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A TOMAHAWK BUT NOT TECUMSEH'S.

Sarah L. Russel, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Betts, at 1413 East Sixteenth street, Kansas City, thinks she has the tomahawk carried by Tecumseh when he was killed at the battle of the Thames in October, 1813.

Col. William Russel, the founder of Russelville, Ky., who commanded the Kentucky contingent in the famous battle, was permitted by Gen. Harrison, so it is claimed, to remove the tomahawk from the dead body of Tecumseh and retain it and it has been in the possession of the Russel family ever since.

"Remove the tomakawk" is a nice way of putting it, but if it was "removed" it is tolerably certain it was not Tecumseh's. Reminiscences of men who were on the scene tell us that after the flight of General Proctor and the defeat of the Indians at Moraviantown it is said the Kentucky horse found the body of a big Indian on the field. From its size they assumed it was that of Tecumseh. They skinned the body and when then they went back home they boasted that their whiplashes were made of the great chieftain's hide. Is it to be presumed that General Harrison was also asked for permission to skin the body as well as rob the corpse.

We know, however, from settlers around here at the time and not long dead, that Tecumseh's body was carried off by his braves and secretly buried and to this day no white man has ever learned its resting place, and probably never will.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

It was on March 28, 1879, after the retreat from Isandlana, that Redvers Buller gained the Victoria Cross, says the Westminster Gazette. He had been making one of his intrepid reconnaissances, when his men were suddenly surprised by the approach of a large number of Zulus. It was necessary to retire. But never for a moment did Buller lose his coolness and calmness. The Zulus came down the hill in hot pursuit. Man after man fell before their assegais, or was buried under the dislodged boulders. Capt. D'Arcy was one of the first to fall. Buller rescued him from his assailants, placed him on the back of his horse, and galloped off with him to a place of safety. Scarcely had he returned when Lieut. Everett was dismounted, and once again he snatched him from the ground and bore him to the rear. And yet again, seeing a wounded trooper, whose doom seemed assured, he also carried him off the field when the enemy was within a hundred yards of their prostrate victim. For this almost superhuman feat he now bears the coveted bronze badge.

Sir Redvers Buller comes of an old Devonshire family, and had he wished it he might have lived the life of a country gentleman. But he early decided otherwise, and was wearing the Queen's uniform at nineteen. "Eagles do not catch flies" is the proud motto of the house. Archibald Forbes, in speaking of Buller's achievements in the Zulu war, says:—

"Here was a man with some six thousand a year, a beautiful house in fair Devon waiting for his occupation; a seat in Parliament all but secured, and yet for the patriotic love of leading that strange medley of reckless adventurers he was living squalidly in the South African veldt, sleeping in the open for three nights out of the six with a single blanket thrown over his body; his hands so disfigured by cattle sores, the curse of the veldt, that I never saw them not bandaged up. With his intrepid heroism he had saved the lives of so many of his men that in talking to them, it almost seemed that he had saved all their lives. A strange, stern, strong-tempered man, whose pride it seemed to be to repress all his own emotion and to smother its display in others, he would order a man peremptorily back to his duty who came into his tent to ask him to read a letter in which a mother thanked him for saving the life of her son."

Sir Redvers Buller, who is just sixty, has, it is said, seen more active service for his age than any soldier in Europe.

The disaster at Ladysmith is not the first in military history directly traceable to mulish obstinacy.

What West Kent aches to know is, what does Archie Campbell think of his political boss, Tarte?

The latest among the boys is, who can eat without liquid accompaniment ten soda biscuits in ten minutes. Try it.

Tarte and Laurier simply misunderstood the feeling in this country. When Britain has a war on you have not to get young Canadians half shot before they are willing to go to the front and risk getting all shot.

THE NAMES THE DEAD.

We're Irish; they said we'd not fight
For the Queen. Was that right?
Ask for the names of the women who cried
For the heroes who charged to the cannon and died—
Go ask for the names of the dead.

Our brothers are dead in the Transvaal—
English and Scotchmen—and is that all
Who died that the whole world might know
That watered by blood, the Empire would grow?
Go ask for the names of the dead.

We've drunk to the Queen—God bless her!!
We've fought with the Boers—who curs'd her!
And we're Britons! We're true to the flag!
When the fighting was on did one of us lag?
Go ask for the names of the dead.

English, and Scotchmen, and Irish—all Britons yet;
When we fail, there'll be rooms in the Empire to let,
We have wrongs! we are poor—God knows! but we'll wait
Like Fusiliers, not traitors, we'll fight against fate.
Go look at the names of the dead.

We'll pray for the names of the honored dead;
We'll drink to the Empire the dying has made.
It's their blood and our blood the banner has stained;
It's their land and our land the dying has gained.
Go pray for the souls of the dead.

—W. A. Fraser.

Why does Joubert resemble an American divorce court? Because he has decreed the separation of General White and Ladysmith.

The Londoners presented the volunteers from the west with a $4 knife apiece. There is some question now as to whether they could not have been given something more useful. A friend of ours with experience, says the most useful things he knows of for long voyages are poker chips and decks, whatever those things are.

"As regards the Canadian contingent for the Transvaal, it goes out because you insisted upon its going, and I am very glad you did so."

This is what Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, said in a speech to the Montreal Caledonian Society. He knows the facts first hand and officially. So we are to infer that if Canada had not "insisted" the Tarte crowd would have domineered the cabinet.

His Royal Highness Mohammed Tamajamalu Kiran lives quite on the other side of the earth, in the Philippines, but he has become an issue in Kentucky and Ohio. Tammy is a rather squatty young man, with a complexion like a second-hand saddle, but he's the whole thing over in Sulu. He has 12 wives, 75,000 slaves and almost an equal number of free subjects, besides other troubles. Among his subjects is a band of Mohammedan fanatics, the Juramentados, who consider it a duty to go out and kill a nice mess of Christians before breakfast. In order to keep Tammy from mixing in the somewhat lively game now going on in the Philippines, Gen. John Bates was sent to make terms with him, and the practical potentate concluded that he could afford to be good for the same salary as he had been receiving from Spain, $5,000 per annum. He also consented to the liberation of his slaves at a price of $50 a head and this is construed by the Kentucky orators as a recognition of slavery by President McKinley.

Tammy is called "mountain of light" by his adoring subjects, and although he wears a snowy sort of nightgown for his day attire, it requires considerable stretch of imagination to fit the name to his dumpy figure.

THE TARTLETS' PAPER.

Toronto Star, Liberal.

We might also add that it would be difficult to discover a journal pursuing a more infamous policy of sedition and friction than La Patrie.

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Brockville Recorder.

A revenue officer in Stratford has been told by the court to pay his debts or go to jail. And why not he as well as any person else?

HOW IT IS COMPOSED.

Sarnia Canadian.

In connection with the appointment of Chaplains for the Canadian contingent, the statement is made that of the one thousand men who compose the regiment, six hundred belong to the English church, three hundred are Presbyterians, fifty are divided among the various Protestant denominations, and fifty are Roman Catholics.

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