, and authority was wholly inexcusable. During the night the enemy's fire could not have been formidable, and it would not have taken more than two or three hours for Thorneycroft to communicate by messenger with Maj. Gen. Coke or Warren."

THORNEYCROFT'S WORK.

"Coke appears to have left Spion kop at 3.30 p. m. for the purpose of consulting with Warren. Up to that hour the idea of withdrawal had not been entertained. Yet almost immediately after Coke's departure Thorneycroft issued the order for withdrawal to superior authority, which upset the whole plan of operations, and rendered unavailing the sacrifices already made to carry it into effect."

"On the other hand it is only right to state that Thorneycroft appears to have behaved in a very gallant manner throughout the day."

"It is to be regretted that Warren did not immediately visit the Spion kop in the afternoon or evening, knowing as he did that the state of affairs was very critical, and that the loss of the position would involve the failure of operations. He, consequently, was obliged to summon Coke to his headquarters, and the command at Spion kop thus devolved on Thorneycroft, unknown to Coke, who was under the impression that the command devolved upon Col. Hill as senior officer."

"Omissions or mistakes of this nature may be fatal in the future, yet they may exercise an important influence on the course of events, and I believe Buller was justified in remarking 'there was a want of organization and system, which acted most unfavorably on the defence. The attempt to relieve Ladysmith was well devised, and I agree with Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. That it failed may in some measure have been due to the difficulties of the ground and the commanding positions held by the enemy, and probably also to errors of judgment and want of administrative capacity on the part of Warren. But, whatever faults Warren may have committed the failure must also be attributed to the disinclination of the officer in supreme command to assert his authority and see that what he thought best was done, and also to the unwarrantable and needless assumption of responsibility by a subordinate officer."

The despatch concludes: "The gratifying feature of these despatches is the admirable behaviour of the troops throughout the operation."

Gen. Buller's report, commenting on Gen. Warren's reports of the capture and evacuation of Spion kop, after disputing the correctness of some of Warren's assertions, and describing the dangerous situation occupied by Warren's force, tells how he saw the force at Spion kop had given away before Warren knew it. Buller therefore telegraphed to Warren: "Unless you put a really good fighting man in command on top you will lose the hill. I suggest Thorneycroft."

WANT OF ORGANIZATION.

Gen. Buller continues: "I have not thought it necessary to order an investigation. If at sundown the defense of the summit had been taken in hand, intrenchments laid out and the dead and wounded removed, the whole place would have been brought under regular military commands and the hills would have been held, I am sure. But no arrangements were made. Coke appears to have been ordered away just as he would have been useful, and no one succeeded him. These on top were ignorant of the fact that the guns were coming up, and generally there was a want of organization and system that acted most unfavorably on the defence. It is estimated that all of Thorneycroft's command acted with the greatest gallantry throughout the day and really saved the situation. But preparations for the second day's defense should have been organized during the day and commenced at nightfall. As this was not done, I think Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion."

Gen. Warren sets forth the fact that Continued on Eighth Page.

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