

YOUR CHUMS ARE IN UNIFORM, ARE YOU?

Some of Great Britain's Most Famous Soldiers Now at The Front

To Sir Francis Wengate Loyalty of Egypt and Sudan is in a Great Measure Due — His Career in the East.

Outside of Victoria Station one day recently two handsome, dark-skinned soldiers of Indian nationality, hailed a taxi-cab.

They both wore war ribbons, and they had just landed from the boat train that brought many soldiers home on leave from the front. The crowd at Victoria Station had no definite knowledge of the identity of the soldiers, but they knew that they were officers of the Indian contingent that had come to Europe to help fight the battles of the British Empire, and were now on leave from the front. And so they raised a cheer as the officers, gravely saluting their admiring audience, rode away. One of the two officers, the senior, was Sir Partab Narayan Singh, a veteran Indian friend of Great Britain, who, although sixty years of age, would not be denied the privilege of fighting with his troops on the battlefields of Europe.

The crowd at Victoria Station, therefore, did well to cheer this gallant Indian soldier, a member of one of the proudest races in India—the Rajputs—of France, where he was fighting, not for the first time, for Great Britain, was evidence of the folly of one of Germany's calculations about a war with his country.

General Berrard, in his foolish book, "Germany and the Next War," described the nationalist movement in India as one of the dangers that threatened Britain, for, according to him, our great dependency would, like Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, at once fall away from its allegiance and fight with the "kultured" Germans for the freedom which England denied its people! All the world knows how this confident prophecy was falsified, and the officers who were cheered by a London crowd at Victoria Station were only two of many Indian rulers and gentlemen who placed their wealth and their personal services at the disposal of the British raj.

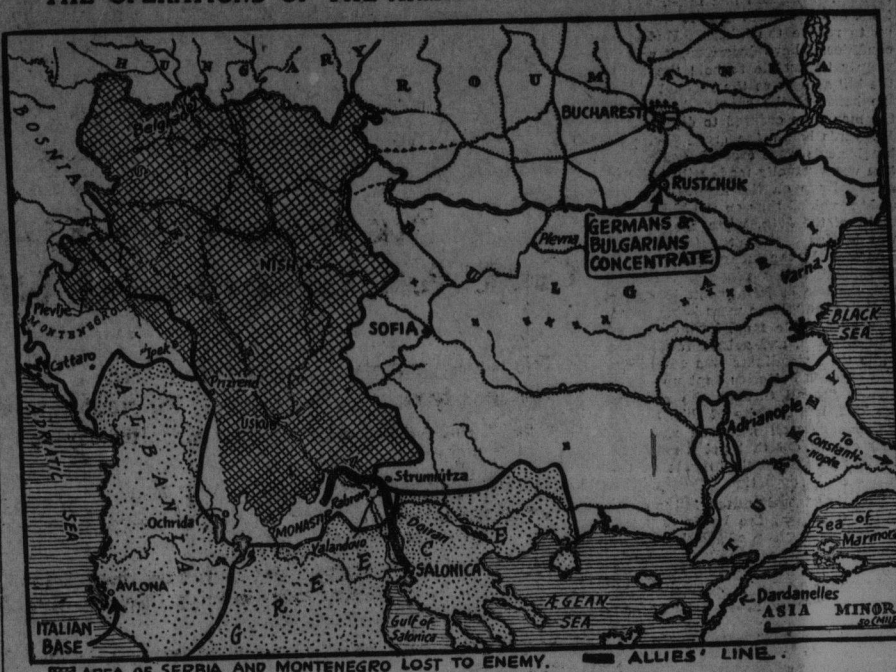
During the Boxer Rising in China, in which Sir Partab Singh served with the Indian troops, the Germans, who co-operated in that undertaking, mortally offended the gallant old warrior referring to himself and his men as "coolies." That is a remark that could only be made by an ignorant and boorish soldier, for Sir Partab belongs to a people, the great Aryan race, whose origin goes back to the distant night of prehistoric times, before the world was troubled by Germans, and who, in modern times, have given to the world many men of great courage and high principle. In the twilight dawn of history, two races, the Aryans and the non-Aryan, struggled for supremacy in India. The Aryans were the superior race, and they became the Brahmins and Rajputs of India, the rulers of the land.

Sir Partab Narayan Singh is one of the proudest of the Rajputs, and it is not surprising that he should bitterly resent the German insult. It was not, however, in order to avenge the insult that he came to Europe to fight against Germany; but because he knows that, in spite of all difficulties, Britain is eager and anxious to see the government of India broad-based on the intelligent co-operation of the Indian peoples and on the principles of self-government that have proved so successful elsewhere. He knows, too, that victory for Germany would mean in the long run German domination and the ruin of India.

There is an anecdote familiar to Anglo-Indians which shows that, despite all our blunders, British rule is appreciated in India. A camp follower of the Indian Army was heard to remark: "It's a good rain for the bread;" and a Hindu, who overheard, replied: "Yes, and by God's mercy a good Government, under which a poor man may eat it in safety." It is impossible to imagine that remark being made by the native of any country ruled by Germany.

Sir Partab Singh was born on July 13th, 1855, and is therefore in his sixty first year. He was formerly known as the Raja of Mahadana, the title being hereditary in his family. The title of Maharaja, which he also holds is personal, and was conferred on February 16th, 1887, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria. Sir Partab ranks third among the Barons of Oudh, and enjoys the title of "Honorable" as a member of the Legislative Council of the North-western Province of Oudh. His family history is deeply interesting, for he is grandson and successor of the famous Maharaja Man Singh of Mahadana, who was a faithful friend of Great Britain during the Indian Mutiny. A romantic episode in the Raja's career was that in 1857 when the Mutiny broke out a member of the family was a trooper in the 8th Light Cavalry. This young man, when on leave at Lucknow, attracted the notice of a distinguished Indian officer, who obtained his discharge, and he re-entered the army with a native officer's commission.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE ARMIES FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS



With the Italians entering the Balkan campaign and the Germans and Bulgarians concentrating a force on the Danube to meet a possible Russian invasion, Austria is increasing her efforts to summarily dispose of Montenegro.

His advancement was rapid, and, before many years were over, he had risen to the rank of premier Raja in Oudh. The fidelity of Sir Partab's family to Britain is, therefore, hereditary, and is proved by many incidents. During the Mutiny, for instance, his grandfather, the Maharaja Man Singh of Mahadana, already referred to, saved the lives of a very large number of refugees, and strenuously assisted the Government in the suppression of the outbreak. For these services he was rewarded with various high titles, and the grant of the extensive confiscated estates of the Raja of Gondia.

In 1869 this Indian noble was created a Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and, dying in 1870 in his fiftieth year, he was succeeded by his widow, the Maharani. In 1875 this lady appointed an heir who did not meet with the approval of the Government and after much litigation the Privy Council decided in favor of Sir Partab. And now, no doubt, after his flying visit to London on leave, he is back in Flanders, with his young nephew of seventeen, fighting for his good and faithful friends the English.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

List to the angel chorus
Sounding from midnight sky,
"Peace and goodwill from heaven,
Glory to God on high."
Sweet is the message chanted
Joyous the quick reply,
"Peace and goodwill to mortals,
Glory to God on high."

Shepherds awaited tidings
Watching their flocks by night;
Clear, in the dark'ning meadows,

Flashed forth the wonderful light.
"Fear not!" the messenger chanted,
"Good tidings, great joy I bring;
For, lo! in Bethlehem's manger,
Lies your Saviour-King."

Led by a star, the Wise Men
Went to that manger old,
Offering gifts and treasure,
Shepherds, wise men, monarchs,
Kneel ye today at His shrine,
For now in the stable lowly,
Reigneth the Child Divine.

Blessed Saviour, we pray Thee,
Be Thou our Guest today;
Help us to love and adore Thee,
Begin in our hearts always;
And as we greet Thy first coming,
King though in manger alone,
Help us await Thy next advent,
King, on Thy glorious throne!
—Adele Clare Ogden.

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Modern Household Furniture

The tendency this year is, more than ever before, towards Gifts of a Practical Nature, and nothing that you can bestow will find a more joyous welcome or be more keenly appreciated than the Choice Bit of Furniture which goes so far in bring comfort and beauty to the home of relative or friend — to the one especially who is only beginning to "build the nest."

Here Are Just a Few Suggestions



Presents that please Housewives

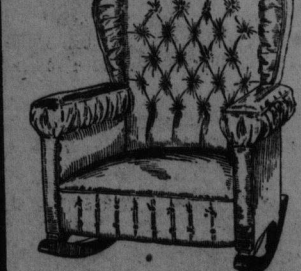
THE KNECHTEL KITCHEN CABINET—Made in Canada—forms an ideal gift for the housewife, saving her hours of time, piles of cups and almost endless kitchen drudgery, keeping the kitchen, at all times, clean and orderly.

The Knechtel is an investment, not an expense, for it soon pays for itself many times over, in the saving of labor and time.

The Knechtel illustrated here is finished inside in white enamel, and has many exclusive features, including the Round Flour Container and patented cake cooler. The outside finish is of oak, highly polished.

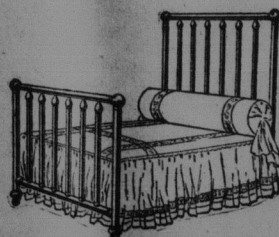
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Ladies' Work Baskets

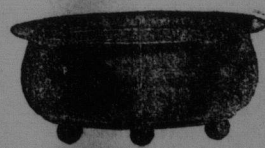
These are always welcomed as Yuletide tokens, and our exhibit this season is exceptionally fine, including a host of pretty designs worked out in Reed, Hong Kong Grass, Fumed Oak and Solid Mahogany.



Brass Bedsteads

are among the most pleasing and acceptable holiday presentables and, like all good furniture, form constant and valued reminders of their givers.

In these our display is composed of a most attractive and well varied line embracing all the newer and more popular designs.



Brass Jardinieres

Skilfully Modeled and nicely finished from a superior grade of art brass. Also Pedestals and Jardinieres, Umbrella Stands, etc.

IN WOOD
we also offer a select array of Pedestals and Jardinieres, Stands, and Umbrella Holders in Mahogany, Fumed Oak and other finishes.

Reed and Willow Furniture

This is among the most attractive and popular lines we are showing this season, and includes Easy Chairs, Rockers, Tables, Lamp Stands, etc. The upholstery is largely of the much sought tapestry style, and each piece suggests the comfort and cosiness so much a part of real home life.

Pictures

For the holiday trade we have been most fortunate in securing a choice line of wonderfully beautiful reproductions from the old masters, each in an exact counterpart of the quaint old frames that take one back to early history. And lovely gifts they make. See Them!



Gifts that Men Like for the Den

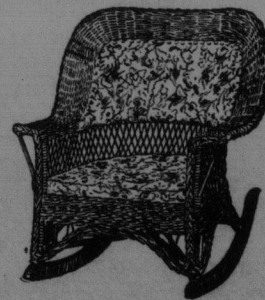
Easy Chairs, including the "Morris" type, in all styles and finishes, also Davenport, Smokers' Sets, Foot Rests, Cellarettes, Card Tables, Lamps and Den Pictures.

Period Furniture

of every description, richly upholstered in tapestry and other materials, and beautifully finished in Oak, Solid Mahogany and other Natural Woods.

Screens

In these we offer a most extensive range embracing Early English, Golden Oak, Fumed Oak and White Enamel Finishes with appropriate fillings.



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