













THE STORY OF THE SEPOY REBELLION

A Personal Narrative by an Officer Describing His Almost Miraculous Escape From Death.

(Written specially for the Times from a hitherto unpublished diary of Col. Osborn.)

Thursday was the forty-eighth anniversary of the Sepoy revolt at Delhi, on May 11th, 1857, and we give our readers to-day a hitherto unpublished and true account of that stirring episode.

It was written, with other notes, by the late Colonel Danvers Osborn, the only wounded officer to escape from Delhi, who died in 1908. This officer, who had previously served as brigade-major at Lahore, 1866-1867, was adjutant of the 14th Native Infantry, which was at Delhi.

An Indian historian has written about this intriguing officer "whose extraordinary adventures in the Indian Mutiny must be remembered by many amongst us, and would well deserve a permanent record."

Notwithstanding that after enduring incredible sufferings he was eventually carried to Meerut more dead than alive, he was able to take the merriment and comparatively short stay in hospital as a private soldier of the 12th Regiment of the British Army.

On Monday morning, the 11th of May, 1857, the Delhi Brigade, consisting of a battery of native artillery and three regiments of native infantry, viz: the 23rd N. I., 54th N. I., and 74th N. I., were paraded to hear a government order read out to them, after which the officers of the 54th N. I., repaired as usual to the "coffee shop" at the mess, returning as the sun got hot to their respective bungalows and to their duties.

Soon afterwards I received information that the native cavalry from Meerut had arrived at the bridge of boats at the entrance to Delhi, and were trying to rouse the city; the colonel of the 54th had also received this information. I turned out to the parade ground and found that many men of the regiment had already got ready and were assembling on parade; some of them were holding up their muskets as at an imaginary enemy.

We entered Delhi and were crossing the open space in front of the church, when we saw a small body of cavalry riding towards the corner of the square. Directly they perceived the regiment the native officer in command halted the party and waving his sword as a signal to the men came towards the regiment.

The colonel now gave the order to load when the native cavalry began firing their pistols at our men without effect, while some of the regiment replied, but obviously without intent to kill, as I did not see a single trooper fall.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT SIMLA, INDIA

LADY DESCRIBES THE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES

Great Damage to Property—Many People Were Rendered Homeless—Inhabitants Panic Stricken.

The niece of a Victoria lady who was at Simla, India, at the time of the earthquake when hundreds of people lost their lives, writing on April 6th, says: "We have had a very terrible experience here the last two days, in the shape of the most serious and dreadful series of earthquakes that Simla has ever seen."

Thank God, we are all safe. I was awakened Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock by the most awful crashing noise; the whole house was swaying and rocking; crockery and lamps falling and smashing; and windows flying open. Oh! it was just awful.

I made one rush for the nursery, seized baby out of her bed, and shouted to Mrs. W. "Bring me down my trunk and my life, the house is falling!" We were in the upper story. I was staggered down the staircase—the house groaning and swaying under us. I had to cling to the banisters to keep my footing with baby in my arms.

So did Captain and Mrs. O., who have been staying here the last week, and the house is still standing. The servants were collected in a frightened group, too, and we all rushed down, away from the house, to the tennis court and watched, expecting every minute to see the house fall.

It was over 48 hours ago that the first and worst shock took place, and we have been having, continuous shocks ever since. We have had to desert the upper story of the house altogether, as it is badly cracked and unsafe. As we are all downstairs now, and the O.'s and I have seen the last two nights sitting up, dressed and ready for any emergency.

On the night of the 4th I counted seventeen shocks between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. The children go to bed as usual, only with thick coats on, ready for emergencies. Miss B. was the same. I sit in the little office room off my stairs, ready to snatch them up and fly at any instant.

Simla has fallen into a panic. Many houses have fallen down; the church has been damaged, and so has the vice-regal lodge. Lady Curzon fled to a narrow escape, a cobra crawling into the room just as she was on her head. She has fled from the lodge with the children, and taken refuge in a smaller house.

My house had a property less than might have been expected up here. In the whole hillside full in, burying people and houses wholesale. It is just as if the hillside were a simply terrible sitting-room, waiting for the next shock—and all our nerves are unstrung.

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The most really terrifying thing I have ever seen in my life was yesterday when one shock occurred. I was standing on the veranda and the bearer shouted, "Look there, sahib! Look!" and pointed to the ground. It cracked and opened, and a small stream of water issued from the hole. It was the most frightful, dreadful thing I have ever seen in my life.

The children have both behaved splendidly, and given no trouble at all. Mrs. O. too, has been most noble and brave. None of us have disgraced ourselves by showing panic, though we all admit we have been, and still are, more frightened than ever before in our lives.

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REGULAR MEETING Of the Trades and Labor Council Was Held Wednesday Night.

There was a fair attendance of delegates at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council Wednesday night.

THE SITUATION IN CHICAGO. Chicago, May 15.—As a result of today's developments in the recent strike, the employers replied its speedy end, while the labor leaders assert that the strike will spread and will be aided...

THE CORONIA FLOATED. New York, May 18.—The Corona was floated at 8 o'clock this morning from the mud bank off Sandy Hook, where she struck while bound on Tuesday afternoon.

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and found that the spot was just outside the village. Several of the people, unarmed, came to me and relieved me of my watch, ring and sword, but did not molest me further.

I had not been quiet very long when a native watchman came along and claimed the bedstead as his property and threw me off it, then raised a spear as if to strike me, but he was suddenly desisted and walked off, taking his bedstead with him, so that I was obliged to lie on the ground, the disagreeable part of this being the visits of black ants, which swarmed through the holes in my clothes and clustered round my wound.

Later on an old gardener came to me and I was grateful to him, for he brought me a few "chupatties" (native cakes) and water in an earthenware pot. However, I had made up my mind I was never going to see an English face again, and all I wanted was to be allowed to die in peace.

So the days passed until Saturday evening, and in my delirium I heard the sound as of men's feet running, and awoke to consciousness and hoped that the end would come quickly, and I looked up and beheld several men with belted-up, upon which, they placed me and said they were going to carry me to Meerut. They carried me with a sheet and told me I was safe for the night, or hands, and if anyone spoke to me they would say they had a sick Mahomedan going to Meerut to see a native doctor. They had no time to spare and with me on the journey. After proceeding some miles they halted after dark at the house of some "Synds," where I was received in the kindest manner.

My sorrow was very great on learning the sad fate of my six companions, who had been massacred very close to the spot where they had been obliged to leave me.

PROSPECTOR SACRAMENTO TO WOUNDS RECEIVED IN FIGHT WITH ROBBERS in the Sudan.

Chicago, May 17.—Word of the death of Lester C. Winterton, as the result of a night attack by native robbers at Wady Halfa, Sudan, has been received by his parents in Chicago.

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WALTHOUR WON. Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta, defeated Harry Caldwell, of New Hampshire, by one mile in a twenty-mile straight-away motor paced race last night.

UP Co. RLEY Co., Ltd. LS RS .. DD. HOME 55. Mr. Clement all parts of the returned Monday he had been the installation of He told me had gone into found it would comprise pipe and necessitate a septic tank size, with filter of Pernie also it to the people to install a new The colonel well pleased with The town with about 2,000, with elements at Coal boring towns of Many new build- ing, and though a his bright and went to Ross- to get a view of and Power Com- ton Falls. It- tional plant rice power to ay. A current unsanitized to re- factory and at Greenwood. day the jury, in charged with civil proceedings being out about Morrison dis- Wednesday with at the present on the trial of fuzgitz, charged the witness premises incensed. Very ear in the case, for the balance pipe merchant. W. C. block, a handsome in cash. R SERVICE. May 18.—The fan parliament by without the for the estab- Norwegian com- on, England, to d from the Old business trip and considerable time. on May 15th, years. arnabas church, r, on Tuesday. if, third day. Minnie, second lies, of Sausich. Paisley, Scot- sur Todd, aged Hamilton, and ichan.

