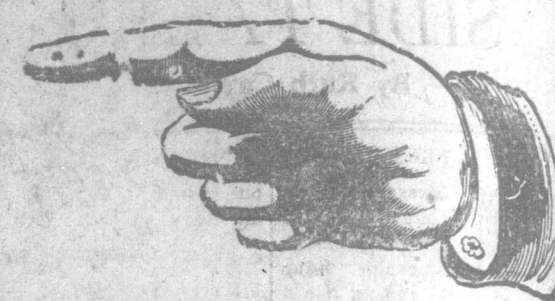




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Mystery of the Arabian King-Maker Deepens

LAWRENCE MASQUERADES AGAIN
AS A PRIVATE.

Colonel Thomas F. Lawrence, Uncrowned King of Arabia, discovered serving as a Private in the Tank Corps Under Another Name--Quarrelled With Allenby--Sent Home to England--Created Bedouin Army.

There is some mystery about Colonel T. F. Lawrence, C.B., D.S.O., one of the war's most remarkable figures, famous for his exploits with the Arabs. King-maker, leader of an army of 200,000, Lawrence, a year ago, is found disguised as a craftsman in the Royal Air Force. Again, this time, he is discovered as "Private Shaw" in the Royal Tank Corps.

In the strange behavior of Lawrence the British public have now a first-rate mystery. Why he adopts these disguises has not yet been satisfactorily explained. All that is explained is his disappearance.

At the war office they did not know where Lawrence had gone. He had just vanished. Now he explains that he had a book on Arabs to write, but could not find the time, except by adopting this strange disguise.

Advising Lord Curzon on Arabian affairs, also, may not have been his ideal of contentment. But now Lord Curzon, in his turn, is "deposed" in favor of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who may be better disposed towards the little phenomenon who never hesitated, even as a captain, to tell colonels on Allenby's staff that they did not know "a d---d thing they were talking of," whereupon it would become necessary for Allenby to order Lawrence from the room.

Not every colonel has told his commander-in-chief the same thing. If Lawrence did not exactly make it articulate he at least more effectively demonstrated it by his deeds. French and Italian units participating in the final round-up of the Turks did not suit Lawrence at all. How they would jeopardize the proposed coronation of Feisal, king of Mesopotamia, whom he had met and made his hero two years before, he saw to his dismay. Disobeying Allenby's injunction to the effect that he was to keep off the scene, Lawrence careered up through Palestine in an armored car, distancing even the Australian cavalry that was rapidly occupying the country. Reaching Beirut first he solemnly hoisted the standard of Feisal on all the public buildings, to the intense indignation especially of the French. That was the beginning of Lawrence's decline, from which he only emerged in 1921, after three years of disgrace.

Allenby paper-chasing after an subordinate junior officer is one of the most remarkable pursuits in the history of warfare. Acquainted with Lawrence's determination, Allenby, jumping into a Rolls-Royce, only caught up with him on the road to Damascus. Lawrence sought to impress upon Allenby the danger of not giving the Arabs full satisfaction. The commander-in-chief replied: "That's my business. You just take the first boat home. And report at the war office."

Lawrence did--and didn't. He never got to the war office. One month later he reappeared at Alexandria on the plea of wanting to collect his kit and personal belongings. On the quay an officer politely informed him that he would not be permitted to land.

Then Lawrence really did go home to London, back to his books at Oxford, from where he had set out to the Holy Land as an archeologist the year of the outbreak of the war. Feisal, too, went into as complete temporary eclipse. There was not the slightest doubt that he had been the victim of equivocal treatment at the hands of British statesmanship which had promised him a crown in Damascus in return for his help during the war, well knowing that by arrangement with the French this could not be made good. In a bombardment of

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letters to the Times, Lawrence showed Allenby the end was not yet. Feisal ultimately got his crown, and Lawrence accepted a post in the eastern branch of the foreign office.

There had been nothing quite like Lawrence, the little fair-haired, blue-eyed English youth in his middle twenties, as shy and embarrassed as a school-girl at the mere mention of praise. He was as mild-mannered as he was fearlessly audacious. In his cloak were twelve bullet holes. While the Arabs were making him an Emir and giving him the carved sword, a distinction no other Christian or European has ever received, the Turks were putting a price of half a million dollars in gold upon his head.

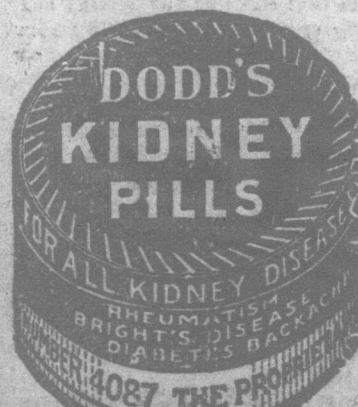
Even while his market value was high Lawrence went openly to Damas-

cus and studied the enemy forces and arrangements. From the station platform he watched the Turkish troops entrain for the Hejaz, where he, as commander of the Arab forces on the British right flank, he was later to deal with so many crushing defeats. Richard the Lion-Hearted and Haroun al Raschid could teach this youth nothing in the way of romantic and audacious enterprise.

Incidentally the Bagdad coronation

concludes the first chapter in a making episode comparable to the advance to the leading of Joan of Arc to Rheims of her "dear Charles the Seventh" of France. The haughty Arab has been placed on the throne of the oldest country in the world by a fair-haired young graduate, now masquerading as "Private Shaw" in the Royal Tank Corps.

What will Private Shaw do? Somehow or other, a feeling of being imminent that Lawrence is yet in Arabia. The coronation of Feisal in the Holy City of Jerusalem, ruler of a gigantic Arab state and Khalif of Islam, now that Turkey has given up the honor, is not beyond the horizon by any means.



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