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TRIFLING WITH PUBLIC INTERESTS.

Daniel L. Russell in his eighteen months as Governor of North Carolina, has in the parlance of the day given "a continuous performance," and one in which His Official Bigness has attempted to monopolize all parts.

Instead of trying to give the people of this State, in his "continuous performance show" a fair return for the cost of keeping up His Official Bigness, the Governor refuses to let any other person "act," and keeps the stage himself and by his bluster and bravado tries to deceive the people into thinking that he is a "real governor."

As long as it amuses His Official Bigness to pose, blow and declare himself as the all sufficient one, way the public can afford to look on and smile at the grotesqueness of His Bigness.

But the public becomes tired of burlesque; calmness and dignity, courtesy and fairness are a much more edifying spectacle, more becoming in a Governor of a State, than ranting, blasphemy and disregard of the rights of others.

In fact the donkey perverseness of His Official Bigness, his disregard for all decency is causing the people of North Carolina to long for a speedy close of this "continuous performance" of D. L. Russell's.

The Governor's performance in trying to make the Railway Commission reverse its decision on the matter of railroad rates, is about as shameless an act as any of the contemptible acts which mark Governor Russell's official career since January 14, 1897.

The entire action, which the Governor calls "a test case," is based not upon any particular merit, or even with an idea of justice, but the whims of it all is pure individual spite of the Governor's, one of his attempts "to get even" with an adversary, in order to gratify a personal grudge.

This attempt to force railroads to do business at a rate to be determined by Governor Russell is an outrage, not merely upon the railroad people themselves, but upon all commercial interests of North Carolina.

It is no exaggeration to say that eighteen months of mismanagement has lost North Carolina millions of dollars, besides the dishonor which has clouded the good name of the State, which must continue, until Russell is cast out.

Daniel L. Russell is too self-absorbed to look beyond himself, hence however much public interests are sacrificed, and the State's good name discredited by his rule as Governor, there will be no let up until the man who assumes all, leaves the gubernatorial chair, and retires into obscurity where he rightly belongs.

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Probably in no battle of modern times was an army ever less prepared to face an enemy than were the Egyptian troops which Valentine Baker Pasha led to the relief of the beleaguered garrison of Tokar at the beginning of February, 1898. The force consisted of 1,400 infantry under General Sartorius, 800 Egyptian cavalry, 150 Turkish cavalry and 3,000 Sudanese. The Egyptians were an untrained, cowardly lot, many of them brought to the front in chains, while their arms were only old and worn-out muskets. No one knew better than Baker and the members of his staff, of which I was one, how liable we were to get beaten if we were attacked by the forces of Osman Digna. Only the night before the battle Baker said that if the enemy attacked us on our march to Tokar in any force he had no doubts as to the disastrous results. "You see," he said, "all we have to rely on is the Turkish cavalry and a few of the drilled Sudanese. But if a panic ensues on an attack they have not stamina to hold the order and will fly with them. Oh, for just one troop of the old Tenth Hussars and a regiment of the British line, and we would relieve the garrison tomorrow!"

On Sunday evening we encamped about two miles from Trinkat with the expectation of making an early morning start. Baker invited all the European officers to dine, and though we were all more or less cheerful, still we had a presentiment of coming disaster, though we scarcely thought how terribly it would be realized the next day.

At about 6 o'clock the next day, the 4th of February, we had breakfast, and by 7 o'clock our dispirited march was started. Three hundred baggage camels proceeded on their march, in front of the infantry, while our cavalry skirmished on the flanks, protecting us from sudden attack. We had not proceeded half a mile before we noticed small bodies of the enemy, who retreated on our approach. At 8 o'clock we sighted quite a large body, and halting, got one of our Krupp guns unlimbered and fired a few rounds at the enemy, causing them to retreat.

We had not continued our march ten minutes when there appeared on our right flank about a dozen Arab horsemen, who at about 300 yards distance proceeded to ride down our lines with the evident intention of estimating our force. The Turkish cavalry were sent in chase, but the Arabs rode off without getting hit by the fire from our infantry or the cavalry being able to overtake them. Immediately after a similar thing happened on our left flank, but while our attention was distracted by the enemy's programme, and it was carried out to the letter, while our left flank continued firing aimlessly, killing many of our own cavalry. Our men, if they can be dignified by the name, implored for mercy, many of them on their knees, but none was shown. Hacking and killing was the enemy's programme, and it was carried out to the letter, while our left flank continued firing aimlessly, killing many of our own cavalry.

At the time of the attack I was with Baker Pasha and Abdul Ruseas, an Egyptian staff officer, with the Turkish cavalry, away from the main body. The first thing we saw was the Egyptian cavalry engaged, and we at once made for the main body from which we were cut off by the enemy, who, however, were not nearly as dangerous as our own men, who fired right at us as we endeavored to force our way into the ranks. We had a hand to hand tussle with the enemy, in which poor Abdul Ruseas was killed, but at last did succeed in getting through. By this time our men had completely given way, and then commenced a rout that beggars description. General Sartorius did his best to hold his men and was ably seconded, not only by the European officers, but also by the Egyptian, but all to no purpose. Morio Bey, Dr. Leslie and Captain Walker were killed, as well as several Egyptian officers, in endeavoring to stand against the enemy, who were probably 1,000 or 1,500 strong.

I never saw such abject displays of cowardice in my life. Men just stood or knelt like sheep and let the enemy kill them, and yet they had arms in their hands with which they could have protected themselves had they chosen and had not the long haired Arabs, shouting and gesticulating as they charged down upon them, taken the last vestige of nerve out of them. One regiment of English infantry could have held the enemy at bay, and with a troop of good cavalry have wiped them off the face of the earth. Officers struck at men with the flat of their swords, even prodded them with the points, but to get away from the main body. An attempt was made by the cavalry at one point to cover the retreat, but only made matters worse, for they turned and charged right over our own men in their efforts to escape.

During the retreat I scarcely ventured to say a word to Baker Pasha, who was riding along gloomily and preoccupied, occasionally giving an order to lead off a crowd and to try and rally them, but to stop that mob was like trying to stay the tide of the ocean. Nothing could induce them to rally. For five miles the carnage and butchery were kept up, right into Trinkat, where the survivors might have been taken with the greatest of ease, as they stood huddled up on the seashore, but the enemy withdrew, not knowing that an English gunboat which had been there the day before had left for Suakin.

We estimated that fully 2,000 men had been killed, including five European and 20 native officers, and as soon as possible afterward the troops were transported to Suakin. Baker being lent for duty with the British troops. The defeat at the Wells of Teh had one good result—it forced the Egyptian government to arm all its troops properly.

The blame for the defeat was laid by many at Baker Pasha's door, but those who did so could not have really known the nature of the men he commanded, to say nothing of how abominably they were armed. Not that on that occasion it mattered what sort of arms they had, for they would have thrown the best weapons down and have fallen into the hands of the enemy. The finest general that ever lived could have done no more than Baker did with such material as he had to work upon.—E. G. B. in New York Post.

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