

## THE MESSENGER

In this wondrous day of wire and wireless we learn, half across the world, how the European tide of conflict ebbs and flows while yet the battle rages, undecided. On sea, on land, under the sea, in the air, men fight and die, lose or triumph, and the very elements carry abroad the news of victory or defeat. It is more than romance; it is miracle; but miracle that may banish forever from the pages of the future historian and romancer one of the most dramatic figures of the past—the messenger bringing first news from the battle field.

Long even before Pheidippides of Marathon ran to Athens from the immortal Fennel Field, cried, "Victory!" and fell dead, the messenger held a place in myth and chronicle that he has maintained for centuries. Sometimes he is merely the swiftest rider or runner; sometimes a hero of the fight, chosen as an honor to bear glad tidings; sometimes a hard-pressed refugee; sometimes even a lone survivor.

Lady Elizabeth Thompson Butler, the distinguished woman painter of war-time scenes, of which "The Roll Call" is most famous, once illustrated in a less-known painting one of the most tragic episodes in the history of modern England—the arrival of Dr. William Brydon at Jalalabad, January 13, 1842. Her terrible little picture shows the young Scotch surgeon, dazed, desperate, exhausted, clinging half-conscious to his wearied horse as the walls of the city loom in sight.

He had come from Kabul, through the mountains in midwinter; one of a retreating army of British and native troops, accompanied by swarms of attendants and camp followers. With them at first were also nine Englishwomen, wives of officers—including Florence, Lady Sale, wife of Sir Robert Sale, the commander at Jalalabad, and his daughter. There were also fourteen children. A long, intricate, and hideous series of blunders, treacheries and murders had brought the tremendously outnumbered British in Kabul to the point where evacuation of the city and acceptance of a promised safe-conduct to Jalalabad seemed to their leaders the best that could be hoped for; and the retreat began.

But the Afghans did not keep their word; and soon there were no leaders. Before the march was half over many were slain, and conditions were so hopeless that the others yielded to a proposal to surrender the commanding general himself, General Elphinstone, together with the women and children into the care of the Afghan chief, Akbar Khan, as hostages; but not until the Kurd Kabul was passed.

The gorge of the Kurd Kabul is a five-mile ravine between high mountains, so narrow, lofty, and grim that in winter the sun scarcely reaches its depths. That January it was deep in snow, the rocks were glazed with ice, and upon every mountain slope, in every crevasse, behind every boulder lurked the fanatic Afghan tribesmen, with their long guns and long knives. Wary, crowded, half crippled by frost, the confused and formless masses struggling through the gloomy canon soon lost all semblance of an army, as the slaughter soon lost all semblance of battle. It became simply the massacre of a rabble; and the snow grew red.

"Three thousand men," says the historian, Sir J. W. Kaye, "fell under the fire of the enemy, or dropped down paralyzed and exhausted to be slaughtered by Afghan knives. And amidst these fearful scenes of carnage, through a shower of matchlock balls, rode English ladies on horseback or in camel panniers, sometimes vainly endeavoring to keep their children beneath their eyes, and then losing them in the confusion and bewilderment of the desolating march."

After the general became a captive with the women, the rout and slaughter increased in horror. The Jugdulk Pass succeeded the Kurd Kabul; a dark, steep, winding track ascending high among frowning crags, and harried at its narrowest point. It was a trap; the fugitives were caught beyond escape. A mere handful emerged alive.

Within sixteen miles of Jalalabad, only six of these remained. Before those sixteen miles were covered five of the six had been killed by stragglers and marauders.

Doctor Bryden alone, one man out of sixteen thousand, reached the goal and bore the awful news. Later, when England awoke and avenged the women and children and a few prisoners were rescued. Doctor Bryden himself lived to share and survive the famous siege of Lucknow, another episode in his country's history, but one as honorable and inspiring as the retreat from Kabul was humiliating and disastrous.

### Too Hearty.

They say that a cannibal king recently sent post haste for his doctor. "Good gracious, man," the doctor said, "you're in a dreadful state; what have you been eating?" "Nothing," groaned the sick man, "except a slice of that multi-millionaire whose yacht was wrecked on Cocanut Reef."

"Merciful powers!" the doctor cried, "and I told you under no circumstances to eat anything rich. George, get the saws and axes. We must operate at once."

## SUMMER HEAT HARD ON BABY

No season of the year is so dangerous to the life of little ones as is the summer. The excessive heat throws the little stomach out of order so quickly that unless prompt aid is at hand the baby may be beyond all human help before the mother realizes he is ill. Summer is the season when diarrhoea, cholera infantum, dysentery and colic are most prevalent. Any one of these troubles may prove deadly if not promptly treated. During the summer the mothers best friend is Baby's Own Tablets. They regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and keep baby healthy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### A SPLENDID RECORD.

Most people know that the Canadian Pacific Railway traverses over eleven thousand miles of country in Canada, encounters even tropical and arctic weathers; cuts its way through the rugged and difficult country along the shores of Lake Superior; crosses the endless prairies of the west; and finally runs through the glories of the Canadian Rockies where the road in some places has been hewn out of the mountain sides under towering peaks; through great canyons; and in other places tunnels and spiral rails have to be negotiated, all necessitating care in operation. But in spite of all these difficulties the Canadian Pacific has not killed a single passenger in a train accident during the past two years, which is a record Canada can place against the recent boast of the Pennsylvania Railroad not having killed a passenger in three years. Especially so when it is considered that the latter road has not the same climate conditions to face and the easy country through which it traverses.

### GOOD WATER FOR ARMY HORSE.

A Plentiful Supply Is of Vital Importance to an Army.

Suitable drinking water is of vital importance to an army, and this is only one of a multitude of problems that must be studied carefully by those who conduct a successful campaign. The water of a camp is a matter of great importance. Only running water is used. "In the German army the upstream water is used for drinking purposes and the downstream water for watering horses and for bathing. Suitable signs notify the men which water is safe to drink and which may be used only for bathing. In shallow or narrow streams basins are dug, or small dams built so as to form a reservoir of ample dimensions.

Stepping-stones are provided to keep the water clean, as well as board protection to prevent the banks from crumbling. Basins are dug for watering horses, troughs are provided only in case of necessity, and are then propped on posts and filled by means of pumps. Pipes may be driven if water lies at a reasonable depth—in other words, not more than 20 feet. Depending upon their size, these pipes will deliver from four to twenty-two gallons of water per minute.

Grass Tree Gum for Germany. It has just come to light at Sydney, Australia, that with the astounding preparedness with which the Germans entered upon this war they had for several years prior to the declaration of hostilities been buying immense quantities of Australian grass tree gum, which is convertible into an explosive much more powerful than dynamite, and that this explosive is probably now being used against the Britons and their allies.

### MISCHIEF MAKER

Now Strong and Robust. An adult's food that can save a baby proves itself to be nourishing and easily digested and good for big and little folks. An Eastern man says: "When our baby was about eleven months old he began to grow thin and pale. This was attributed to the heat and the fact that his teeth were coming, but, in reality, the poor little thing was starving, his mother's milk not being sufficient nourishment."

"One day after he had cried bitterly for an hour, I suggested that my wife try him on Grape-Nuts. She soaked two teaspoonfuls in half a cup of warm water for 5 or 6 minutes, then poured the liquid and to it added a like amount of rich milk and a little sugar. This baby ate ravenously."

"It was not many days before he forgot all about being nursed, and has since lived almost exclusively on Grape-Nuts. To-day the boy is strong and robust, and as cute a mischief-maker as a thirteen-months-old baby is expected to be."

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Grape-Nuts is not made for a baby food, but experience with thousands of babies shows it to be among the best, if not entirely the best in use. Being a scientific preparation of Nature's grains, it is equally effective as a body and brain builder for grown-ups. "There's a Reason."

Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## SIR JOHN SIMON'S BIG SACRIFICE.

Gave Up \$75,000 Cabinet Position for One Worth Less Than \$25,000.

Few men have ever made a bigger sacrifice for political life than Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary. He was, as is known, Attorney-General, and he was offered the Lord Chancellorship. From the pecuniary point of view there are no offices in even the wide British Empire or in any other country which are so glittering as either of these two offices. The Attorney-General, between salary and fees, must get something like fifteen thousand pounds a year. Sometimes the figures have gone much higher. The Attorney-General is leading counsel in all great State cases, and once the late Sir Charles Russell was lucky enough to find such a case when there was an intervention in arbitration in the Behring Sea, and people whispered that the fortunate Irishman had drawn that year as much as thirty thousand pounds. But it may be taken that fifteen thousand pounds is the average income of the Attorney. That is ten thousand pounds more than the Prime Minister receives.

The Lord Chancellorship is not so highly paid, for the salary is ten thousand pounds a year. But it is, of course, the greatest prize in the legal profession; the woolpack figures in every school book as representing the goal to which the ambitious youth who becomes a barrister has to aspire. The Lord Chancellorship has the additional attraction of carrying with it the handsome pension for life of five thousand pounds a year. Then the Lord Chancellor is the head of the Judiciary, and he is the presiding officer of the House of Lords and a member of the Cabinet.

Avoided Retirement. Most lawyers, when they get to that exalted position, are already in the sere and yellow leaf after a long and laborious struggle in the legal profession. It is to them a haven of rest after a stormy life on tempestuous seas. But Sir John Simon, when he was offered the position, was still a young man. This astonishingly progressive youth was only 42. Yet he refused the glittering prize, and not only that, he gave up an office worth fifteen thousand pounds a year for one that is worth only five thousand pounds a year, and which is worth even less now because of the arrangement by which the Ministers "pooled" their salaries so that each Minister might have practically the



Sir John Simon

same income of something like four thousand pounds a year.

What is the explanation of this refusal—unprecedented in British Parliamentary or legal history? It is evident that Sir John Simon values a merely political career more than the emoluments and the glitter of the highest legal offices. The general verdict in the House of Commons is that Sir John Simon took a poorly-paid political office because he hopes one day to be Prime Minister of the British Empire.

There can be little doubt that Sir John Simon has reason to entertain high ambitions. His enormous progress in so short a time is made more remarkable by his not starting life with any advantages. His father was a Welsh Nonconformist clergyman, a hale and very hearty gentleman to this day.

Was Poor Boy. When he went to Oxford the young Simon had to eke out a good deal of his living by the prizes which he won with great rapidity, and he fell in love with an Irish girl when he was still a youngster, married her, and was a husband and father while he was still struggling for his first bribe.

His lucidity of speech is accompanied by great suavity of temper and pleasantness of manner. Simon can make even a disagreeable bill quite simple and innocent. He was chosen the other day, for instance, to defend the Munitions bill, which introduced for the first time the principle of compulsion to workmen, and when he sat down you might well have imagined that the real purpose of the measure was to present sugar sticks to all the workmen, whereas the bill enabled the Government to fine any slackers among workmen in these days of crisis.

A Japanese mounts his horse on the right side.

## THE AURORA BOREALIS.

Looked Upon By Barbarians As An Omen of Slaughter.

Many people believe that the aurora borealis is a phenomenon peculiar to modern times. But this is not true. The ancients used to call it chasmata, bolides and trabes, names which expressed the different colors of the lights.

The scarlet aurora was looked upon by the superstitious barbarians as an omen of direful slaughter; so it is not unusual for descriptions of bloody battles to contain allusions to northern lights.

In the annals of Cleon-mac-noise it is recorded that in 688 A.D., accompanying a terrible battle between Leinster and Munster, Ireland, a purple aurora lit the northern skies, foretelling the slaughter.

To the Latins and Greeks of southern Europe the phenomenon rarely appeared and therefore their writings are almost, if not entirely, silent concerning it, yet it was not unknown to them.

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Did Took It, All Right.

Slowly, sadly the young man came along the garden path to the arbor where "neath blossoming roses the maiden waited."

"How did father take it?" she asked him anxiously.

"Oh, he took it all right," said the young man in a miserable voice.

"I'm so glad!" sighed the maid, in relief.

"Are you?" he replied, as he sank by her side on the seat. "Well, I can't say I am, dear. At first he wouldn't listen to me."

"But didn't you tell him you had \$4,000 in the bank?" she exclaimed.

"I did, when all my other arguments had failed."

"And what did he do then?"

"Do?" cried the young man, his voice fraught with despair. "He borrowed it."

Tea Coming Into Great Favor.

Not in the memory of the oldest tea planter has the price of tea reached before the present figure in Colombo. There seems to be a widespread movement in favor of tea throughout the world, and the supply is insufficient to cope with the increased demand.

Until the last of supply and demand adjusts itself higher prices for tea must be expected.

From His Native Town.

A tourist in Italy was surprised one morning to meet some people from his native town. "Why, Mrs. Lancelotti?" he cried. "How do you do? You are the last person I expected to see in Italy!" "If it isn't Mr. Jones!" exclaimed the lady in surprise. "Yes we are spending a brief time here. You must call on us often. You know just how it is—people we never think much of at home seem like dear friends when we meet them in a strange country."

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Despite the heavy appearance of the German soldiers' helmets, says London Tit-Bits, they are exceedingly light. They are made of steel, but they are nearly as light as a straw hat, and far more comfortable. The large military-looking spike is not placed on the top of the helmet for ornament alone. There are several large holes in it which ventilate the wearer's head. The steel from which the helmet is made is exceedingly thin—almost as thin as paper—and all round the inside, where the helmet touches the head, there are a number of springs. These springs, which are covered with leather, serve to keep the helmet firmly on the head, without any great pressure.

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"Why are you crying?" inquired a bystander. "You are no relation of Rothschild."

"No," howled the mourner; "that's just why I'm crying."

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"Thompson has made a discovery."

"Indeed?"

"Yes. He says that he has discovered that the more buttons there are on a woman's coat the greater the probability that it really fastens with hooks and eyes."

A light-hearted jest may be empty enough, yet the old world is all the better for it.

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## BLONDES SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

Here is a Warning, Girls, From a Man Who Knows.

Women of the blonde type take warning!

You must, above all things, if you are to avoid cancer of the skin, stay out in the hot sun. That admonition was made by Dr. C. Knowles during an illuminating discussion on the treatment of skin diseases before 500 members of the Philadelphia County Medical Society. Dr. Knowles said:

"A great percentage of skin diseases are cancerous growths. The blonde type of women when subjected to the rays of the sun is very susceptible to the disease. Not only the blonde woman, but the woman possessing a freckled face must avoid the sun. Such preventive measures will save them much trouble."

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