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## Human Side of Kitchener

Some Interesting Incidents in the Life of the  
Late Field Marshal.

Those who read Gen. Hughes' remark about his conversation with Kitchener to the effect that Kitchener's eyes filled with tears when he spoke of the British losses must have received a new idea of the great soldier who was lost in the sinking of the Hampshire. The conventional idea of Kitchener is that he was a mere machine, a man impervious to sentiment, uninterested in men except as pawns in the great war game, and not interested at all in women. But it is likely to be with Kitchener as with others; we begin to understand them after they are no more. Those who knew Kitchener are now speaking out. One of them is "Ex-Attache," a veteran diplomat, who was an old friend, and who is now a prominent writer in the United States press. He relates in the Pittsburgh Dispatch the talk he had with Kitchener in 1910, when he was passing through the United States. In the course of their long chat they fell to discussing the men they had known in Cairo in 1882 and 1884, officers most of them who had been with Kitchener. One name recalled another, and probably three out of four of the old comrades had passed from the scene in the intervening years, may of them in action.

**When Kitchener Wept.**  
"Suddenly," says "Ex-Attache," I looked up, and to my astonishment saw big tears rolling down the bronzed cheeks of the Field Marshal. I could not help exclaiming on the spur of the moment, "How I wish people could see you as you are just now! It would set at rest all those stupid stories about you being a man utterly devoid of heart."  
"Oh, I have a heart all right," he replied; "only I do not think it necessary to carry it on my sleeve."  
Somewhat similar testimony is borne by Richard Barry in the New York Times. He saw Kitchener at Simla at the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales, now King George. Mr. Barry was then representing Collier's Magazine, and he admits that he had slight hope of talking with Kitchener, for his antipathy to any kind of publicity that he could avoid was traditional. Mr. Barry was astonished by the ease with which he arranged for an interview, and at the kindness which Kitchener displayed.

**No Mere Machine**  
At the close of the interview, which lasted for three hours, he observed, "General, you have quite belied your reputation."  
"How's that?" he scowled.  
"Some people say that you're a hard man to talk with, that you're a man of iron, of no words; but I have to thank you for a most illuminating morning."  
"Who says that?" he asked bluntly, plainly annoyed.  
"Correspondents—sometimes officers."  
"Newspapers," he replied, "sometimes do not tell the truth, and as for officers"—he shrugged his shoulders.

**A Shy Man.**  
In the course of his journey through the United States, he only posed once for a photograph, and that was with Gen. Scott. His shyness sometimes led him to make astonishingly blunt speeches, as is often the case with diffident people. It is related that on one occasion, when he had been asked to Balmoral by Queen Victoria, she enquired if it was true that he hated all women, or if there was not one perhaps whom he loved. After enduring this playful quizzing for some time he admitted that there was one he loved, and being challenged to name her, he blurted out "Your Majesty!" It was, says the chronicler of the incident, the boldest speech the Queen had heard since the death of the Prince Consort; but, understanding the shyness of the man, she was not annoyed, but thanked him with a gracious smile for this strange compliment. Many Americans who saw Kitchener when he attended a professional baseball game with Geo. T. Wilson, president of the Pilgrim Club in New York, were astonished at the nervousness and shyness that he displayed when he was invited, as the most distinguished person in the grounds, to toss out the first ball. It is pleasant that we should at last be permitted to obtain a glimpse of the real man who was masked at Sirdar and War Lord. He was impatient with many people; but he had a deep and abiding affection for his old soldiers, and for his fellow-officers. He was never so busy or pre-occupied that he would not stop to shake hands with a veteran who wore a medal or a ribbon that showed that he had been in Egypt, and many of them will treasure such an incident as the most precious memory in their lives.

## LONG STEP TOWARDS THE VICTORIOUS ENDING OF WAR

The Tremendous Drive of the Russians in  
Galicia Has Cost the Enemy at Least  
150,000 Men or Practically a Quarter of  
Their Total Force on That Front.

Petrograd, June 11.—The Russians in Volhynia and Galicia have torn two huge rents in the Austrian front and inflicted a loss so heavy that it must be counted a long step towards the victorious termination of the war.  
In some parts of the battle line the Austrians were driven back in such precipitate disorder that they were compelled to abandon large numbers of wounded men. Thousands of prisoners were rounded up by the cavalry, which had got into the Austrian lines of communications. Whole regiments are said to have surrendered en masse.  
The number of slain probably reached very large proportions in consequence of the thoroughness of the Russian artillery preparations.

Some sections are said to have been transformed into a mush of crumbled concrete, burst sand bags, splintered beams, mixed

with mutilated corpses and fragments of flesh. At such points not a defender was left who had enough life to offer any resistance.

The Russians charged over heaps of dead foes. The most moderate estimate of the enemy's losses is 150,000 and some estimates make it two-thirds greater. If we take the minimum computation, the Austrians have lost at least a quarter of the total force they had on this front. The opinion here is that there is practically no possibility of making good these casualties. The Austrians have no strategic reserves left, and can only reinforce their lines from the Italian front.

"Her persists in whistling ragtime songs."  
"Yes, replied Miss Cayenne. "I can't make my mind up whether the whistle is spoiling the tune or the tune is spoiling the whistle."

## BERLIN RELIES ON SCIENCE TO FILL LARDERS

Miss May Beveridge, Noted  
American Lecturer, Tells How  
Children and Farmers Conserve  
Food.

By RAY BEVERIDGE.

BERLIN, June 10.—I took my photographer and went to the front. My object was to see for myself the battle for life and death in the poor districts of Berlin.

Way out in the northern suburb—quite the poorest suburb in Berlin—I got off the Stadtbahn and walked down a wide boulevard shaded on both sides with huge trees just budding with life.  
At last I came to a great structure—the schoolhouse of Lichtenberg. At a side door stood a row of women and children, each holding a large pot or pan.

I had to pass them and gave them the Bavarian greeting, "Gruess Gott!"—"God greets you!" An old woman smiled back and thanked me. A chorus of voices replied, "And you!"

**School a Food Centre.**

I went back of the schoolhouse, where the attacking force (several army veterans field kitchens) were in ambush. A kind-faced matron received me. I was told how different clubs had started these kitchens—on wheels—which enabled the working classes to get a quart of thick soup with vegetables and meat for 35 pfennigs—about 1 cent.

With true German hospitality, the matron invited me to luncheon—and then and there I had most delicious stew.

The battery was then ordered into the firing line and the aged drivers, and still more venerable horses, started the attack.

A crowd of neatly-dressed women and children stood in line at appointed places. Women with quaint kerchiefs on their heads served out the soup.

And the actions of the "Goulaschkanoe" is one of the strongest weapons used by Germany. Its object is to combat the difficulties of cooking and obtaining foodstuffs; to keep the population from need.

In passing through the schoolhouse I accidentally stumbled on one of the astonishing facts that are a constant revelation to me in this wonderful country.

**Courses in Cooking.**

Through an open door I saw grouped around eight small stoves about four times as many little girls. On inquiring what this meant I was told it was one of the public school classes for cooking.

It seems that it is, and has been for years, compulsory for the eighth grade girl pupils in public schools to take a course in cooking.

In these classes they are furnished with all materials needed for their instruction. They prepare and cook a meal and afterwards eat the food—on neatly set tables. It is also part of their duty to wash the dishes and put them away.

Each girl on graduating has obtained a course of fifty hours in cooking—sufficient foundation to enable any intelligent girl to cook simple food in a wholesome manner.

Possibly we have such privileges in the United States for our girls. But if we don't have them I think we may learn a lesson. And I beg of any one who may read these lines to take the idea to the principal of the nearest public school.

**Instruction in Hygiene.**

Baron von Bissing, the Governor-General of Belgium, has sent in a petition to the Prussian Herrenhaus for a law to be provided that will enable the nation to fight the spread of certain diseases. And his plea is bound to meet with success.

The time has passed when those unfortunates were cast out—and deprived of human companionship—and the period has arrived when it is essential that not only in every doctor's education—but in the education of every teacher and clergyman—this subject must be faced and thoroughly studied.

When a high officer in a responsible political position—a Prussian aristocrat—takes up this subject, backed by many of his equals, and does not shrink from calling a spade a spade—it proves that science and civilization have made great progress.

The petition of von Bissing demands that no scholar, male or female—shall be allowed to leave a Prussian grammar school, high school, polytechnic school, or any institution of learning, without being taught the cause and the danger and prevention of these diseases.

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