

LORD WOLSELEY.

Interesting Sketch of The Life of The New Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

The announcement that General Lord Wolseley had been chosen to succeed the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the British army causes the greatest possible gratification among the government's friends and supporters.

For many years Wolseley has been to Tory minds the ideal soldier—the greatest living master of the art of war. General Lord Roberts, for many years commander-in-chief of the forces in India, and who for the past two years has been in Great Britain receiving the admiration to which his prowess in Asia entitled him, is his only rival, but he has never filled the public mind as the man who boldly sat in judgment on the deeds of Wellington and Bonaparte, and on the campaigns of General Ulysses S. Grant.

His popularity is due almost entirely to his military prowess. There is nothing imposing or magnetic about his appearance. He is not the fine physique of Lord "Bobs." Slim, small stature, with a ruddy face, firmly lined, searching blue eyes and drooping moustache, his general bearing is by no means that of the typical soldier of romance. Although 62 years of age, he looks at least a decade younger, and his Irish birth shows itself in a marked brogue.

The Irishman in his constitution also shows itself in a suave manner and a not altogether suppressed tendency to blarney his friends, although during the last score years of his life he has succeeded in getting rid of that Irish trait. His boast is that he always says exactly what he thinks of friend or foe and to their faces. Often he excoriates his contemporaries in quite unprofessional style in the magazines and reviews, paying no more respect to living generals such as Lord Roberts than he does to Napoleon, Wellington, Grant, Caesar or Hannibal.

It must not be supposed, however, that Lord Wolseley is one of those soldiers who do most of their fighting with pen and ink. He has had many more than his share of hard campaigns since he entered the army as an ensign in March, 1852. From that time he was in the notable battles in which the British army has been engaged. He was an ensign during the second Burmese war. At the siege of Sebastopol he was lieutenant, and rose on that field to the rank of captain in the first month of 1855. On his way to China in 1857 he endured the hardships of the sea, being wrecked near Singapore. He took part in the suppression of the Indian mutiny in that year, receiving a commission as major in March 1858, and the next year gaining a lieutenant colonelcy at the age of 26 years.

In 1860 he served on the staff of the quartermaster-general throughout the Chinese campaign, for which he received the honor of a medal with two clasps. He was appointed deputy quartermaster-general in Canada in October, 1867, and commanded the expedition to the Red River. His gallantry on the field and his services as an executive officer won him a nomination as a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and George in 1870, and upon his return to England he was made assistant adjutant-general at the War Office in 1871.

When the Ashantee war began, in August, 1873, he was chosen to command the British troops, with the local ranks of major-general. The African campaign was a brilliant one, the natives being defeated at every turn, General Wolseley entering Comossie on Feb. 5, 1874, and receiving the submission of the king. His return to England was a great popular triumph. Like a second Scipio Africanus he was the hero of the day. Parliament passed a resolution thanking him for his services to the British Crown and granting him £125,000 as a partial reward for his "courage, energy and perseverance." The Queen made him a Knight Commander of the Bath, while the city of London, not to be outdone in favoring the popular hero, presented him with the freedom of the city and a splendid sword valued at 100 guineas.

He was shortly afterward made commander of the auxiliary forces, but it being felt that his services were needed in Africa where success had previously met him at every turn, he was despatched to Natal, to act as governor of that colony, to advise the Colonial office of the best form of government for the natives, and to arrange for suitable military organization and defenses in the event of another outbreak.

Upon his return to London he was again made commander of the auxiliary forces, and a member of the council for India. His last appointment was as Governor of Cyprus and commander-in-chief of the army in that newly acquired important military point. African warfare again demanded his services in June, 1879, and he was made governor and high commissioner of Natal, the whole of the Zulu war being left in his hands. In this venture he was successful as always, succeeding in destroying the strongholds of Sikukuni. At the close of the campaign he held successively the offices of quartermaster-general and adjutant-general of the army, but when the expeditionary force was sent to Egypt, in 1882, he was chosen as its leader. His services there gained him again the thanks of parliament as well as the title of Baron Wolseley, of Cairo, and of Wolseley in the County of Staff.

He also obtained the rank of full general, while both the great English universities conferred upon them their highest degrees. Almost before he had thoroughly rested himself from the Egyptian campaign he was sent back to that country to the relief of General Gordon. This was the only failure in his career, and even for this only his enemies hold him accountable. Through a combination of circumstances his steamer arrived at Khartoum 48 hours too late, rendering the expedition abortive. To condole him for his disappointment the popular hero was thanked for his services by both houses of parliament, and was made Viscount Wolseley. In 1890 he retired from being adjutant-general to the forces and became commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, which position he has since held.

Wounds as well as honors have been Lord Wolseley's lot since he first donned a red uniform. In leading a storming party while ensign during England's war with Burmah in 1854, both he and his brother officer were shot down as they entered the enemy's works. The other bled to death in five minutes, and it was only as if by a miracle and after intense suffering that the life of the future commander-in-chief of the British army was saved. During the siege of Sebastopol he was wounded three times and on one occasion, while working in the trenches, he was bowled over by a solid shot striking him. He was picked up for dead, hardly recognizable from the number of wounds on his face. The surgeons declared that there was no possibility of his recovery, but he took a different view of the matter and lived to see them all in their graves, although for a long time he was compelled to live in a dark room, total blindness being threatened.

While not engaged in fighting with the sword, Lord Wolseley has been wielding the pen with almost as good effect. In his essays he has not hesitated to criticize almost every great general of ancient and modern times. To complete the picture of the English hero there is need only to add that he is a confirmed prohibitionist and an inveterate smoker. He has an only daughter of marriageable age, who will inherit his viscounty.

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Game Law Amendments.

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Prof. E. Stone Higgins Predicts.
OTTAWA, Sept. 7.—Prof. E. Stone Higgins, referring to his prediction of a great storm in September, 1893, has the following predictions of a great storm during this month.

On looking over my predictions of this storm, made in Sept. 21st, 1893, 12 years afterwards. On the 15th of the present month the moon will pass over the sun's disk, a few degrees west of San Francisco, causing a solar eclipse, the moon herself being in perigee, and two hours later on the celestial equator Mars and Venus will both be in conjunction with her on that day. A great storm, therefore, will sweep the shores of all the continents from the equator to the poles as early as the 17th, but on the east coast of North America will reach its climax with high tides by the afternoon of Saturday, 21st inst. There is danger of volcanic upheaval on the meridian of Japan, and of earthquakes in South America and Mexico.

La Grippe working question has been discussed.

Friendships.

A person who neither loves nor is loved must be wretched indeed. Better to pass out of existence than to neither esteem others nor be esteemed ourselves. In younger minds there is commonly a strong propensity to particular intimacies and friendships. Youth indeed, is the season when friendships are sometimes formed, which not only continue through succeeding life, but which grow to the last, with a tenderness unknown to the connections begun in cooler years. The propensity therefore, is not to be discouraged though at the same time it must be regulated with much circumspection and care. Too many of the pretended friendships of youth are mere combinations in pleasure. They are often founded on capricious likings, suddenly contracted and suddenly dissolved. Sometimes they are the effect of interested complaisance and flattery on the one side, and of credulous fondness on the other. Beware of such rash and dangerous connections, which afterwards may load you with dishonor. Remember that by the character of those whom you choose for your friends, your own is likely to be formed, and will certainly be judged of by the world. Be slow, therefore, and cautious in contracting intimacy; but when a virtuous friendship is once established consider it as a sacred engagement. Expose not yourselves to the reproach of lightness and inconsistency, which always bespeak either a trifling or a base mind. Reveal none of the secrets of your friend. Be faithful to his interests. Forsake him not in danger. Abhor the thought of acquiring any advantage by his prejudice or hurt.

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On Saturday fire was discovered in the thirty-seventh level of the Osceola, Mich. copper mine. Thirty miners were at work at the time, and at last reports but one had been rescued, a pump boy, and he died shortly after he reached the open air. The blaze of the thirty seventh level is 3,600 feet below the earth's surface.

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