

The Greatest Man of Our Day

Celebrates 79th Birthday Tomorrow

By C. A. Lyon

Lord Baden-Powell, the man who has a fair claim to be called the greatest man of our day is still hustling at the age of seventy-nine, his birthday being tomorrow, Saturday Feb. 22.

He is the one man today who is revered in every country in the world. Stalin is divine to the Russians, but a 'tall devil' to most other people. Yet even in Russia there are Boy Scouts wearing Scout uniforms though they do not now own formal allegiance to the Chief Scout.

Even the loneliest island in the world, Tristan da Cunha, a speck

his great faith in the ability of Boy Scouts to run themselves. He is no reformer-meddler-uplifter. Five years ago there was an amazing incident in Boy Scout history. Moscow tried to capture the movement for its own ends. This is secret history. What a grand news story all the papers missed, and wouldn't I have liked to write it! The facts were these: In all parts of the country Communists made a dead set at the Boy Scouts. They had pickets outside Scout halls to talk Communism to the Scouts as they came in and out. They had leaflets which youths distributed.



LORD BADEN-POWELL

with a microscopic population in the South Atlantic, has its troops. In India Baden-Powell's system worked a miracle. The Scouts in the tropics there mingled without respect for caste or creed. There is probably no other institution in India in which the Untouchables can mix with high-caste Hindus in the same way.

Baden-Powell is the son of a paragon-professor. He was born in a crinolined London in 1857. If you would realize how he has triumphed over age to lead boyhood, consider that he has a shilling given to him by Thackeray!

He joined the Hussars in India when he was nineteen.

Mafeking was a good, but not a conventional, soldier. His career was exciting. His high light was the expedition to Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti, where sacrificial executions were as popular as jockey matches, and heaps of headless corpses lay in the market square. If strangers sat on certain forbidden seats—off with their heads!

Then came Mafeking—And World Fame

For 215 days, fewer than 800 troops and a few hundred townspeople held out against 10,000 Boers. The women and children stayed underground every day except Sunday, which was an off day for both sides.

B.P. played every game he could think of on the Boer. He had dummy tents to make the force look greater, dummy forts, dummy guns, and men dressed in the uniforms of different regiments to make believe reinforcements had come.

Relief came at last, and England went mad. Baden-Powell was a national hero—but

After that he did not achieve new military glory. There is a problem for his activity to solve in this.

Did Queen Victoria take umbrage at the postage stamps bearing B.P.'s head, issued with his knowledge during the siege? So runs the story; but B.P. says he believes there is nothing in it.

It is also said that the Army chiefs were jealous of him. Would there have been any Boy Scouts if he had gone on in the Army? And would he, instead of being, have been the Man of the Great War?

There would have been no Boy Scouts, no Girl Guides, no Rovers, no Chief Scout had it not been for his mother. It was she who influenced him to write "Scouting for Boys."

He had written a military handbook on scouting after the South African War. "Scouting for Boys," the book that started the whole thing, was written with his mother's encouragement. When people turned up their noses at the movement and mocked it, as many did, she confirmed him in his resolve to go on.

He did not perform Herculean labours to found the Scouts. Once the book was out the Scouts sprang up spontaneously, without any toiling or driving. He had to organize them because their unpaired growth was actually a problem.

One of his best characteristics is

People went to B-P. and asked him what he was going to do about it. He said: "Don't worry about them. The Scouts themselves will see to it." And in a week or two the Communist peril had been forgotten.

Perhaps the world, which will certainly read the biography of Baden-Powell in years to come, will wonder why the best-loved man in the world really had very few intimate friends.

Even at school he was a little apart. One of his friends was Lord Roberts. Another is the Duke of Connaught. Another was Roland Phillips, son of Lord St. Davids and nephew of Lord Kilsnane. Phillips was much younger than B-P. yet their friendship was perfect. He was killed in the war.

It is said that letters they exchanged about the founding and principles of the Scout movement form one of the great unpublished pieces of literature of the age. Will they ever be released?

It is to the honour of King Edward that he goes out of his way to show respect to B-P.—and in curious ways.

When, as Prince of Wales, he was abroad, he sent to the Scouts strange presents ranging from segs to a waste paper basket.

A Great Secret

The King wore shorts, it is said, more or less out of respect. B.P., for he does not like them. Indeed, he designed a pair of Scout shorts that were not really shorts—an extra piece of leg could be let down over the knee in wet weather! But no other Scout ever adopted them.

What wonderful meat for a biographer B-P. will be! Think of "The Mystery of B-P. in the War." Here is a world-famous figure, a national hero, a soldier, and a man of unique talents. Nobody knows what he did in the war.

His career is packed with colourful incident up to 1914. Then 1914-15—a long hiatus. . . Vague references to Scout organization. . . no official employment.

What was he doing? Intimate friends and the highest Scout officials do not know. It is a mystery.

He was once seen at the front in 1916. There were rumours about his being dropped behind the enemy lines by an airplane.

It is marvellous that the secret, if there is a secret, can be so well kept.

Another amazing chapter in his amazing life is his war letters. Hundreds of Boy Scouts in the war wrote to him asking: "Why are we compelled to butcher brother Scouts? Should we do it?"

To all these hundreds he replied individually in his own handwriting.

The general tenor of his answers was: "We must go through with this war. We must see that there is never another."

He is an extraordinary mimic of animals. He teaches Scouts to be, like him: a friend to all animals—except pigs. He was the finest pig-sticker in the Indian Army, I have

Morning Stock Letter

(Received over Pittfield and Co's Private Wire) NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—There is no special news this morning which might have any unusual influence on the market. Sterling 4.98 7-8. French franc 6.880. The strength in Gulf Oil may be accounted for partly by the news this morning that it is consolidating several of its subsidiaries. The Journal of Commerce carries a story this morning that some observers of the California Oil situation are looking for an increase within a week in the price of California Crude Oil. Directors of Douglas Aircraft on Wednesday took no action on dividend. Last September the directors declared a 75 cent dividend. There are several important dividend meetings today including Commercial Trust, Int. Harvester, Lily Tulip Cup, Mesta Machine, National Dairy, St. Joseph Lead, and Texas Gulf Sulphur.

PRODUCE CANADA AT WAR

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—Under-tone of Montreal open produce markets held steady today in quiet trading. Butter was unchanged at 23 to 23 1-2 cents per pound for carlots or less of no 1 while lots for retailers were quoted at 24 for solids and 24 1-2 to 25 for prints. Cheese was quiet at 12 cents per pound for no 1 Ontario colored, current arrivals. Graded egg shipments in carlots or less were 32 1-2 to 33 cents a dozen for A large, 30 1-2 to 31 for A medium and 28 1-2 to 29 for A pullets. Prince Edward Island potatoes were \$1.35 to \$1.40 for mountains and \$1.30 to \$1.35 for cobbles, per 90 pound bag. In 90 pound bags, P E I mountains were \$1.20 to \$1.25, cobbles \$1.15 to \$1.20. New Brunswick \$1.10 to \$1.15, Quebec \$1.00 to \$1.10 and Quebec no 2 90 cents to \$1.

never heard of any one who ventured to tackle him on this discrepancy. The problem the world will want psychologists to solve is: Where did this great man get his curious hal-bovish ideas from? That may be his whole secret. Hates Swank

He ordered that all Scouts should shake hands with their left. The ancient Romans offered each other their right or sword hands because they did not trust each other. That is the difference.

On the same principle, in the canteen at Scout headquarters you make out your own bill and add it up yourself.

He gives all Scoutmasters who distinguish themselves leads from a wooden necklace presented to him by an African chief. The masters wear them round their necks on a bootlace. It is suspected that the necklace was all given away long ago, and that the beads are now specially made.

He is a Rolles-Royce bought by Scouts all over the world who contributed a penny each.

He was the first man to enter Buckingham Palace in shorts. He wrote specially to King George for permission. It was granted—a revolution in court etiquette.

Practically all the time he is alone he is whistling. Principal principles of the Scout movement are: "White-a-Scouting, Scouting, Scouting" (Scout tune) and "Two Lovely Black Eyes" ("Only for telling a man he was wrong"). He is a teetotaler. He is also a non-smoker. When young he used to drink one glass of sherry diluted with one bottle of soda water, but he gave even that up.

He sleeps in the open every night of his life except when in town, having a camp bed on the verandah of his house. Even recently when ill he caused his wife distress by fishing up to his knees in water for hours on end.

Photographic Mind His mind is far above politics. He killed an invitation to stand for Parliament by answering obligingly: "Yes, certainly! Which side?"

It will be a long time before the full, amazing story of Baden-Powell's life becomes known. In the years before the war he went on a number of military missions to continental countries, including Germany, Russia and Italy.

His memory was photographic. He would come back to the War Office with designs of guns, plans of fortifications, details of formations—all in his head. He never wrote a word of it down—but he recounted everything perfectly.

Once he sent back the plan of a fortification hidden in a picture of a butterfly.

He and his wife are proverbially happily married, though she is nearly half his age and was chosen in a preposterous manner.

He saw her walking in Knightsbridge, and liked her walk, but did not see her face. In the best Scout manner he recognized that walk two years after in a liner, and the face, spoke to the owner—and married her.

There are nearly three million boys in the Scout movement. On his seventy-ninth birthday it must be a proud thought to him that the movement today is greater than it ever was.

"Gayley is what you might call an adroit man." "Decidedly. His sins never find him out and his creditors never find him in."

There was some doubt after the close of the market yesterday concerning the immediate trend. We believe the market has to be given a further chance. However, we would look on the first thing this morning to see whether any volume develops on the down side.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Pickle Crow has declared initial dividend of 5 cents payable March 31 to shareholders of record Mar. 16. TORONTO, Feb. 20.—The last year of mining ended March next Pickle Crow will have grossed about \$1,250,000 out of which it would have paid current development and disbursements of \$150,000, on basis of present operations alone it would maintain quarterly payments of at least 5 cents per share as next year should gross better than \$1,500,000 out of which probably 50 per cent or \$750,000 should be available for dividends.

Records of the war are rich in names forever emblazoned on the world's scroll. In no similar period of history were so many and so bloody battles fought, so many men pitted in relentless death-grapple against each other. Of them all, however, none quite convey, or can be made to convey, everything that is embodied in the name of a little boy north-east of France, a name which now has its place in proverb—Verdun. It is symbolic of bloodshed to the most prodigious degree, of enraged and overwhelming attack, of the self-courageous and the most self-sacrificing in defence. "They shall not pass," was the resolution which steeled French resistance during those months of 1916 when, shattered and blasted by high explosives, the pollus rose up from the chaos around them and battled in defence of Verdun.

Day after day the forts encircling this little city on the Meuse were drenched with shells, day after day the Germans threw themselves in overwhelming numbers against the defenders, day after day ground was lost or ground retaken. The drama of Verdun brought almost every other war activity to a temporary cessation, all eyes focussed on France's agony.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

MINING

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Feb. 20.—Price movements lacking uniformity on the Toronto mining market today, due to selective buying and selling and a note of uncertainty engendered by an early display of weakness on the New York board. The exchange gold index lost nearly a point to 1324 7/8. The miscellaneous mines index had a narrow gain to 1434.7. Volume was down about 600,000 shares from that of Wednesday.

Pickle Crow and McKenzie appeared to be in good supply and were offered down 6 to 11 cents. Pickle taking the long drop. Smaller losses were boarded for Pamour, San Antonio, Sullivan, McWaters, Canadian Malartic and Little Long Lac. In the cheaper group recessions up to cents appeared for Sheep Creek, Stadacona, Arnfield and Afton.

An advance of 3-4 for Dome and 1-8 for Hollinger were the only gains in the big gold group.

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(Canadian Press) OTTAWA WOMEN ARE ALL IN MOURNING

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—Women in Government and diplomatic circles have taken seriously official mourning regulations. At tea parties, dinners and club meetings, women appear in black often with a touch of white flower or white accessories to give relief to the sombre frocks.

Lady Tweedsmuir appeared in a simple black dress and black beret at the inspection last week of a charity home of which she is the honorary patroness and Miss Spencer Smith, lady-in-waiting, also wore unrelieved black as did every woman present.

At the informal teas given in honor of newly-arrived house members' wives, black again appeared and it is customary for a hostess telephoning a dinner guest out-of-town to remark "you know about wearing the black" of course.

Shop windows have displayed black dresses, hats and evening gowns for the last week or so but now evidently in view of spring fashion arrivals, are showing more color, anticipating the time when even the most conservative will be "out of mourning."

TRAPPED BY TIDE NEWQUAY, England.—Trapped in a cave by the tide at Tregrunant, two young girls, Mary and Annie Kent, waded waist-deep through water and then scrambled up the cliff face until they could go no further. Some hours later they were hauled 240 feet to safety.

"BLESSED EVENTS" WELCOME IN HALLE HALLE, Germany, Feb. 20.—Every new-born babe in this city was welcomed by the local Nazi welfare organization with a parcel containing a tiny vest and a little jacket. It is solemnly explained that "this is not intended as an act of charity, but as a manifestation of joy at the advent in the community of a little stranger, and as a token of gratitude and honor to the mother."

TRIPOLI, Feb. 20.—After surviving two daughters who lived to be more than 90 years old, Asim Ben Othman Kifah, an Arab woman who was credited with being 140 years old has died near Tripoli.

"Although nearly blind she was in good health until the end of her life, and attributed her survival to attendances to her household duties.

DIED DURING HYMN BRIDGONORTH, England.—British Legion members, at dinner here, were singing "Able to me" when one of the entertainers, Ernest Gardiner of Birmingham, suddenly collapsed and died.

Advertisement for LINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT, featuring a picture of a man in pain and text describing its effectiveness for various ailments.

N. Y. Stock Exchange

(Supplied by Pittfield and Company Members of Montreal stock exchange and Curb Market) Open Last

Table with columns: Stocks, Open, Last. Lists various N.Y. stocks like Abitibi, Bathurst, B.C. Pow A, etc.

(Canadian Press) Currencies

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Steadiness was the main feature of today's foreign exchange markets.

At the close the Canadian dollar was quoted 1-32 higher at a premium of 5-32 of one per cent. The pound sterling 3-8 higher at \$4.99 1-4 and the French franc unchanged at 6.68 1-4 cents.

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—Currencies moved irregularly on Montreal foreign exchange today.

Pound sterling gained 11-32 of a cent at \$4.98 19-32 while United States dollar lost 1-32 of one per cent at 5-32 discount. The French franc held even at 6.67 1-2 cents.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK CURB

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(Canadian Press) Markets At A Glance

(Canadian Press) Toronto and Montreal—Industrial stocks higher.

Toronto Mines—Irrigally lower.

New York—Stocks higher. Winnipeg—Wheat up 1-4 to 1-8 cents.

New York—Cotton and coffee lower; rubber higher; sugar unchanged.

GOOD ELF "Now," said the teacher, "what is an elf?" The boy responded: "Please, Miss," he said, "it's what we usually have at our house when we have Christmas parties, and Uncle Jack raises his glass and says, "Ere's 'elf!'"

ACCEPTED LOW WAGE JOHANNESBURG — Archibald Bernstein, a colored upholsterer, was fined \$5 for accepting a lower wage than he was entitled to receive under the industrial agreement relating to the furniture manufacturing industry.

Advertising Rates—Payable in Advance Central Guardian locals, 4c per word; Western and Eastern locals, 2c per word; Announcements and Coming Events 2c per word; Classified 3c per word; In Memoriam Notices, 70c per inch; Lists of Floral and Spiritual Offerings, Cards, etc., 4c per name; Letters of Condolence, 70c per inch; Notices of Thanks and Appreciation, 70c per inch or 4c per word. Other rates on application. Minimum charge for any advertisement twenty-five cents.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—Wheat, nor no 2 90 1-2. Oats C W no 3 46 1-2. Oats, feed no 1 36 1-2. Flour spring wheat patents, Flour seconds \$5.20. Flour bakers 55.10. Flour winter wheat patents, choice \$4.00. Flour white corn \$4.60. Bran ton \$19.25. Shorts ton \$20.25. Middlings ton \$21.25. Rolled oats bag 90 lbs \$2.90. Hay no 2 per ton carlots \$9.00. Cheese no 1 Ont col 12. Butter no 1 23 to 23 1-2. Eggs in cartons A la'ge 35. Eggs A medium 34. Eggs A pullets 33. Potatoes 90's P E I mts \$1.35 to \$1.40. 90's P E I cobbles \$1.30-\$1.35. 80's P E I mts \$1.20-\$1.25. 80's P E I cobbles \$1.15-\$1.20. 80's N B mts \$1.10-\$1.15. 80's Que mts \$1.05-\$1.10. 80's Que no 2 90 to 1.00.

(Canadian Press) Exchange

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—British and foreign exchange in relation to the Canadian dollar as compiled by the Royal Bank of Canada closed today as follows: Australia pound 3.9813. Austria schilling 1902. China Hong Kong dollars 3292. France franc .6675. Great Britain pound 4.9859. Holland franc 6862. New Zealand pound 4.0214. Poland zloti 1911. South Africa pound 4.9615. Sweden krona 2573. Switzerland franc 3304. United States dollar 5-32 per cent discount.

(Canadian Press) Closing exchange rates: At Montreal—Pound 4.98 19-32; U. S. dollar 99 27-32; franc 6.67 1-2.

At Montreal—Pound 4.99 1-4; Canadian dollar 1.00 5-32; franc 6.68 1-4.

At Paris—Pound 74.67 fr; U. S. dollar 14.96 3-4 fr; Canadian dollar 14.99 fr.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Foreign exchange steady. Great Britain demand high 4.99 3-8; low 4.98 5-8; cash 4.99 1-4; 60 day bills 4.97 7-8; France 6.68 1-4; Italy 8.04; Belgium 17.04; Germany 40.67; Canada 1.00 5-32.

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—Prices showed small increases in light trading on the produce section of Canadian Commodity Exchange today.

Butter Spot: Sales: 200 boxes Que. grass 23 1-8. West regraded 22 3-4 to 23 1-4. Cheese Spot—Ont white 10 3-4 to 11 1-2, col 11 1-2 to 12. Eggs Spot—Ont A large 32 1-2 to 33, A medium 30 1-2 to 31; A pullets 28 1-2 to 29.

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