

MASSACRE AT CAWNPORE

Fiftieth Anniversary of Terrible Indian Event Retold. Sufferings of Little Garrison and Civilians Locked Up With Them In Fort—Treachery of Nana Sahib.

Fifty years ago this week the civilized world was horrified as the account of the cold-blooded massacre of the women, children, and weak garrison at Cawnpore, India, by the orders of Nana Sahib, the ruthless chief of Bithoor. Following soon upon the massacre of the Europeans at Meerut and Delhi, the manhood of the British Empire flew to arms to avenge the horrible tortures and deaths of their unfortunate countrymen and countrywomen.

The military station at Cawnpore is next in importance to that of Lucknow, the capital of the kingdom of Oude, which had only a year or two previously been annexed to British India, because of the immorality of the court, and the ferocious licentiousness of the princes. The Chief Commissioner was Sir Henry Lawrence, a sagacious, cool, determined ruler, who had a thorough knowledge of the Oriental character, and gave a splendid example of his devotion to his defence of the "Residency" of Lucknow, until struck down by the bullets of the mutinous Sepoys.

Cawnpore was the scene of a struggle midway between Allahabad and Lucknow, and was a city of considerable business importance, with the traders, merchants and East India company's employees, with their wives and children, making up a large European community. Besides these there were the wives and families of the British officers and soldiers of the small garrison, which was under the command of General Sir Hugh Wheeler, a brave old officer of fifty years' experience in Indian warfare, who had won many laurels in hard fought battles under Lord Lake.

Fears Were Aroused.
Accounts of the mutiny and bloodshed at Meerut had reached General Wheeler on the 17th May, and though brave as a lion, he at once apprehended the worst. His fighting force, to defend the post and the European residents and families as well as those of the officers and soldiers of H. M. The 32nd regiment, Lucknow, consisted of about 250 bayonets all told, comprising 60 Bengal artillery and detachments of the First Madras Fusiliers and H. M. 22nd and 84th regiments. The native population of Cawnpore was about 100,000, more than half of whom were employed in the military bazaars, had the vilest reputations.

There were about 3,000 native troops in the cantonments, who continued and at once took possession and looted the town, incited by Nana Sahib and his principal officers. The Nana was the nephew of the late last Peishwa of the Marhattas and had a deadly hatred of the English. His real name was Dhunoo Pant and on the demise of the ex-Peishwa Bajee Rao, he petitioned the British Government to recognize him as that prince's titular successor. The petition was rejected and hence bitter rancor to the British which he long secretly cherished. On the day of the mutiny he cast off his mask of friendship and "ratified his vengeance" in the blood of his "maxims" that his ever-betrayed British soldiers should never be forgiven.

The military mutiny of the Sepoy soldiers of "John Company" gave him his opportunity. He had no time in joining the mutineers and he fired the flames of revolt murderously on the 6th of June the military detachment of Cawnpore led by a couple of hundred undisciplined British soldiers against three to four thousand Sepoys who had received a thorough military training by the British. General Wheeler had entrenched the barracks of the European troops and collected all the white residents in this fortified place.

This spot became the scene of one of the most heroic defenses that ever took place since the world began. The fortifications were built by the British and English women can do little more than sustain life in shaded apartments, with all appliances at hand to moderate the temperature and mitigate the suffering.

Siege Described.
"It was a siege, the miseries of which to the besieged have never been exceeded in the history of the world. All the wretched horrors of a multitudinous enemy without, of a feeble garrison and scant shelter within, of the burden of the women and children and sick people, with little to appease their wants or allay their sufferings, were aggravated by the burning heat of the climate. The June sky was little less than a great canopy of fire; the summer breeze was as the blast of a furnace; to touch the barrel of a gun was to recoil as from red-hot iron. It was the season when the European energy and strength were ebbing, their lowest point of depression, when military duty in its mildest form taxes the powers of Englishmen to the utmost, and English women can do little more than sustain life in shaded apartments, with all appliances at hand to moderate the temperature and mitigate the suffering.

"But now, even under the fiercest meridian sun, this little band of British fighting men were ever straining to sustain the strenuous activity of constant battle against fearful odds; while delicate women and fragile children were suddenly called to endure discomforts and privations, with all the superadded miseries peculiar to the country and climate, which it would have been hard to battle with in strong health, under their native sky. And never since war began, "never in the brave days of old, when women turned their hair into bow-strings—has the world seen no patience and no fortitude that clothed the lives and shone forth in the deaths of the wives and daughters of the fighting men of Cawnpore. Some saw their children slowly die in their arms; some had them swept from their breasts by the desolating fire of the enemy. There was no

and died bravely with their European sisters. Miss Wheeler is said to have killed six of the mutineers before jumping down the well. The same evening the bodies of the slain women and children were thrown into this well by order of Nana Sahib.

On the site of this well has been erected a beautiful memorial chapel, and on its wall are recorded the names of the victims and others who took part in the heroic defence. On the morning of the 16th of July, Havelock's soldiers advanced on Cawnpore with vigor and spirit. The 78th Highlanders playing the Brigade to the assault. Suddenly there was a terrible explosion, the Nana had ordered the magazine to be blown up and then fled to Bithoor fifteen miles with his rabble who looted every place in Cawnpore belonging to the Europeans. The Highlanders doubled quickly to the Assembly Rooms, guided by a Mr. Shepherd, who had fortunately escaped the swords of the Nana's cavalry on the 15th and had successfully until the entire party was on the 17th of July. He at once led the soldiers to the chamber in which the helpless women and children had met such a miserable death. Their blood was splashed on the walls and ran in progress, many European fugitives were around the room were tresses of women's hair, children's boots and shoes and leaves of Bibles and prayer-books.

The Highlanders are said to have divided the tresses, and swore that for every hair, they held a mutinous Sepoy or Hindu, casting arms you pay the death penalty. Unarmed natives and native women and children were not molested by any British soldier, but so quiet were the mutineers, when they showed signs of asking "Cawnpore" was hurled at them by a shot or the bayonet driven home. History states that over 1,000 men, women and little ones captured by the treacherous Nana Sahib were slaughtered in the most ruthless manner. He escaped capture by the British, who for years sought every possible means to make him a prisoner and try him for his horrible crimes, but all to no purpose. He is supposed to have fled to the Nepal country and by large bribes, was able to re-entrance in safety into arrest.

There is an old legend in existence that Lord Viceroy's conquering of India at the great battle of Plassey in 1757 would be revenged in a hundred years under the title of "Minutes and Proceedings at the Colonial Conference." It contains full reports of most of the speeches and resolutions of the minutes is to show that the attitude of British ministers towards the Empire is a disgraceful one, as reported, a negative and unympathetic one.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE DEBATE
The report of the proceedings at the imperial conference has been issued in the form of a blue-book of 222 pages under the title of "Minutes and Proceedings at the Colonial Conference." It contains full reports of most of the speeches and resolutions of the minutes is to show that the attitude of British ministers towards the Empire is a disgraceful one, as reported, a negative and unympathetic one.

Some Plain Speaking.
There was some plain speaking in the blue-book shows by Mr. Deakin in the discussion on the New Hebrides when he complained the Australian anxiety to help the settlers was not mentioned by Mr. Churchill in a reply in the House to a question which he had asked against the Commonwealth tariff.

Mr. Churchill said that the authority for his statement was the high commissioner in the New Hebrides, Mr. Deakin said that his government had immediately challenged the ministerial misrepresentation of a gentleman recently appointed.

Mr. Deakin later spoke of "ridiculous insinuations of those behind the political responsible heads who committed these oversights," and of "such slanders" telling against Australia.

MR. H. E. SHARPE MADE PRESIDENT.
Mr. H. E. Sharpe, of Winnipeg, was elected president of the convention of the Baptists of Manitoba and the Northwest at the afternoon session yesterday.

Preference Debate.
It is impossible to print the full report of the preference debate, which was not merely a series of speeches as the preference debate, but a constant interchange of argument and answer between the home and the colonial ministers. The following are extracts:

Mr. Asquith: I am not sufficiently conversant with your (Australian) politics to say whether you will be able to pass any tariff which does not contain this condition about ships being manned with white labor.

Mr. Asquith: It affects us enormously, it is a thing which to me is possible for to give and and no system of preference could we give you more.

Mr. Asquith: You can call it a fetish if you like; you can call anything a fetish, but with us it is a conviction.

Mr. Deakin: English protection 60 years ago for a fetish and nothing else.

Mr. Deakin: We think it is so now. Mr. Deakin: If you and persuade the people of that, if you can persuade them, and we will have another colonial conference, and we will see what happens. But we will have first to persuade the people.

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Will leave Stony Plain on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Ings, Messawiss and Grandview. Good accommodation all along the road. Special arrangements made for campers and landseikers.

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(\$20 reward) one brown two-year-old stallion branded 71-01 on left hip; one light bay colt, white face three white legs, branded with P and cross bar with drooping ends on left shoulder; one bay mare, branded with horizontal B on right hip, 5 and horizontal B under on right shoulder; one roan mare with a bell on, branded LC on the hip and some other brand on the shoulder. Apply Steve Pellant, Lamoureux P. O., Alta.

LOST.

LOST—\$50, Tuesday, June 15th, on Calgary trail, between Stratheena and Elmerie, black pocketbook containing \$50 in bills of \$5 and \$10 denomination. Five dollars reward for return to Adolf Klukas, 735 Jasper avenue E., Edmonton.

LIVELY

colored or dirty black, gelding, with long black mane and tail and hoofs grown out long; age, 3 years; weight about 200; horse weighs about 1250 and mare about 900. Finder leave at Great West Livery stable, 1 Fraser avenue, and be rewarded.

NOTICE.

A team with harness and front wheels of wagon are in the Saskatchewan river. Anyone recovering the wagon or harness will be rewarded by notifying Win. Ball, Box 622, Edmonton.

TEACHER WANTED.

School District No. 246, holding first or second class certificate; male or female; must be of Protestant religion, a good disciplinarian; duties to commence August 12, 1907. Applications will be received till July 20th, 1907; state salary expected. T. H. Ottewill, Secretary, Agricola P. O., Alberta.

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