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PRINCES AND WARRIORS WHO FIGHT FOR EMPIRE

Some Personal Notes About the Rulers of India Who Are Sending Troops to the Front to Aid Great Britain

THE magnificent tribute of loyalty and devotion to the Imperial Government which has been paid by the chiefs of the Native States of India has brought into prominence many personalities who are little known to the British public, though some of them are known by name.

This manifestation of anxiety to serve the Imperial Government has been, in one form or another, universal; every State and every ruler has offered something, either alone or in combination with others.

The offers of men and money are accompanied by offers of personal service, many of which have been accepted, so that the Indian Expeditionary Force will be led into the field by the hereditary and tribal chiefs to whose incentive the men have responded with unanimity and enthusiasm.

Herewith are some personal notes relating to the chiefs who have come to the aid of the Empire in this grave emergency, taking first those who have offered, in addition to material contributions, their personal services in the campaign.

His Highness Aga Sultan Sir Mahmud Shah, Aga Khan, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., has no territorial possessions, but is the spiritual head of the Khoja community of Mohammedans in Western India.

The Khojas, of Kwajis, "honorable converts," belong to the Ismaili sect of Shi'ah Mohammedans, and owe their origin to Hasan Sabah, an Ismaili teacher of the eleventh century known to the Crusaders as the Old Man of the Mountain, about whom many strange legends are told.

His Highness's large revenues are chiefly derived from the offering of his adherents, annually conveyed to him by his agent, and his principal seat is in Bombay. His Highness is highly educated and has travelled widely.

At the outbreak of the war he was at Zanzibar, and he at once hurried to England to offer his services to the Government, even to serve in the ranks of any Indian regiment going to the front.

He is thirty-four years of age, and he is recognized as the temporal head of over sixty millions of Mohammedans in India. He attended the Coronation of King George.

MAHARAJA OF JODHPUR.
Hon. Major-General His Highness Maharaja Bahadur Sir Pratap Singh, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., the regent of Jodhpur (or Marwar), is seventy years of age, and he has insisted on his right to serve the King-Emperor in person, in spite of his years, and he has joined the Expeditionary Force.

The Maharajah, his nephew, who is only sixteen years old, goes with him. They are Rajputs, and the territory of Jodhpur runs to 34,963 square miles, with a population of 2,050,151.

MIR OF KNAIRPUR.
Mir Ghulam Ali Khan of Knairpur rules over 6,050 square miles and a population of 200,000. The state is in the Sukkur Agency and under the Government of Bombay.

NAWAB OF RAMPUR.
The Sahibzada Nasir Ali Khan, of Rampur, is heir-apparent to a State of 892 square miles, with a population of 531,898, nearly equally divided between Mohammedans and Hindus.

MAHARAJA OF PATIALA.
His Highness Maharaja-Dhiraja Bhupinder Singh Mahindar Bahadur, Maharaja of Patiala, is a member of the Sidhu clan of Jats.

His state ranks first among the States of the Punjab, is 5,492 square miles in extent, with a population of about 1,600,000, of whom 55 p.c. are Hindus and the rest Sikhs and Mohammedans.

He is 23, and was educated at the Atchison Chief's College at Lahore.

SAHIBZADA OF BHOPAL.
The heir-apparent of the chieftainship of Bhopal, the Sahibzada Nazrulla Khan, the future Nawab, is a minor, but he has volunteered for the front, and has gone at the head of a contingent from his State.

The present ruler of Bhopal is his mother, Her Highness Nawab Sultan Jahan, the Begam, who has received the honors of G.C.S.I. and G.C.I.E.

She succeeded in 1901 the famous Nawab Shah Jahan Begam, who was successor to the Sikandar Begam, who was loyal to the British raj throughout the Mutiny.

The Shah Jahan Begam also showed her loyalty in 1892 in contributing 450 cavalry for Imperial service, composed almost entirely of Mohammedans, mounted on Arab horses. The present Begam is interested largely in education, and maintains numerous schools, including two large girls' schools and an industrial school for widows.

Her Highness married in 1875 My. am Ahmad Ali Khan, known as the Sultan Dulha, who died in 1902.

Bhopal is the principal Mohammedan State in the Central Indian Agency, and ranks next in importance to Hyderabad among the Mohammedan States of India. Its area is 6,996 sq. miles; the population is 665,000, principally Hindus.

RAJKUMAR OF COOCH BEHAR.
The present ruler is His Highness Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Bhuch Bahadur. His brother, Rajkumar Harendra Narayan, has volunteered for the front, and accompanies the expeditionary force. Cooch Behar has a population of 592,965, a mongrel population, spread over 1,307 square miles in the Bhagalpur division of Bengal.

RAJA OF AKALKOT.
Raja Fatehsirav Shahaji Raja Bhoshe is 20 years of age, and is married to the daughter of the Chief of Khagal Senior. The Akalkot State is in the Sholapur Agency, Bombay and forms part of the tableland of the Deccan, and lies between the Hyderabad State and the Sholapur district. Its area is 498 square miles and there is a population of 82,060, chiefly Hindus.

BHARATPUR.
His Highness the Maharaja Kishar Singh is only 15 years of age, and is a Jat. He is being educated at Wellington College, and his mother, the Maharani, is here with him. Bharatpur is one of three non-Rajput States in Rajputana; it is north of Jaipur and east of Alwar, and contains 1,982 square miles. The population of 550,000 are chiefly Hindus. The young Maharaja and his mother offer the whole resources of their States, two motor cars and a chauffeur, and £2,000 to the Indian Relief Fund.

MAHARAJA OF BIKANER.
Hon. Colonel His Highness Maharaja Sir Ganga Singh Bahadur, G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., is second to no Indian ruler in the enlightenment and efficiency of the administration of his State of 23,500 square miles, one of the largest States of Rajputana.

He belongs to the ancient and chivalrous Rathor clan of Rajputs, was born in 1880, succeeded in 1887, and was educated at the Mayo Chief's College at Ajmer. He supplied a camel corps of 500 Rathor Rajputs in 1889 for Imperial service, and the same corps served with the China Expedition, and has now gone to the front in France.

He is Aide-de-Camp to the King-Emperor, and hon. colonel of the 2nd Lancers. His people number 584,000, chiefly Hindus.

NAWAB OF SACHIN.
Nawab Sidi Ibrahim Mahomed Yakub Khan is an Abyssinian by descent, and 28 years of age. He served in the Imperial Cadet Corps.

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MAHARAJA OF KISHANGARH.
Major His Highness Maharaja Sir Madan Singh Bahadur, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., is a Rathor Rajput, 30 years of age. His State covers 858 square miles, and his subjects number 88,000. The State was founded in 1594 by Kishan Singh, second son of Maharaja Udai Singh, of Jodhpur. Maharaja Udai Singh, of Jodhpur, for over two years in the Imperial Cadet Corps. He was entrusted with ruling powers in December, 1905.

Major His Highness Raja Sir Sajjan Singh, K.C.S.I., is a Rathor Rajput, and 34 years of age. His family also is a branch of the Jodhpur house. His State covers 643 square miles, and contains 75,300 inhabitants.

Several other Indian rulers were anxious to go to the front, but were prevented from various causes from leaving their respective States. They include the following:—

MAHARAJA OF GWALIOR.
Major-General His Highness Maharaja Sir Madho Rao Scindhia Bahadur of Gwalior, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., I.L.D. (Cantab.), is honorary aide-de-camp to his Majesty the King-Emperor, and honorary colonel of the 1st Duke of York's Own Lancers (Skinner's Horse).

He succeeded in 1886, at the age of ten years, and has honourably served the Empire on several notable occasions, including the Chitral Relief Expedition and the Tirah Expedition. He supplied and fitted up a hospital ship for Indian sick and wounded in the China Expedition of 1900, personally superintending the fitting out of the Gwalior, making three voyages from India to China and conveying over 600 sick.

The Gwalior Imperial troops now consist of 1,897 cavalry, 1,794 infantry including a transport corps of 446. In addition to being a keen soldier, His Highness is a most enlightened administrator. He rules over 29,047 square miles of territory and a population of about 3,000,000, mostly Hindus. He has again offered his hospital ship jointly with the Begum of Bhopal, and has offered to supply thousands of horses as remounts.

NAWAB OF JAORA.
Major His Highness Nawab Sir Muhammad Itikhar Ali Khan, K.C.I.E., is a Pathan by descent, and is thirty-one years of age. His State founded early in the nineteenth century, covers an area of 568 square miles, and contains a population of 76,000.

MAHARAJA OF DHOLPUR.
His Highness Maharaja Udaihan Singh Bahar is a Jat by caste, a Hindu by religion, and twenty-one years of age.

His State covers an area of 1,155 square miles, and has a population of 263,000.

SAHIBZADA OF PALANPUR.
The Heir-Apparent of the Nawab of Palanpur is Sahibzada Jaley Muhammad Khan, and he was most anxious to go to the front. The Nawab, His Highness Nawab Sir Sher Muhammad Khan, G.C.I.E., is a Johani Pathan of Afghan descent. His State covers an area of 1,750 square miles, and has a population of 225,000, and he was most anxious to go to the front.

From every part of India, offers of men, money and material, have been made, some of which have come from the chiefs who are described in the subjoined list.

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