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THE EMPIRE'S TRANSPORTS

In its struggle with the Boer Great Britain has had to duplicate many of the processes the United States pursued in getting its troops to Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, but it has had advantages this country could not call its own at the time. For years Great Britain has maintained a regular fleet of transports or troopships with which to carry its military forces to and from India, and each year has brought its fleet in the way of invaluable experience. It may easily be said that the British have had more to do with moving armed forces to distant places than any other nation, but, except in the matters of system and a force of officers peculiarly fitted for the work, the present war has shown how thoroughly inadequate is the peacetime establishment of this sort when it comes to a serious military conflict, even at a moderate distance away from the home base.

Already the British government has chartered no less than 166 vessels, aggregating a carrying capacity of something like 670,000 tons. Long before the United States reached half of that it was buying and chartering ships of any available nationality. Even with this fleet of a hundred and a half of steamships the British government has called in no use but a small proportion of the shipping owned by Britain, and it is authoritatively stated that, had it chosen, the Admiralty could have had its pick of many other ships of even greater capacity and higher speed than at already selected for the work.

This is suggestive to any other nation dreaming of possible war with the modern fast cruisers of high power, speed and wide radius of action, built and building on the part of Russia and France, have been designed to act principally against British troopships.

To be idle is the hardest of all tasks. Our grandmothers understood this and even in their leisure moments were never found without some little task in their hands, if it were only knitting, talking or crocheting. There was a reason for this that does not appear upon the surface. Our grandmothers were healthy women, imbued with a spirit of ambition and activity that would not permit them to be idle.

If many modern women are much less active and more given to idleness than the stately dames of yore, it is because they enjoy a smaller measure of good health. A woman who suffers from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organs, who is racked with pain, and tortured with headaches and nervousness, cannot be active and helpful. Idleness and invalidism are the natural results of suffering of this description. The poor invalid woman is not at fault, save in her ignorance of her own physical make-up or neglect of her womanly health.

Thousands of women are neglectful in this way because they shrink from the embarrassing examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the majority of obscure physicians. Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., has discovered a wonderful medicine that cures all diseases peculiar to women, in the privacy of the home, without the necessity of these embarrassing ordeals. This great medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of wifehood and motherhood. It makes them strong, healthy and vigorous. It heals internal ulceration and inflammation and stops debilitating drains. It transforms weak, nervous invalids into healthy women.

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Owing to the fact that a large portion of the troops came from India the British India Steam Navigation Company naturally supplied the greater number of steamers—twenty-five vessels in all, of 90,575 tons. Then came several other lines, each with seven large vessels, the principal of which was the Castle line, with its contribution of 41,265 tons. This line alone has sent by its ordinary steamers a large number of troops and munitions of war, and carried no fewer than 13,000 officers and men, including General Buller and his staff, and has had also the satisfaction of landing the first of the army corps.

BIGGEST OF ALL TROOPSHIPS.
The Kildonan Castle, one of this great line, has just landed the largest single force sent to South Africa, and the ship is by some odds the biggest and finest troopship owned or chartered by any government. It is 515 feet long, has a maximum beam of 59.3 feet, is of 9,000 tons tonnage, and is able to steam steadily for many days at the rate of 18.5 knots an hour. The vessel was not intended for its present service, and the manner in which it was prepared for the duty in which it is now engaged is a fine example of what can be done in a British shipyard when occasion demands.

The Kildonan Castle was launched at the yard of the Fairfield company on Aug. 22 last, and was to have been handed over to the line in February next, but in October it was chartered by the government. Three thousand men were at once put aboard the ship, first to tear out such passenger cabins and saloons as reduced the space which should be given over to the accommodation of troops, and then to construct such special fittings as were necessary to insure the comfortable and healthful housing of 3,000 armed men, and all of their equipment.

This immense job was completed within three weeks, and the ship sailed from England on Nov. 4, with 96 officers, 2,225 men, 6 horses, a large consignment of royal engineers' pontoon building, balloon, and other equipment, besides many guns and much ammunition. Three months before the ship was the mere steel shell that all large vessels are at the time of their launching, and in the interval its machinery was placed aboard, lined up, and tried, while the many other auxiliary mechanisms were also installed and given their manifold connections.

FITTING OF THE VESSEL.
The sea kits and life belts of the men are stowed conveniently on top of light wooden planking fastened to the under side of the deck beam overhead, which also carries the hammock hooks to which the hammocks are swung at night. During the day these hammocks are tucked out of the way along the casings. The mess tables are collapsible, and may be disposed of in a few moments, leaving the board, clear decks practically free of interruptions. Two of the decks are thus fitted. Air comes in-board through hundreds of large air ports, down through the wide hatches, and through the leads of the numerous

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THE LINES IN GENERAL BULLER'S HAND.

An impression of the lines in the hand of General Sir Redvers Buller, according to the London Sketch, was taken in July, 1894. When General Buller and Colonel—now Lord—Kitchener were among three military officials of whose palms readings were made.

The lines of Sir Redvers' hand present an interesting study. The line of life, instead of running parallel to the line of head at the commencement, either joined or apart, as the case may be, passes the head line and ascends straight up towards the first, or finger, of power—Jupiter. This line of fate, as usual, towards the second, or middle finger of fate—Saturn. This, according

to the language of palmistry, is found only in the hands of statesmen and men of authority; it indicates the power to lead and to rule. Both these peculiarities in the lines of fate and life are also to be found in the hand of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

It is noticeable that Sir Redvers' fate line ascends straight and clear up the hand, without any point touching the line of life, another indication of a strong personality bound to overcome all obstacles. His line of heart is curious in that it stretches right across the palm, instead of stopping three-quarters of the way across and inclining a point towards the first finger, as in ninety nine cases out of a hundred.

The Six Day's Race.

The net profit to the proprietors of the recent six days' bicycle race in New York was about \$5,000. Of this money offered as prizes Frank Walter received \$700; C. W. Miller and Robert Walthour, \$500; Charles Turville, \$400; O. W. May and Archie McEachern, each \$350; Gimm, \$200; Fischer, \$200, and Chevalier, \$150.

Bornas W. Pierce, the Nova Scotia rider, insisted that he had been robbed of his rightful score in the individual mileage contest. The books of the scorer were shown to him, and the chief scores explained that through a clerical error, some of the mileage made by Louis Gimm, his team mate, had temporarily been credited to Pierce. The correction of that error, he said, had made the difference in figures, which attracted Pierce's attention.

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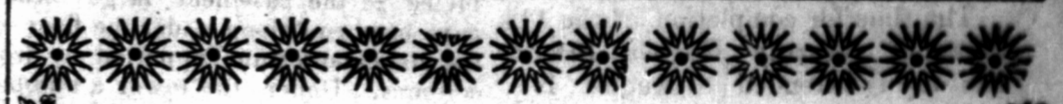
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