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MEETING AT FASHODA OF MARCHAND AND KITCHENER.

London Daily Mail: In the Figaro of August 26, Colonel Marchand for the first time gives a detailed account of the incidents attending his meeting with Lord Kitchener at Fashoda in the autumn of 1898.

Some of the dervishes repulsed in an assault upon the French post retired to Khartum, which they entered the same day as Lord Kitchener took the town, and were captured by his troops. These men informed the Sirdar of the presence of a European mission at Fashoda, and taking the letters "E. S." on the bullets lodged in the dervishes' boats for Brussels, he believed that the white men were Belgians. As a matter of fact, these letters signified the French arsenal of Bourges.

Some time after communication was established between the British and Colonel (then Captain) Marchand's force, and at length a flotilla of 10 steamers filled with Egyptian troops appeared before Fashoda and a British officer (Lord Edward Cecil) landed and invited Colonel Marchand to pay a visit to the general in command.

Proceeding to the Sirdar's steamer, Colonel Marchand found him standing on the bridge, and after salutes had been exchanged Lord Kitchener came forward with outstretched hand and, begging him to be seated, congratulated him on his achievement. "Then, speaking slowly in French with a strong English accent," continues Colonel Marchand, "he said:

"Major, I am the Sirdar of the Egyptian army, commanding in the name of his highness the khedive and of the sunlike porte. I have come to regain possession of the territory belonging to his highness the khedive."

"General," I replied, "I am Captain Marchand, of the French army. I have come here by order of the French government."

"There is no English general here, major. I am sirdar of the Egyptian army. I act solely for his highness the sunlike porte. I have come to regain reconquering their dominions. I have come to plant the Egyptian flag here."

"General, Egypt has abandoned these territories and renounced its sovereign rights over them. France never recognized this renunciation."

"What are your plans, major?"
"I am waiting instructions from my government, general."

"You do not wish to withdraw after your magnificent explorations?"
"No, general; I am waiting for orders."

"It is a long time since you had news from France."
"A few months, general. My orders are to wait here."

"Major, I will place my boats at your disposal for you to return to Europe by the Nile."

"General, I thank you, but I can not accept your offer. I await orders from my government."

"Many events have happened since you started."

"Whatever may have happened, general, France, which is not accustomed to abandon her officers, will send me orders."

"I must plant his highness the khedive's flag at Fashoda, major."

"I am ready to hoist it myself, general, over the village."

"Over the fort, major."

"That I can not permit, general, for the flag of France flies there."

"And supposing my instructions direct me to hoist his highness' flag over the fort?"

"I should be bound to offer resistance, general."

"Are you aware, major, that this business may produce war between France and England?"

"I bowed without reply," continues Colonel Marchand. "General Kitchener rose from his seat. He had grown pale. I, too, got up from my seat. He cast a glance at his large flotilla, where the men were packed together to the number of at least 2000. Then he turned toward our fort, above which bayonets gleamed."

"At the end of this inspection the general raised his arm with a sweep-

ing gesture above his vessels, then, letting his hand fall toward our fort, he said slowly:

"Supremacy, major—
"Military supremacy, general, can only be established by fighting."
"You are right, major. But I must hoist the khedive's flag. * * * You do not wish it on the fort?"
"It cannot be, general; plant it above the village."
"I think, major, that our official interview is at an end now—
"As you wish, general."
"Then," said he, suddenly returning to his most genial mood, "let us have a whisky and soda."
"So we drank a whisky and soda together, Kitchener questioning me on my expedition, I interrogating him on his Omdurman victory."

"Some moments later I left for the fort, Kitchener came and returned my visit. I gave him champagne and he told me news of France."

At this interview Colonel Marchand learned of the fall of the French ministry, and with it of M. Hanotaux, the foreign minister who had dispatched him on his mission. Lord Kitchener and Lord Edward Cecil found some difficulty in giving the details for which Colonel Marchand eagerly inquired, and, confessing his inability to explain the Dreyfus case to a man who had never heard of it, the former promised to send some French papers. Then he had the khedive's flag hoisted over the village, and returned with his troops to Khartum.

In a subsequent interview Colonel Marchand explains why he thought he had a good chance of successfully resisting the British force.

"It is true," he says, "that I had only 180 Sudanese riflemen and two guns, but we were covered by stone and clay walls over 15 feet thick, and lay in an inaccessible position. Those who attempted to land on the treacherous 'sudd' which lined the bank," he adds, "would have been shot down by hundreds, and, as to the future, that was far more menacing for Lord Kitchener than for me."

The colonel declares that not only the Sudanese, but many Egyptian officers in Lord Kitchener's army offered him their services, believing that his troops were the advance guard of a French force which was coming to liberate the country.

An Essay on Betting.

(By Sewer Sewerson.)

Ay yust lak to tal yu one teng, yentle reader:

Don't bet on oder faller's game! Ef yu du, yu ban sure to get it in neck!

Ef yu lesten, ay lak tu tal yu little story bout dis har business.

Op in norden part of state, var ay used to ban lumberjack, dar ban a fat geezer named Skamfer, who run hotel.

Val sir, one night he ban in hotel and two fallers coming in to get little drink. Purty sune one faller say: "Maester Skamfer, al lak tu making yu little bet, ew yu ban game!"

"Yu bet ay ban game," say Skamfer, "yust so game sum partridge!"

"Val," faller say, "ya'etb'wimfwy"

"Val," faller say, "ay bet yu can't stand in front of his har clock for one hour," he say, "and mak fenger go vith pendulum, and say, 'Har she go and dar she go!'"

"Val, ay yust betting yu sixty dollar," say Skamfer, "ay can du die!"

Den dey putting up money on bar, and Skamfer start: "Har she go and dar she go!"

"Ay tal yu, Olaf," say one faller, "ve skol yust having little bottle of vine on the hoose."

Den dey drink bout sax quarts of Maester Skamfer's champagne, and den dare to mak kick, because he skol having to say, "Har she go and dar she go!"

"Val," say Olaf, "now ay guess ve skol tak Maester Skamfer's money and mak sneak for tall timber." So dey du dis.

Maester Skamfer seeing dem go, but he tenk to himself, "By Yiminy, yu can't fule me, ay tal yu!" and out loud he keep saying, "Har she go and dar she go!"

Purty sune oder fallers coming in and ask for drink, but Skamfer ant dare to stop, yu say, "Poor faller!" say one geezer, "he ban crazy!" So dey call bout sax doctors, but Skamfer yust keep on saying, "Har she go and dar she go!"

Den dey call bout sax more doctors, and dis har ant do him any gude at all. After while hour ban op, and Maester Skamfer yell: "Ay skol vin bet! Give me the pangal!"

Den he explaining to crowd bout bet, and say: "Var ban dese two smart guys?"

"Gone," says Lars Swenson, "ay seen dem yump on train bout half hour ago!"

"Val," say Skamfer, "vat in hal yu tenk of dis?"

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