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HARSH ESTIMATE OF BULLER

Writer in Blackwood's Magazine Reviews Pages on the Work of Buller and Questions his Title to Greatness.

When we turn to the other operations in Natal before the relief of Ladysmith, as explained by the despatches of Sir Redvers Buller and Lord Roberts—quite apart from the difference in literary style—the contrast is most remarkable. Many points require explanation, others are explained only too well. Indecision, vacillation, despondency on one side, firm resolution, determination and hopefulness on the other. At one time Sir Redvers Buller informs Lord Roberts that "his task of relieving Ladysmith would not be rendered easier by a further addition to the number of his troops." At another—on February 9, he says that he was "not strong enough to relieve Ladysmith without reinforcements, and that with the forces at his disposal he regarded the operation upon which he was engaged as impracticable." A few days previously he had said that "the relief would cost him from two thousand to three thousand men. And the success was doubtful." Was it worth the risk? In fact, it is quite clear that Sir Redvers Buller was anxious to

THROW UP THE SPONGE altogether, and would have done so, had it not been for Lord Roberts. It would seem that those qualities of firm determination, resistance and perseverance in the face of all difficulties and disappointments—qualities which were the special claim to his support by the British public—were the very last which, under these circumstances, he possessed. There are only two more points in the painful history of the various attempts to relieve Ladysmith on which it now seems desirable to dwell, and these, being now somewhat obscured by contradictory statements, might be made clearer by further enquiry and investigation.

It is now admitted that the Hlangwane Hill was the key to the Boer position in front of Colenso—in fact, it had finally to be occupied before the relief of Ladysmith was effected. Sir Redvers Buller himself says—"I examined this position several times in December, as had I been able to take it, it is evident that its possession would confer great advantages. I decided that its capture was a task altogether beyond the powers of the force I then commanded." Nevertheless, on December 15th, at the

BATTLE OF COLSENSO, he directed a force of colonial mounted infantry to attack this hill, and, had they been even moderately supported, no doubt they would have been successful—in fact, even without support, and numbering only one thousand men with six guns, they very nearly captured it. Again, it is admitted that no attempt was made to warn Sir George White that an attack would be made on the Boer position on December 15th, so as to ensure his co-operation; nor is any explanation given of this extraordinary omission. It would seem as if in both these incidents there were signs of the same fatal irresolution, and that absence of any decided and combined plan of operation, without which success in war is almost impossible.

Lastly, it is abundantly clear that, in the refusal of Sir Redvers Buller to allow any pursuit of the flying Boers after the relief of Ladysmith, a great opportunity was missed. He writes in his despatch "that the whole country round for ten miles was clear of the enemy, and that, as they had moved the laagers between the 20th and 24th of February, pursuit was useless." This statement is distinctly contradicted by Sir George White and Lord Roberts. The latter put it mildly, saying, "I am led to believe that Sir Redvers Buller must have been misinformed. The relieving force had two complete mounted brigades, with guns, perfectly fresh and intact. It is known now that they repeatedly asked

FOR LEAVE TO PURSUE, and received positive and distinct orders to abstain from doing so. Had the permission been granted there is every reason to believe that nine pieces of artillery and the whole Boer baggage and transport must have been captured—in fact, a blow would have been struck at the demoralized and defeated farmers from which they would not have recovered until they evacuated Natal. As it was, no attempt was even made to blow up the railway in their rear, and that which was successfully practiced on several occasions during Lord Roberts' advance in the same theatre of war. Thanks to this immunity of molestation in their retreat, the besiegers of Ladysmith merely retired at their leisure to Drakenburg, whence they caused much annoyance during several succeeding months.

BRIDE IS GROOM 100

Married Because Old Fellow had Loved her Great Grandmother.

Not for his money, but because he had loved her great-grandmother, Marie Waters, 18 years old, of Allegheny, has married Albert O. Rood, aged 100, of Binghamton, N.Y. According to despatches from that locality announcing the event Mr. Rood has wealth, but it is not a figure in securing him a youthful spouse, except in so far as a desire to make her sure of inheriting it, inspired him to propose.

Mr. Rood is described as a hale and hearty man, who might pass for 70, though he was born January 4, 1801. Mr. Rood has resided in Broome county, N.Y., for fifteen years. Recently Miss Waters went from her home in Allegheny to visit friends in the vicinity of his home. She met the centenarian, and a strange, and to some who observed it, unaccountable friendship sprang up between them.

During their conversations Mr. Rood learned that his youthful friend was the great-granddaughter of a girl to whom he had been engaged in his youth. This caused him to grow more fond of her than ever, and he determined to leave her his fortune. So they became engaged and were married, and everybody in the neighborhood says it is a real love match. Mrs. Rood says she did not take her husband for his money, but for his esteem for her and the love he has borne her great-grandmother—Pittsburg Post.

One Edinburgh clergyman is of opinion that it will be impossible to get a good Christian to take charge of the museum on Sundays. The Edinburgh ladies who are bent on securing Parliamentary suffrage examined together lately and took a very hopeful view of their cause.

"The pitcher that goes often to the well is broken at last." There's a world of wisdom in that familiar proverb, and a sound application of it to disease, especially to such familiar forms of disease as coughs and colds. Singularly enough the very thing that ought to cause alarm is given as excuse for a feeling of safety. "It's nothing; only a cough. I've had it before." The fact that a cough recurs periodically should be warning enough to take it in time, for the most serious and disastrous of all maladies begins with a cough.

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A Table of the Hour reckonings of All Nations.

The difficulty of appreciating the difference in time that prevails between different countries is very general, and the following list is printed for the purpose of a ready reference guide by which to calculate the time of any occurrence in another country. All nations except Spain, Portugal and Russia calculate their time from the meridian of Greenwich, accepting as standard some even hour meridian east or west of Greenwich. For instance:

Western European time, or that of the meridian of Greenwich, is legal in England, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Central European time, or one hour east of Greenwich, is legal in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Congo Free State, Denmark, Italy, Serbia, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland.

Eastern European time, or two hours east of Greenwich, is adopted by Bulgaria, Roumania, Natal and Turkey in Europe.

Eight hours east of Greenwich applies to the Philippines.

Nine hours east of Greenwich is adopted by central Australia and Japan.

Ten hours east of Greenwich is official in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania.

Eleven and a half hours east has been adopted by New Zealand. The United States, Canada and Mexico have adopted the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth hours west of Greenwich.

The Hawaiian Islands adopt the meridian of 10 1/2 hours west. In Spain the meridian of Madrid, 14 minutes 45 seconds west of Greenwich, is legal; in Portugal, that of Lisbon, or 38 minutes 39 seconds west, and in Russia, that of St. Petersburg, or 2 hours, 1 minute and 13 seconds east of Greenwich.

Maud—When are they to be married?
Ethel—Never.
Maud—Never? And why so?
Ethel—She will not marry him until he has paid his debts, and he cannot pay his debts until she marries him.

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A Noted Detective.

An Australian paper just received says:—There is a gentleman employed at the time of writing by the Federal Government as customs detective. His name is John Christie. He has been a remarkable man in his time. As an amateur boxer he held the belt for Australia, until Jack Thompson wrested the honor from him in Sydney over 20 years ago. He has for the past fifteen years been employed by the Victorian Customs Department as detective, and he has been singularly successful in tracing smugglers and illicit stills, all of which work helped to swell both the revenue of the State and his own, because he received a share of the fines imposed on those he caught. He also traced a medical man from Bombay, who had settled in Warrambool, Victoria, and had brought with him plague cultures in gelatine, under the firm belief that the bubonic plague would be introduced by him. Christie then and there prepared the serum necessary for inoculation and arresting the progress of the disease. Under instructions from Mr. Best, then Commissioner for Customs, Christie burned the gelatine plates containing the plague cultures, and paid the doctor £500 damages. Later on regret was expressed that so experienced a plague expert should have been driven out of the State.

Now Mr. Christie is employed as "detective extraordinary" to look after the personal safety of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. He has engaged a staff of detectives in the various colonies, and they act independently of the detectives of the various States. Amongst them are foreigners, who visit the various war-shops where Christie lets resort. There is one pension in Lonsdale street, Melbourne, which is a favorite meeting-house for these people. He has also, it seems, a well-known Irishman in his service. This gentleman has the entire to all the Irish lodges, and is another Major Le Caron, who figured so conspicuously as the spy for Scotland Yard during the Phoenix Park murders in Dublin. It appears that he has the ear of every working or of every Irish home ruler in the continent. He has been busy in Sydney, and is now devoting all his time and energy to discover if any plot is on foot in Melbourne on the life of the Royal visitors. Even intending visitors who have said they will be courteous be extended to them have been placed under surveillance by Christie, and only on getting a bill from this gentleman will the passes and invitations be granted. Pressmen find when they apply for passes that their names have to be submitted to Detective Christie. No one is to be admitted to any of the public functions, except, indeed, by Christie's men. The ordinary variety of detective work, of course, have a lot of work to do, but "special watching" of the Royal visitors will be done by men who will not be known to the world.

In this connection it is worthy of mention that the Victorian Detective Department is in receipt of information from the Scotland Yard authorities that a number of experienced pick-pockets, swell card sharps and confidence men have already left the principal centres of England to visit Australia with the Duke and Duchess. Their photographs and histories of their careers have been forwarded.

The Telephonephor.

Some interesting experiments have been made recently in Austria with a new invention called the telephonephor. A certain Dr. Roeder, the inventor, claims that as a substitute for the system of calling the names of railway stations at present in vogue in Europe his invention cannot be beaten. Apparatus on a recent trial of the invention were fixed up at the railway station charged with the name of the station, and also of the stations at which the train was to call on its journey. When the button was touched the machine worked, and from the trumpet-shaped sounder there came a string of words, uttered so clearly and in such stentorian tones that every syllable was distinctly heard even above the rattle and roar of the traffic. The experiment was held to substantiate the claims of the inventor, and to foreshadow the early departure of the unsatisfactory system of indistinct announcement, which is at present the despair of the traveler on European soil.

Keep to the Right.

The rule of the road is a paradox quite. For when you are driving along, if you keep to the left you will always be right. If you go to the right you go wrong.

is the English way of doing things, which we in company with our American cousins, have abandoned. Now a correspondent in The New York Times proposes that we return:—

"Your late article," he writes to the editor, "on the proposal to change the American rule of driving to the right for the English rule of driving to the left moves me to ask for information to know, why and when the custom of our English forefathers was abandoned. It has always seemed to me very extraordinary that a tradition which would seem to be as deep-seated as handshaking or pronunciation, not to say language, and which must have had also the support of the common law, could have been so completely and silently reversed by a whole people. If the French rule be to the right of the road, even this would not satisfactorily account for the momentous change. The introduction of a decimal system in coinage also affords no analogy, as this was a matter of confessed convenience and formally adopted by statute. Moreover, the weight of practical reason has always seemed to me to be on the side of the English rule of the road. The natural seat for the driver is on the right, so that his right arm may be entirely free. The natural side, therefore, for passing would be the left, as in this way only would the driver have an unobstructed view of the approaching vehicle. I shall be glad to be enlightened."

"De millionaires don't have no better time in life dan what de po' man does," says Brother Dickey. "What is de use er a man havin' two turkeys on Christmas w'en he kin only eat one?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. Brown—They tell me they have got a new minister at the corner. What was the matter with Mr. Spouter? Wain't he sound in the faith?

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