

KITCHENER'S PERSONALITY.

A Soldier's Sketch in the London Daily Mail

Foremost as a Warrior, He Also Possesses Statesmanship and Diplomatic Talents of High Order.

His Power of Gauging the Deeper Motives and Springs of Thought and Action, Hence His Wondrous Knowledge of Men—A Woman's Estimate.

A soldier writing of Lord Kitchener in the London Daily Mail says: With all truth it may be said that there is not at the present moment among all the subjects of His Majesty the King a single personality that commands so great a degree of public interest as this grim laconic soldier.

In Lord Kitchener we see a man who, with no assistance from favor or affection, and in spite of an unceasing and promising disregard of all those influences which the world recognizes as the usual avenues to success, has won the great public servants of the empire. He is remembered, too, that not only has he proved his title to be accounted a pre-eminent military genius, but he has also, when occasion arose, been able to employ a statesmanship and diplomatic talents of so high an order that it may be doubted whether he achieved greater advantage for his country by the edge of his sword than by his suasive and adaptable personality.

It was undoubtedly this rare quality of his which went so far to facilitate the amicable settlement of the Fashoda question, the subsidence of Derivish fanaticism, and subsequently the cheerful acquiescence of the Boers in their final absorption by the British empire.

For a long time a certain sphinx-like impenetrability was the only visible characteristic of the man who seemed to avoid all the pathways to distinction. Then by degrees through the steel-clad nature an infinite array of great qualities became visible upon the call of necessity. It has been said that he owes his diplomatic powers to long association with one of the greatest of living diplomatists, Lord Cromer.

HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MEN. But there is one feature of Kitchener's strange life and training which, though generally lost sight of, has had a very large share in moulding a nature and capacity of whose depths very few have formed any accurate estimate. It was during those earlier years of his life in the wilderness amid the children of the desert that Kitchener acquired that infinite patience and power of gauging the deeper motives and springs of thought and action which have been the secret of his conspicuous thoroughness, and have enabled his work with consistent success in the greatest of human movements which he has been called upon to control.

I well remember a simple but typical instance of the man's knowledge of his silent army was creeping up the Nile like a rumor which ever grew more certain in the faintest of some fresh achievement. He had ordered an officer to take an Arab force to guard some important wells in the Bayuda. At the hour of marching the sheikh obstinately refused to go that day, but would tomorrow. With some trepidation the officer reported to Kitchener.

"Wait," said the Sirdar, much to the officer's surprise. The same thing happened the next morning, the next day, the next, and the astonished officer still listened to the unbroken order of his grim chief. "Wait till tomorrow." At last the sheikh suddenly rose up and marched away, and then it transpired that it was his unlucky day he was seeking to avoid, when, had he been engaged in action, some misfortune, he confidently believed, would have been certain to befall him.

"THEY'LL WANT US THERE." But Kitchener's ever-present tact has been hardly less conspicuous than his power of accurate forecast. It is not generally known that on being consulted as to the South African campaign at the outset of the Boer impasse, he advised the government that the successful issue of such a campaign entirely depended on the employment of a vast army. In those days, as is well known, the government's estimate of the task before them was a much lower one than that of the Egyptian Sirdar, and another general was employed. With some of his Egyptian officers Kitchener was returning by sea to the Nile, when the captain of the party demanded their lack at being sent back to the Soudan on the eve of war in South Africa.

"Have patience," observed the Sirdar, with a note of prophecy in his tone; "they will want us all there before long."

So a little later the summons came to the grim, expectant man at Khartoum, and he went, with the enthusiastic confidence of the nation, to become chief of the staff in the army of South Africa. It will do nothing to minimize the appreciation of his countrymen that for a considerable period he who had so lately occupied the first place in their imagination should have so completely hidden his personality behind that of the gallant old veteran who led our armies; never once attempting to obtrude his claims to recognition while engaged upon a herculean task which was to evolve order out of chaotic entanglement and fit the huge force, 5,000 miles from its base, for the great advance that was to change the whole fortune of the war.

HIS PATIENCE AND CAPACITY. Then followed the terrible arduous months of his supreme command when the war assumed a character which tried to the utmost both his patience and his capacity of his scattered subordinate in all parts of the vast theatre of war. Big as the army was, it was not large enough for its tremendous task, and it may be easier to appreciate the genius of our great captain when we note that a highly competent German military authority, declared that to ensure success under the peculiar



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Har circumstances of the case 500,000 men would not be too many. But Kitchener, as in the Soudan, proved to be an adept at cutting his coat to suit his cloth. Having captured his enemy's last battery, he proceeded to build him up with 4,000 miles of stone walls and barbed wire. The Boers themselves confessed that as they saw these remorseless barriers grow round them every day they realized that the end was not far off. It ever success entitled a general to such a sobriquet, surely he is "Stonewall" Kitchener.

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Called him a sphinx. "I don't believe he is a man," she said. "He is a sphinx. He turned and fixed his cold eyes upon me with a gaze like that of a basilisk, and I felt every moment that if he read my secret he would shoot me without a moment's compunction. I never want to see that man or his eyes again."

One of the wonders of the war, as the colonial soldier remarked the other day, was that Kitchener was not more often in danger of capture by the Boers during his surprising dashes across the area of operations. A distinctive feature of the campaign never permitted to pass the censor was the incessant ubiquity of the British commander-in-chief, who, without tiring, seemed able to materialize himself suddenly in the most unexpected quarters, much from north to south, east to west, men grew to be afraid of his presence in the very air around them. The mere report that "K. of K." was on the horizon was enough to electrify every man into vigilance.

"Perpetual motion" was his panacea as he flew hither and thither through the wide theatre of war, keeping cool, unme and commandos stirred up, until some restless seething movement, until Schalkbarger and his men came into Kitchener's personal staff just before the end declared that if the chief could only get the mastery of Boer leaders within reach of his tongue, peace would be arranged in a few days.

And so it was. Never in the history of war has there been witnessed so astonishing a phenomenon as the joyous acknowledgment of defeat by a whole nation which the personality of the victorious general has done so much to inspire. Whatever the future may hold in store, Lord Kitchener has already done enough to secure a foremost place in the ranks of his country's heroes.

NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—Ideal weather marked the carnival celebration today. All the avenues traversed by the pageants were lined with spectators. There was the usual number of promiscuous makers. Good order generally prevailed. Rex appeared in the procession riding a superb chariot at the head of the pageant. The subject he chose for illustration was Peace and Plenty. The costumes were rich and artistic. Tonight Rex will meet his subjects at an elaborate reception in the carnival palace, where his Queen will be introduced to the multitude. The pageant of Comus and the ball following it, the French opera will conclude the festivities.

Whoever witnessed the parade today, and the objects of much attention. Miss Rosevelt and Miss Rose will rest here tomorrow, and on Thursday will go for a brief stay at Arvey's Island.

TOBRINGTON, Conn., Feb. 24.—Because the officials of the Turner of Torrington Mfg. Co. refused to discharge a man, who owed fifty cents, 110 men in the factory donned quilts, and the company went on strike last before quitting time this afternoon.

has been under consideration of the union for some time. This afternoon Frank Russell, the state manager of the union, held a consultation with the men by telephone, and as a result the men went on strike.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Feb. 24.—A second hearing in the matter of charges of alleged gross cruelty and neglect against the management of the Binghamton Valley Orphan's Home, was held here today by the managers and assistant managers. Further evidence of the previous hearing, when several inmates testified that they had been beaten with horsewhips and knotted with Carekater Watson, and that no care was given to the wounds thus received.

NEW SERUM HALTS SCARLET FEVER.

Dr. Fischer, of New York, Gets Good Results With German Discovery.

Little Girl the Subject—From 104 Degrees Her Temperature is Reduced to 99—Complications Overcome.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Dr. Louis Fischer of No. 65 East Nineteenth street has now under observation a case which is the first experiment in this country with a new anti-streptococcus serum, which is believed to destroy the germs of scarlet fever.

Several days ago the doctor was called to see a frail little girl, who had a severe attack of scarlet fever, with throat complication. Her temperature was 104 degrees. Dr. Fischer decided to try the new serum. Twelve hours after the first injection the temperature decreased to normal, but rose again. It descended to normal, but rose again. It descended to normal, but rose again.

The new serum was discovered by Dr. Hans Aronson, a bacteriologist of Berlin, and it was given an extensive clinical test by Dr. Adolf Baginsky, a professor of diseases of children in the University of Berlin and director of the Kaiser and Kaiserin Friedrich Children's Hospital. He is the doctor who first introduced in the clinic Dr. Aronson's anti-toxin for diphtheria.

The experiments with this new serum for scarlet fever began last July, and the cases experimented on were selected regardless of severity. Eighty-eight per cent. of those treated were discharged as cured and their recovery was without the usual complications of scarlet fever.

MCADAM JUNCTION.

MCADAM, N. B., Feb. 25.—Last night was one long to be remembered in the history of McAdam. It was the first time a party of amateurs had attempted to put a drama on the stage, and they succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations.

The play called "Diamonds and Hearts" was introduced by Mrs. C. K. Howard to a number who were interested, and it was decided to try it. The result was gratifying to the players. The hall was crowded to the doors by an attentive and appreciative audience. The stage effects were excellent and the characters well presented. Much credit is due to Mr. Howard for her untiring energy in carrying out the other characters, particularly Walter Rollison, who acted as stage manager, and whose kindly suggestions did much to help produce good effects. Prof. Rollison furnished music between acts, excepting to produce good effects. Prof. Rollison furnished music between acts, excepting to produce good effects.

DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN THE BRITISH ISLANDS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A severe gale prevailed here and along the coast last night causing much damage to property. In this city trees were uprooted, and the roofs of buildings in course of construction were blown down and many houses were unroofed.

Chatham and Dover railroad was blocked for considerable time by bricks and stones which had been blown across its tracks. It required several hours for workmen to remove the debris. It is estimated that the wind attained a velocity of between sixty and seventy miles an hour at times during the night. This morning, however, the gale is abating.

The gale was very severe along the coasts and has feared that a number of vessels have been lost. A telegram received early this morning at Lloyd's reports the first disaster. The British steamship Monadnock, Capt. Woods, bound from Blythe for Boston, with a cargo of coal, was driven ashore on the Isle of Man. Her crew were rescued with much difficulty by the life savers. The vessel is well up and it is believed that she will be a total loss. She was of 2,792 tons net register.

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Antoine Coulet, a 10-year-old post-estate of Paris, has just had her first volume of verses published.

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