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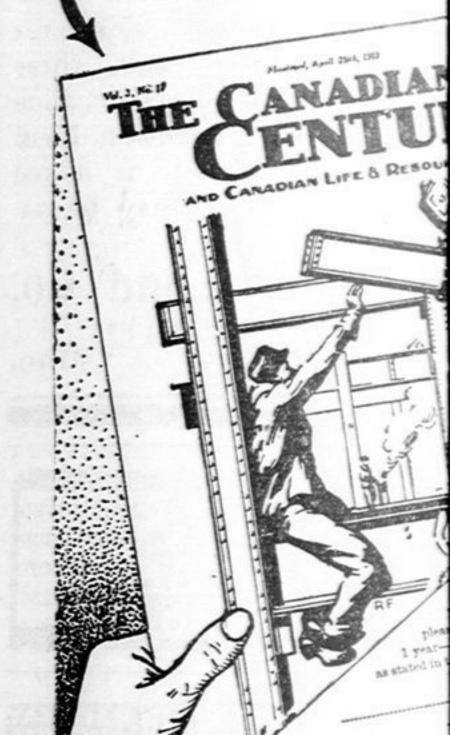
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A Ctory of the Indian Mutiny — By —

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The Expiation Two hours after midnight-that is time of rest and peace in most lands. den have either ceased or not yet beun their toil. Even warfare, the deadliest task of all, slackens its energy, and the ghostly reaper leans R. MACFARLANE, TOWN AGENT on his scythe while wearied soldiers sleep. Wellington knew this when he aid that the bravest man was he who ossessed "two-o'clock-in-the-morning" ourage, for shadows then become THE POPULAR real, and dangers anticipated but un-

seen are magnified tenfold. Tourist Route to Yet, soon after two o'clock in the morning of September 14, 1857, four :housand five hundred soldiers assemoled behind the Ridge for the greatest achievement that the Mutiny had denanded during the four months of its wonderful history. They were divided nto five columns, one being a reserve. Kawartha Lakes, etc.

or address A. E. Duff, District Pass- nurder, rapine and pillage, such as the utmost triumph of the rebels had JAMES R. GUN, Town Agent; J. lot yet produced.

as he rode slowly along the front of were beaten. New Pumps, Pump Re- he gathering columns, nor that many They were not, but the over-caution

their last parade.

In some tents, of their own accord, city, ever excellent in war, is sound the soldiers read the Old Testament as a proposition in Euclid in opera-

thee up like the canker-worm." men and children, but were inspired Grant's cavalry and Tomb's magnifimining operations summarily stopped. lines at lower prices, the by a religious enthusiasm that showed cent horse artillery tackled them. A mining operations summarily stopped. by a religious enthusiasm that showed terrific melee ensued. Twenty-five itself in almost every diary kept and terrific melee ensued. Twenty-five army cut its way into Lucknow. Un-

Brigadier Jones, was to storm the fell.

*********** cess Roshinara. Strict orders were lighting. given that the King and members of and other leaders of rebel brigades, it devolved when it became known that among so many. Not even Nicholson the palace, tried a ruse that might to relieve the Residency. could ask his men to be generous in well have proved fatal to his adver-

> reached their allotted stations and to be strewn with bottles of wine, beer that added to the dangers of Lucknow's ders, crept to the front.

quiet confidence in the success of his to repel the advance of Taylor's engi-

Nicholson turned to Malcolm and the afternoon of the 14th might have two others of his aides.

Left and right they hurried, stumbling over the broken ground to reach the batteries, which were thundering at short range against the fast crumbling walls. In No. 2, which Malcolm entered, he found a young lieutenant of artillery, Frederick Sleigh Roberts, bers, allowed themselves to be dealt working a heavy gun almost singlehanded, so terribly had the royal reginent suffered in the contest waged cays' orgy of destruction began. with the rebel gunners during the even days and nights.

Almost simultaneously the three batteries became silent. With a heartstirring cheer the Rifles dashed forvard and fired a volley to cover the dvance of the ladder-men, and the irst step was taken in the actual capure of Delhi.

The loud yell of the Rifles served is a signal to the other columns. The econd, gallantly led by Jones, rushed p to the Water Bastion and entered t, but not until twenty-nine out of hirty-nine men carrying ladders were tilled or wounded. On Jones's right, Vicholson, ever in the van, seemed to lift his column by sheer strength of will through an avalanche of musketry, neavy stones, grape-shot and bayonet hrusts, while the rebels, swarming ike wasps to the breach, inspired each other by hurling threats and curses at the Nazarenes. But to stop Nicholson and his host they must kill every man, and be killed themselves in the killing, and, not having the stomach for that sort of fight, they ran

Thus far a magnificent success had been achieved. It was carried further almost perfected, by the splendid selfsacrifice displayed by the six who had promised to blow open the Cashmere Gate. To this day their names are and the task before them was to carry | blazoned on a tablet between its two by assault a strongly fortified city, arches-"Lieutenants Home and Salsurrounded by seven miles of wall and keld of the Engineers, Bugler Hawlitch, held by forty thousand trained thorne of the 52nd and Sergeants Car-Muskoka Express leaves Toronto soldiers and equipped with ample store michael, Smith and Burgess of the of guns and ammunition. Success Bengal Sappers." Smith and Haw-10.15 a.m. Daily, except Sunday meant the certain loss of one man thorne lived to wear the Victoria Making direct connection at Muskoka among four-failure would carry with | Crosses awarded for their feat. The Wharf for all Muskoka Lake points ta rout and massacre unexampled in others, while death glazed their eyes over that he heard how Hodson had and dimmed their ears, may have captured the King and shot the royal Men had fallen in greater numbers known by the rush of men past where princes with his own hand. This tra-Round Trip Homeseekers' in the Crimea, it is true—a British they lay that their sacrifice had not gedy took place on the road from Excursions to The West rmy had been swallowed alive in the been in vain. The stout timbers and Humayun's Tomb, whither the at Low Rates, via Sarnia or Chicago wild Knyber Pass—but these were hon bands were left by the powder was seen that Delhi must yield. Hodwild Khyber Pass-but these were iron bands were rent by the powder wretched monarch retreated when it Literature, tickets and full informa- whereas the collapse of the assailants passage through the double gateway son claimed to be an executioner, not tion from any Grand Trunk Agent, of Delhi would set free a torrent of into the tiny square in front of St.

Then, as if the story of Delhi were to serve as a microcosm of fortune's The Punjab, the whole of the North- smiles and frowns in human affairs, west, Central India, and Rajputana, all the victorious career of the British northern Bengal and Bombay, must columns received a serious, almost a have been submerged in the flood if mortal check. The mutineers were in the gates of Delhi were unbarred. It full retreat, terror-stricken and disis not to be marvelled at, therefore, mayed. Thousands were already :hat General Wilson, the Commander- crossing the bridge of boats when the ANYONE ONE NEEDING n-Chief, "looked nervous and anxious" word went round that the Feringhis

of the British officers and men re-ceived the Holy Communion at the for months again betrayed itself in nands of their chaplains, ere they the failure of the second column to JNO. SCHULTZ or myself at the shop | mustered for what might prove to be | capture the Lahore Gate when that

vital position lay at its mercy. Auda-

It cleanses the siege, fortify the strongholds . . . | peachable tactics, but bad generalship of a garrison that had ceased even to sword shall cut thee off; it shall eat Instantly Akhab Khan, who command- death, was the prevalent attitude in ed in that quarter of the city, claimed Lucknow until the Highland bonnets How thrilling, how intensely person- a victory. The mutineers flocked back were seen tossing above the last line And now, while the brilliant stars wounded, the 9th Lancers suffered trenchment and announced the comwere dimmed by bursting shells and with equal severity, but the rebels trenchment and announced the comwere dimmed by bursting shells and with equal severity, but the rebels rockets hissing in glowing curves were held, punished, and defeated, ing relief. He was not believed. Twice already had he brought that

English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh- cost England a life that she could ill fied his news. English, Scotch, Irish and Weish— cost England a life that she could in swarthy Pathans, bearded Sikhs, dap- spare. When he heard what had hap- fred by this time sought him and Shoes for men and women to per little Ghoorkahs—marched side by pened, Nicholson ran to the Moll Bas-side, from the first column on the left, tion, gathered men from both col-side, from the first column on the left, tion, gathered men from both col-none. There was a rumor that Delhi fourth, on the extreme right, led by Bastion at all hazards. It was asking had fallen, and an officer had told prices. The plan of attack was daring and did not falter. They followed their on Nicholson's staff. That was all. soldier-like. John Nicholson, ever beloved leader into a narrow lane, Not a letter, not a sign, came to resoldier the heart-broken girl so the claiming the post of utmost danger, the only way from the one point to the assure the heart-broken girl, so the elected to hurl his men across the other. They fell in scores, but Nich- joy of Havelock's arrival was dimmed breach made by the big guns in the olson's giant figure still towered in for her by the uncertainty that ob-Cashmere Bastion, the strongest of the front. With sword raised he shouted tained in regard to her lover's fate. many strong positions held by the to the survivors to come on. Then a enemy. The second column, under bullet struck him in the chest and he again. After having endured a plague

second breach in the walls at the With him, for a time, drooped the nant of the original garrison was sub- The Big Water Bastion. The third, headed by flag of Britain. The utter confusion Colonel Campbell, was to pass through which followed is shown by Lord Robthe Cashmere Gate when the gallant ert's statement in his Memoirs that he six who had promised to blow open the found Nicholson lying in a dhooly near gate itself had accomplished their task, the Cashmere Gate, the native carriers while the fourth column, under Major having fled. Although Baird Smith, a Reid, undertook to clear the suburbs skilled engineer and artillerist, had of Kishengunge and Pahadunpore and secured against a coup de main that force its way into the city by way of small portion of the city occupied by the besiegers, General Wilson was Brigadier Longfield, commanding the minded to withdraw the troops. Even reserve, had to follow and support now he considered the task of subdu-Nicholson. Generally speaking, if ing Delhi to be beyond their powers, each separate attack made good its Baird Smith insisted that he should objective, the different columns were hold on. Nicholson sent a typical mesto line up along the walls, form posts, sage from his deathbed on the Ridge and combine for the bombardment and that he still had strength enough left escalade of the fortress-palace. Nich- to struggle to his feet and pistol the olson, who directed the assault, had first man who counseled retreat, and not forgotten the half-implied bargain the harassed commander-in-chief conmade between Malcolm and the Prin- sented to the continuance of the

giving quarter, when nine out of every saries. Counting on the exhaustion of the chief command as soon as Haveten mutineers they encountered were the British and the privations they had lock joined hands with Inglis, called less soldiers than slayers of women endured during the long months on the for a volunteer who would act as Sir Ridge, he caused the deserted streets, Colin's guide through the network of At last, in the darkness, the columns between the Cashmere and Mori Gates, canals, roads, and scattered suburbs halted. The engineers, carrying lad- and spirits. To men enfeebled by narrow streets, and a man named heat and want of food the liquor was Kavanagh, an uncovenanted civilian, Nicholson placed a hand on Jones's more deadly than lead or steel. Were offered his services. "Are you ready?" he asked, with the shot through the forehead while trying to repel the advance of Taylor's engiself-imposed mission that caused all neers along the main road to the palace from the Cashmere Gate, it was well suise he carried a picture by the mutimen to trust in him implicitly.

er's death was as serious to his cause as the loss of Nicholson to the Eng-The rebels, fighting fiercely enough in small detachments, but no longer controlled by a man who knew how to use their vastly superior nnmwith in detail. Soon the British attack was properly organized, and a six Although no Briton was seen to injure a woman or child in the streets

of Delhi, the avenging army passed no man. Unhappily thousands of harmess citizens were slaughtered side by side with the mutineers. The British had received a great provocation and they exacted a terrible payment. On the 20th the gates of the parace were attered in and the British flag was pisted from its topmost turret. Then, nd not till then, did Delhi fall. The ast of the Moguls was driven from the alls which had witnessed the grandur and pomp of his imperial predeessors, and the great city had passed nto the hands of the new race that had come to leaven the decaying East. was a dearly-bought triumph. On September 14 the conquering army lost sixty-six officers and eleven hundred and four men. Between May 30 and September 20 the total British casualties were nearly four thousand.

Malcolm soon learned that the Princess Rochinara had fled with her father and brothers. Probably the death of Akhab Khan had unnerved her, and she dared not trust to the of the victors. Frank was among the first to enter the palace. After a few fanatical ghazees were made an end of, he hurried towards the zenana. It was empty. He searched its glittering apartments with feverish anxiety, but he met no human being until some men of the 75th entered and began to prise open boxes and cupboards in the After that his duties took him to the

Ridge, and it was not until all was a murderer. He held that he acted under the pressure of a mob, intent on rescuing Mirza Moghul, the heir apparent, and his brother and son. That all three were cowardly ruffians and merciless in their treatment of the English captured in Delhi on May 11, cannot be denied, but Hodson's action was condemned by many, and it was perhaps as well that he found a soldier's grave during Colin Campbell's advance on Lucknow.

It was there that the fortune of war next brought Malcolm. Delhi had scarce quieted down after the storm and fury of the week's street fighting when Havelock, re-enforced by Out-

ram, drove the relief force through the insurgent ring around the Residency like some stout ship forcing her way

to port through a raging sea. dency was again invested almost as

too much, but those gallant hearts him that there was a Major Malcolm

Then the dreadfud waiting began of heat in the hot weather, the remmarkably sudden that it is incompre hensible to those who live in more thermometer falls by many degrees each day. The reason is, of course, that the diminishing power of the sun permits the earth to throw off by night the heat, always intense, stored during the day. Something in the nature of an atmospheric vacuum is thus created and the resultant cold continues until the opposite effect brings about the lasting heat of the summer months, which begin about March 15 in that part of India.

But scientific explanations of un pleasant phenomena are poor substitutes for scanty clothing. In some respects the last position of the beleathe royal family were to be taken prihe had good reasons for it. Akhab
ingly endless misery, until absolutely
authoric intelligence arrived on Nov. guered garrison was worse than the soners if possible. As for Akhab kuan Khan, on whom the real leadership authentic intelligence arrived on Novwas impossible to distinguish them the King and his sons had fled from at Bunnee and would march forthwith

Then Outram, who had succeeded to

within the bounds of possibility that guise he carried a pistol, not for use against an enemy, but to take his own life if he failed to creep through the "Tell the gunners to cease fire," he In one respect the senoy command- lived to be commanded in the succeeded, and lived to be commanded in the senoy commanded investing lines. But he succeeded, and

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lesson of the day. With that extraordinary aptness which the chronicles of the prophets often display in their they were asked to do—they ought to the rebel waves surged together again the rebel waves surged together again in his rear, and on the 27th the Resi-

to the bloody city! It is full of lies and fortified themselves against closely as ever. But the new column and robbery . . . draw the waters for peachable tactics but had generalship of a garrison that had ceased even to

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