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### SIR IAN HAMILTON Our Commander in the Dardanelles A Story of Majuba

At the moment that Britishers are awaiting the development of the struggle for the Dardanelles, with the fate of Constantinople and the Turkish Empire in the balance, it is announced that the Commander of the Expeditionary Force is General Sir Ian Hamilton.

Ian Standish Monteith Hamilton is a Scot. His father, Colonel Christian Hamilton, once commanded the 92nd Highlanders. An ancestor on his father's side was aide-de-camp to the first Duke of Marlborough. So that the commander before the Dardanelles is by heredity and upbringing a soldier.

Born at Corfu 62 years ago, he was educated at Cheam, and later went to Wellington College. From thence he proceeded to Germany and had the good luck to form a close friendship with the fine old Hanoverian, General Dammer, from whom he learnt the language and much of the art and strategy of war. In 1875 he entered the 12th Foot, and later his father's old regiment, the 92nd, eventually with the 2nd battalion Gordon Highlanders, following the drum from garrison to garrison and working his way up. He went to India and had his first taste of active campaigning in the Afghan War. Hamilton was but a subaltern when the Boer War of 1881 broke out. With his regiment he was present at Majuba. That dismal story needs no re-telling, except that towards its close Hamilton rushed up to General George Colley in the impetuosity of youth:—"Pardon my presumption, sir," he said, "but will you let the Gordon Highlanders charge with the bayonet?" "No presumption, young gentleman," replied Colley with freezing calmness. "We'll let them charge us; then we'll give them a volley and charge."

The whole scene changed and broke. Colley was shot. The Boers occupied the position. Hamilton, shot through the wrist and covered with blood, with Hector Macdonald and many others, were taken prisoners. Hamilton was wearing his father's sword. He declined to surrender it even then. Luckily General Joubert arrived, and, admiring his courage, permitted him to retain it. Six months he was an invalid. To-day his paralysed and withered fingers on one hand he terms "my glorious deformity from Majuba."

He returned to India, and was coming home on leave when he stopped at Suez. The Soudan campaign had begun. The Gordon Highlanders had gone up towards Wady Halfa. He surmounted all the red tape put in his way and got his command, and fought with distinction receiving the "D.S.O." for his services.

Returning to India, he became an aide-de-camp on Lord Robert's Staff, and in those piping times of peace turned his talent to literary work. He published the "Fighting of the Future," "A Jaunt in a Junk" and a volume of verses, "The Ballad of Hadji and the Boer," which won high praise from Andrew Lang, who dedicated a volume of poems to him in the following lines:—

### Italy's Millions of Men Finely Equipped Army Awaiting the Call—Artillery and Aviation Problems

By J. A. Sinclair Footley, "Express" Correspondent.

WHEN the European conflict broke out Italy and her army were entirely unprepared to take part in any war, much less in a war of the enormous dimensions which the present conflict has assumed. The Libyan war, although only a colonial affair, had left considerable blanks in the equipment of the army which had not been replenished. It is no exaggeration to say that Italy last August would not have been able to stand the wear and tear of a European conflict for six weeks, even if she had not been beaten in the first fortnight.

In the past eight months, however, miracles have been performed, and if the moment arrives for Italy to join in the general tumult, she will be able to put in the field a first line of two million fighting men well equipped and eager for the fray.

The actual first line is a million strong, but as for war purposes each regiment is doubled, the effective strength of the first line will be brought up to nearly two million men under thirty years of age, without considering the territorial militia and the reserves, which would account for another million.

The infantry line is composed of

"To you, who know the face of war, You that for England wander far, You that have seen the Ghazis fly From English lads not sworn to die, You that have lain where, deadly chill, The mist crept o'er the Shameful Hill, You that have conquered mile by mile, The currents of unfriendly Nile, And cheered the march, and eased the strain, When Politics made valour vain, I am, to you from banks of Ken, We send our lays of Englishmen!"

He went through the Chitral Expedition and the Trade Campaign, commanding the 3rd Brigade, 1897-98. He had only been at home a few months when the South African war broke out. As Lieutenant-General he commanded the column on the flank of Lord Robert's main army from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. His force overcame the brunt of Boer resistance, marched more than 400 miles, fought ten general actions and 14 smaller affairs and captured five towns. Before Johannesburg General French came up, and as long senior to Hamilton would automatically assume command. Such was the good feeling and mutual confidence between these two soldiers who had been together at Ladysmith that the possibility of misunderstanding never arose. After that victory Ian Hamilton spoke a few brief words of thanks and praise to the Gordons. "The regiment my father commanded and I was born in," he said, and Lord Roberts wrote him, "I am delighted at your repeated successes." He was present at the triumphal entry into Pretoria and came home after serving as Chief of Staff to Lord Kitchener.

He has done many things since. With the Japanese army in Manchuria he brought home the lessons of that campaign. Chosen as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Mediterranean and Inspector-General Overseas Forces in 1910, he has visited the Colonies and Dominions. It is accurate to say that no officer knows more about the British Army at home and abroad, none has a better vision of its capacity.

Tall and distinguished, his features are a reflection of his versatile mind and amiable character. Essentially a "likeable" man, he has met almost every distinguished soldier of his day. The Kaiser has decorated him with the 1st Class Order of the Crown of Prussia and the 1st. Class Order of the Red Eagle. His medals and clasps and his "mentioned in despatches" would fill much space.

It is only one of the surprises of "his secret war" that Hamilton has appeared to command one of the finest fighting forces ever gathered under the British flag. Much has been expected of his strong, determined, brilliant officer in the past. With his coadjutor, General D'Amade, in command of the French Colonials and the Senegalese, his force has before it one of the most difficult operations of this greatest of wars. Lord Kitchener does not make mistakes in that matter.

The ordinary war formation is five squadrons to the regiment.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty with which Italy has had to contend in preparing for the field has been in the matter of artillery.

Long before the European conflict broke out, the War Minister had ordered a large number of batteries of the new Depote 75mm. field gun from France. On the outbreak of war the French manufacturers found that they were unable to supply the guns, as all their produce was required for the defence of France from the invader. Italy was therefore in a hole. Some months after the war had been in progress they were able to obtain from the French General Staff one battery as a sample. This battery has been the model on which many batteries have been manufactured in Italy.

Throughout the winter the factories have been working night and day to fill the requirements of the army, and even the State railway works have been utilised for the manufacture of limbers and gun carriages. Besides the Depote 75, the army is equipped with the Krupp 75.

As a result of the experience gained in the present war the number of guns to a battery has been reduced from six to four. The Minister of War, in explaining the reason for this change, stated that experience had now shown that a quick-firing battery of four guns was superior to the old arrangement of six guns, while from the mobile point of view it was distinctly advisable to adopt the new arrangement.

Twelve regiments of mountain artillery, with thirteen regiments divided between siege, fortress, and coast artillery, and six regiments of heavy field artillery complete the equipment of the Italian gunners.

Many-Sided Fighters.

The peculiar physical conditions of Italy make it necessary that the army engineer corps shall be many-sided. Besides six regiments of sappers, it contains one regiment of miners, three regiments of bridgers, one regiment of Lagunari, one regiment of aerostats, fifteen battalions of aeroplaneists, with about 300 aeroplanes (not counting private owners and air-men), and three regiments of railway engineers.

Following the German example, the Italian Engineer Specialist Brigade formerly put their faith in dirigibles in preference to aeroplanes. The war has shown that the dirigible is a very much overrated weapon of offence, except for the slaughter of innocent women and children. Recently, therefore, there has been an entire revision of the Italian aeronautic services, and the aviators have been organised on a larger and broader basis. It is unlikely that either dirigibles or aeroplanes will be of much service in an Alpine campaign, but should the operations lead towards the Adriatic aeroplane work will be of the first importance.

It will thus be seen that the Italian army, if it takes the field, will be in a good condition to meet the enemy. The morale of the men is excellent, and though there may be many who would have preferred that Italy remain outside the contest, when they have once donned the garb they will rejoice to be once again at the old foe.

The other day I was talking to a young officer just recalled to the colours. I had known him as a violent pro-German. I asked him now how he felt now that he was called up. He patted his chest proudly, and answered: "Now that I am wearing the uniform I have no more politics."

The neutralist movement in Italy is almost dead. For a complexity of reasons the nation now desires war. The army is young and energetic. It represents the flower of the land. One by one the classes have been recalled and drilled. Now officials have been appointed, the nuclei of fresh regiments formed, and generals have been appointed.

### A Belgian Story

Here is a story brought to England by a Belgian lady, whose home was a chateau near Louvain. A number of German officers were quartered in her house. Their behaviour frightened her. She appealed to the military Governor. He answered her with a gross insult. She left her home, and heard that in her absence it had been burnt. Returning to it, she made some inquiries of a group of German officers on the road, who replied that the house was untouched and offered to escort her back. When she came within sighting distance of her dwelling, she found that it had vanished. The officers burst into rude laughter at her dismay. "Do you think," said one of them, "that we escorted you merely for the pleasure of your company?"

A Washington telegram states that the tolls on vessels using the Panama Canal fell \$261,000 short of the amount required to meet expenses up to March.

Among the mineral exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition is a block of bituminous coal, weighing 1,600 pounds, and another weighing 10,000 pounds, these blocks represent the per capita production of 1876 and 1913 respectively, for the United States. The anthracite blocks indicate relatively small gain, from 1,140 to 1,880 pounds.

William Penn, in his Charter of Rights, provided that for every five

acres of forest cleared, one acre should be left in wood. Forests of today maintain that one-fifth of every farm should be timber.

The Footballers' Battalion (17th Middlesex Regiment) left the White City to take up training in camp. Until it receives the call for active service it will remain at Holmbury Park, Dorking, the residence of Mr. Joynson-Hicks, M.P., who founded the battalion.

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