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Townsend of Kut.

There is a curious feature of General Townsend's position in Kut. Millions of his fellow-countrymen to whom is only a newly familiar name are thinking first of the peril and suffering of the man fighting like a badger in a barrel for his life. But the few who know and love the man for his happy disposition, his cheerful friendliness, his gay humor and hearty laugh, his handsome, thoroughbred looks and style, are thinking and speaking of him as a national asset, as a born and studied soldier whom England cannot afford to lose. There is something in this contradiction which helps to explain his personality.

As a soldier he has made no great figure in the public eye. Throughout his service he has always done his job, whatever it has happened to be, with quiet capacity and marked success. But he has worn his honors very modestly, and after each achievement has gone quietly on with his soldiering, so that the hero of the Citadel has never been a familiar figure in the public eye. Most people had forgotten who was the gallant and resourceful soldier who held the Chitral fort with such cheerful resolution until it was learned that the general who was plunged into the unfortunate Mesopotamian adventure bore the name of Townsend.

But Charles Townsend's friends know him first as a soldier. It is recognition of his soldierly qualities that is the foundation of their enthusiastic admiration for him. He has never had a wide circle of friends, for his interests have not been wide and diffused. He has no hobbies, outside soldiering. Politics have never appealed to him except so far as politics affect the Army. Society does not entangle him. He is neither a keen hunting man nor an enthusiast for any kind of sport. He just devotes himself first and last and all the time to his profession, and the friends in whose companionship he seeks relaxation outside working hours love to hear him talk about soldiering because that is the subject upon which he speaks with knowledge and insight that they find entrancing.

Here are some of the things they tell of him. Four years ago, when the possibility of war with Germany was derided as empty talk, he not only knew that it was inevitable but he predicted that it would break out suddenly in the autumn of 1914.

He spread out a map on the table

in his rooms in Paris and traced out the course which the opening stages of the war would take. This was to his friend Mr. George Grossmith, who was in Paris playing with Rejane at the time, and Mr. Grossmith is an amazed witness to-day to the absolute accuracy of his forecast. He told how the Germans would pour over the Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers, how their heavy artillery would batter down the forts in their way, how with incredible swiftness they would spread a wide front across Belgium and sweep the fated country clear, making Antwerp and Brussels and Ostend, in their rapid southern descent, so as to strike a great blow at the French defences while the French preparations were yet incomplete. He even laid his finger upon the map and marked the region to which the British Expeditionary Force would be sent, and told how inevitably it would be outflanked and forced to retreat to escape annihilation.

He was exact also in his predictions that the first real trial of strength between the attackers and the defenders would occur in positions far behind those originally chosen, and that the British troops would fight their first pitched battles in defence of the French Channel ports.

Maybe there was nothing in these predictions of his that any other qualified and studied soldier might not and did not foresee, but there was something more than an expert's deductions from military and geographical conditions in another prediction that he made with confidence and conviction, and which he consistently maintained unshaken by all contrary opinions. "For he declared time and again that, in spite of all the German early successes, France would be saved, and saved by the new and wonderful spirit of the French people."

This was more than expert anticipation. It was the insight of a prophet. He knew and understood and loved the French nation and people. He speaks French like a Parisian, his devoted wife is a French lady; he had studied French military history with an enthusiast's application, had followed French Army manoeuvres, had reconstructed on the spot the battle-grounds of the past, and had examined with German thoroughness the positions in which the future battles that he foresaw would take place. He was aware—he served for a time as military attaché in Paris—of the weaknesses and difficulties of France and of French politics, but, for all that, with the eye of faith he foresaw the great and commanding fact that

twenty months of war have proved—the spirit of the French people and the morale of the French soldiers that no German mechanical superiority could overcome.

His heart has been in France since war broke out. The knowledge adds bitterness in the minds of his friends to the pathos of his wastage in the unprofitable Mesopotamian desert. They tell sadly how he was eating out his heart to be fighting in France during the long months of waiting in India. He went to Mesopotamia with his little packet of troops bitterly regretting that it was not to France that he was going. It was not merely that he loved France, but he saw that England's first concern was in the fighting on the western front.

He hated the diffusion of energy, the waste of effort and strength on one side-show after another, on unproductive expeditions here and there. He was eating his heart out to be fighting to some effect, and he went to Mesopotamia knowing that it should have been France.

So to his friends the hope of his extrication from the rat-hole at Kut means the larger hope and ambition that his great endowments of leadership, knowledge and foresight may still have their chance of achievement in France. He has the great gift of inspiring the confidence and devotion of his men. Troops will follow him anywhere, for they know he knows. His cheerful temperament inspires cheerful confidence. His men know that he is master of the matter to which he has consecrated his life.

If there is any personal end or ambition in Charles Townsend's devotion to his profession it is to restore its ancient military distinction to the name he bears. He is the heir-presumptive to the Marquisate of Townsend, and he is the great-great-grandson of the Townsend who fought gloriously with Wolfe at Quebec. If it is his fortune to succeed to the title it is his ambition to bring to it the qualification of achievement. It is a worthy ambition and the pride of race that animates it is the basis of a proud patriotism.—London Daily Mail.

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Four French Infantrymen Held Back for Several Minutes an Entire Regiment of Germans—Took Prisoners and Got Away Safely.

A special Paris cable to the New York World says: "Even in stories of individual gallantry at Verdun names are not permitted, so the four heroes of the latest anecdote being narrated in Paris cannot be identified except as infantrymen of the line. They were with their battalion in a specially hot corner of the Caillotte woods a few days ago, when, on a particularly dark night, after the usual frightful bombardment, they dimly perceived compact masses of Germans rising toward them from trenches forty yards away."

The command to fall back to the second line was unheard by the four soldiers, who, instead of ensconcing themselves in an observation post and first with two rifles each, then with a copious store of hand grenades, held back successfully for several minutes an entire regiment of Germans. Apparently amazed at such unexpected resistance, the German commander ordered his men to seek shelter while he dispatched two patrols of six men each to reconnoitre on either wing.

One of the patrols approached within a few feet of the hidden Frenchmen before the latter let fly a fusillade of bombs. Five of the six were slain instantly and the sixth begged for mercy. The other patrol, coming from another direction, saw the lone survivor standing with his hands above his head and promptly surrendered in their turn.

Unwounded and without great difficulty the four infantrymen marched their seven prisoners rearward and rejoined their unit in time to participate in a counter attack, which flung the Germans far backward from the positions they occupied before that astonishing quartette stopped the advance of a whole regiment.

MINARD'S LINIMENT LUMBER-MAN'S FRIEND.

The Men of 90 Years Ago

Met to Form a Municipal Government For St. John's—Their Resolutions, Bye-Laws, etc.

(By James Murphy.)

Resolved,—That one and a half per cent. on the annual rents, or value of rents of houses and lands within the limits of the town of St. John's to be paid by the landlords or owners thereof, and one and a half per cent. on rents to be paid by the tenants or occupiers of such houses and lands shall be the utmost extent to which the Council shall have power to assess.

Resolved,—That the qualifications for electors be freeholders or Government leaseholders to the value of £10 per annum, or tenants paying rent to the amount of £20 per annum.

Resolved,—That the qualifications for members of the Council be five times the amount of the qualifications for electors.

Resolved,—That no bye-laws shall have effect until approved of by His Excellency the Governor.

Resolved,—That the limits of the town shall be fixed as follows: The north head of Petty Harbor, to be the southern boundary, thence to the west and of Windsor Lake, and thence a direct line to the south of Logy Bay, including all lands, harbors, creeks and rivers within the said space.

Resolved,—That all rates and assessments may be appealed against to the Supreme Court.

Resolved,—That in case of death or resignation, or in case of absence from this country for more than one year, of any of the members of the Council, the High Sheriff shall on the precept of the Governor assemble the qualified inhabitants at a fixed place on a certain day, to fill up any vacancy or vacancies in the Council.

Resolved,—That a detailed account of the expenditure of the Council be published in the public papers of the town, half yearly.

John Black, Chairman; Thomas H. Brookick, Robert Brine, John Dunscombe, Newman N. Hoyles, William Carson, Patrick Morris, William Thomas, Patrick Doyle, Patrick Keough, Timothy Hogan, Jas. Cross, George Lilly, Nicholas Gill, John Burke, Patrick Shelly, John M. Bland, Thomas Egan.

Now follows the address of the inhabitants of St. John's to His Excellency the Governor:

May Please Your Excellency.

We the inhabitants of the town of St. John's, beg to express our most cordial thanks for the liberal and enlightening policy which has hitherto characterized Your Excellency's government, not only for this town but for the country generally. We had such a demonstration of Your Excellency's sentiments in regard to us as a happy omen, that while you are anxious to improve our condition by the formation of useful institutions you are at the same time pleased to regard the wishes of the people from a policy which has not been explained to us. The privileges enjoyed by the neighboring colonies have not yet been extended to Newfoundland. Holding as we do in the highest estimation the present rapid progress of society, and the ambition will be gratified in the formation of a body politic chosen by the people; and we assure Your Excellency that we shall always be anxious to aid the views of the government for the improvement and amelioration of our condition.

An institution which will recognize such inestimable rights will form an important epoch which our history will record as highly honorable to the wisdom and liberality of Your Excellency, and is justly due to the merits and loyalty of that portion of His Majesty's subjects over whom you have been selected to govern.

With this moment we beg leave to present to Your Excellency a series of resolutions which we pray you will do us the favor to recommend to our Most Gracious Sovereign as the basis of a body politic.

After this followed the following report: At a meeting held this 10th day of May at Perkins Long Room and then adjourned to the Barrens in pursuance of public notice, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed at a town's meeting held March 2nd last to consider on the best plan to carry into effect certain bye-laws proposed for the regulation of the town. James Simms was called to the chair, when he, having stated to the meeting the purposes for which it was held, James Black, Chairman of the committee, addressed himself to the attention of the meeting, and read the report of the proceedings under which the committee had been constituted, and submitted to their consideration the report of the committee, as previously printed, which he read, when Mr. Patrick Morris rose and moved that the report be received, and adopted, and took a view of the articles therein contained and addressed the meeting in support of them.

(To be Continued.)

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