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The Soudan Forces.

If the Madhi, who was by all accounts a merciful if misguided man, were living today, he would perhaps repent in bitterness that he ever preached throughout the Soudan the Jihad, or holy war, raising those marvelous hosts of fanatical "Fuzzy Wuzzies" which shivered the puny armies wherewith the government of Egypt bolstered up its power along the Upper Nile; which fell upon Hicks Pasha's 10,000 men and blotted them out in a day, and swept away within a single year all the traces of that civilization which had begun to do so much for equatorial Africa.

More than fifteen years have passed since the dominion of the Madhi in the Soudan began, and at this late date it is for the first time rumored, with something like a show of authority, that Egypt, the puppet behind which England pulls the strings, is seriously to advance for the purpose of reconquering the lost provinces. This reconquest is sooner or later inevitable, the sooner the better for civilization and the future of Africa.

Roughly speaking, the Mahdists or Derivishes rule in the heart of Africa, a territory stretched along a portion of the Lower Nile and along both branches of the Upper Nile, a thousand miles from east to west, a thousand miles from north to south, and inhabited by millions of people. Within this territory fifteen years have seen great changes, whose precise nature no man in civilization exactly knows.

Nearly opposite the site of Khartoum has sprung up with the rapidity surpassing the growth of the boom towns of the west, a new city, the capital of the Mahdi and of his successor, Omdurman. Here, where twenty years ago was nothing but a huddle of tribesmen's huts marking a ferry from the western bank of the Nile to the low sand-bar at the foot of Khartoum, has sprung up a town some three or four miles in extent, walled against invasion, dotted with the domes of mosques and shining in the clear Soudanese sun with the glittering decorations of palaces. At the heart of the town is the new shrine of Soudanese Mohammedism, the burial place where the late Mahdi was interred within a year after his great triumph over Chinese Gordon at Khartoum by his successor Khalifa Abdullah, who is himself still sometimes mistakenly called the Mahdi, but whose real title is Muntazer el Mahdi, or successor of the Mahdi. The Khalifa was one of the four generals of the late Mahdi and was by the latter proclaimed before his death as his successor. He disposed of all his rivals and the relatives of the late Mahdi by the usual Oriental method of slaughter or imprisonment.

No one knows what the population of the Soudan may now be, but is not doubted that it has decreased 50, 60, possibly even 75 per cent., within two decades; but though less in absolute size, it is far more concentrated, so that the Khalifa still has at his command great armies of resolute men, bound to him not less by interest than by religious fervor. And about his low-walled Omdurman, he has drawn as a safeguard against attack or assassination, many thousands of desert warriors.

Thus the Khalifa is strong, but his strength is of the sort that would yield readily to a determined attack. The fanaticism of the followers of the Mahdi himself, when fifteen years ago they hurled their naked bodies against the lines of the well drilled soldiers, has declined with the discovery that the promised victory over all the world has not come to pass. For this reason a resolute advance made by the armies of Egypt might encounter sharp fighting for a time, but if they were successful in the capture of Dongola, the birthplace of the Mahdi himself, and now the northernmost possession of the Derivishes, it is probable that desertions would be numerous and that whole tribes of harried desert dwellers would go over in masses to the Egyptians. The situation is not what it was sixteen years ago. Had the Mahdi lived, it is probable that the power of the Derivishes might now be more strongly entrenched for to considerable ability the Mahdi added a reasonable degree of human kindness. For his successor, Khalifa, no word of excuse can be uttered; his character as it has been painted by Slatin Pasha, Father Don Joseph Ohrwalder, and one or two other European prisoners who have escaped to Cairo, and as it has been revealed by his wholesale murders, his shameless private life, and his lack of ordinary intelligence, is utterly and irredeemably bad. In order to remove the least excuse which devout Mohammedans might seize upon to leave the country, the Khalifa has decreed that it is no longer the duty of the faithful to make pilgrimages to Mecca, but to the tomb of the Mahdi, a small hexagonal structure, crowned with a dome, which stands in the heart of Omdurman itself. An Ex Cairene.

"To My Life's End."

Old age brings many aches and pains which must be looked after if health is to be maintained. This depends more than anything else on the kidneys. "I am 85 years old," writes A. Duffin, farmer, Aultsville, Ont., "and have had kidney trouble five years. My son advised Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I obtained immediate relief. I shall use them to my life's end." You will find Chase's Pills equally effective for that lame back.

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THE MUSINGS OF THE WICKED IMP.

MEANS TO TAKE A TRIP TO AFRICA.

Expects a Cheque from Chamberlain.— Meditates on Bicycling.—Something About Morals and Shows.



I am thinking of going to Africa, and am just now writing a note to Joseph Chamberlain asking him if the home government will kindly send me a cheque to pay my expenses. Things are too quiet around Woodstock to suit my adventurous disposition, and I mean to make a start for Buluwayo. I like the sound of that word. It's very near to bully way, and I dare say it is a bully place. I will stick by the British forces as long as it pays to do so. If Osman Digna and his derivishes get the upper hand I will, of course, resign my position in the British expedition, and join Osman. It may go a little hard on me to associate with the derivishes at first, but, as long as there is any money in it, I will swallow any little inconvenience of that kind. At all events I can't stay much longer in Woodstock. Its too defunct a place altogether for me. The general elections will be on soon. I expect to get enough money for my vote and influence to set me up a bit, and that with the cheque I expect from Chamberlain will probably carry me to Buluwayo, and pay for a week's board, when I ought to strike a job.

There is piety and then again there is piety and "there are others." The piety of the old puritans had its source in the theory that all that pertained to the senses was sinful; even a pleasant smile partook of the devilish and so the puritan face never relaxed into anything nearer a smile than a sardonic grin. Then there is another sort of piety that comes from selfishness and avarice. This sort we find in men who love the nimble penny more than they love good wholesome fun. They won't expend a quarter on an evening's mirth and rather than own up that it is from love of the quarter, they place it on the ground that the mirth is sinful. But, when a free show invades the town, this theory of the sinfulness of pleasure vanishes into thin air and the propounder thereof proceeds to usurp the privileges of the bald head brigade and get a seat in the orchestra circle. He does not laugh hilariously at the funny things, for that would be an admission of enjoyment, but he looks serious and critical and goes away to say the show was bad and degrading and he doesn't see how self-respecting people can attend such things and he is not seen at another show until a free one comes again. How often is meanness and stinginess called by the name of piety. Please remember these profound remarks when the next circus lauds in town and you see people such as I have described among the most eager spectators of the free street parade.

The bicyclist is beginning to show himself, and he is one of the most welcome signs of spring. In a little while he will be scouring the country right and left. He is becoming a most useful factor in social life. The agitation in favor of better roads has received its most forceful impetus at the hands of the knight of the wheel. He is a regular detective and the town or parish that neglect to keep their roads in good shape hear from him every time. Such and such a road is pronounced first class, such another is loudly condemned. Some town is a splendid place because its streets if not paved with gold, are at least well kept; another, is a disgrace on account of the deplorable condition of its highways. I fear Woodstock ranks in this latter list.

I am writing a spring poem on the ingenuity of the honest farmer who carries much brown sugar out into the forest primeval and there deftly, by slight of hand transforms it into maple syrup. It's a wise man, who, when paying for maple syrup, can swear he is not getting oil of brown sugar.

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