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## Notes And News

### A Distinguished Visitor

THE last boat from India has brought to the Union a distinguished visitor in the person of Pandit Mehta Jaimini, B.A., L.L.B., M.R.A.S., Ph.D. There was a representative gathering at the Point on Wednesday morning to receive him. The Panditji, we understand, is the 'honoured guest' of the S. A. Hindu Mahasabha, a body which is supposed to have been recently reconstituted after having been lying dormant for over twenty years, and the Panditji has been housed by the Sabha at the Aryan Benevolent Home. Such distinguished and learned personages as the Panditji are rare in this country and indeed no particular body can claim them to be their own guests. Panditji is therefore really the guest of the community and we sincerely trust that he will not merely act as a Hindu missionary but that his stay in this country will result in elevating the Indian community as a whole to a higher moral level and we wish too that he will use all his influence in bringing about the much needed harmony in the community. We heartily welcome the Panditji to our shores.

### Mr. P. B. Singh

THE other arrival by the Indian mail on Wednesday was that of Mr. P. B. Singh who recently went to India to bring his parents back to this country. While in India Mr. Singh took the opportunity of meeting prominent leaders including Mahatma Gandhi and discussed with them the present situation in South Africa. He also investigated the conditions of the repatriates and we are sure he will have harrowing tales to tell about their conditions to his brethren in South Africa. We heartily welcome back home Mr. P. B. Singh and his parents.

### Colonel Molyneux Retires

HARDLY is there an Indian in Durban who is not acquainted with the name of Colonel Molyneux the Borough Licensing Officer. Almost every Indian is on pins and needles at the beginning of every year when he has to apply for either a new or a

renewal of his old trading licence, whether his application will be granted by Colonel Molyneux or refused, and heaves a heavy sigh of relief for a year when he finds his application granted. Colonel Molyneux is now retiring after faithfully serving the Corporation for 31 years. The Durban Town Council in paying a high tribute to him has referred to his dignified discharge of the duties of his office and his sterling uprightness of character. While we fully endorse this tribute we must note the fact that the Indians whether rich or poor found in Colonel Molyneux a severe task master. His (the Indian's) race origin was an impediment to every Indian who had to face Colonel Molyneux, for there was always a separate code of justice in his office in so far as Indians were concerned. Whether the Indian community is better off or worse off with the retirement of Colonel Molyneux is very difficult to foretell. But we had always felt that there could not have been a better person than Colonel Molyneux if only with his other sterling qualities he had also the quality of treating every case strictly on its own merits and not on the basis of colour or race.

### A Swollen-headed Town Council

THERE is something wrong somewhere in the Town Council of Newcastle. The other day it was up in arms against Indians being given the use of the trusted European boys' hostel as a school. Now we hear it has gone to the length of alighting the local Indian, who were anxious to give expression to their loyalty by garlanding H.R.H. the Prince George during his recent visit to that town. Mr. Oswald Christopher, who is the nephew of Advocate A. Christopher and is a resident of that town and secretary of the local branch of the Natal Indian Congress, was stopped when he had actually approached the Prince with a beautiful garland in his hand. We can imagine nothing more insulting and mean. Comparatively speaking we do think the recent Swastika flag incident in Johannesburg was much less offensive to Germans than the present one is to the Indian community. But where have we such a powerful consul who could make an effective protest on our behalf? We have had to swallow many a cup of humiliation such as this without a murmur.

### A European Protest

A PROTEST was voiced in the Methodist Church of Newcastle, we understand, by the Rev. O. J. Lander who observed: "I protest against the refusal of the Council's Entertainment Committee to allow the Prince to be garlanded by the Indian community. The garlanding would not have taken two minutes and its inclusion would have been a gracious act on the part of the Council and would

have gone a long way to foster co-operation and unity within the town. As it is, the whole Indian community has been antagonised and a feeling of shame and dissatisfaction caused to many Europeans." Any repairs the Council may perhaps, in its saner moment, have proposed to make will certainly not retrieve the damage done.

#### The Mayor Explains

SINCE the above was in print an explanation by the Mayor Mr. Van Schalkwyk to a question put to him by a councillor appeared in the *Natal Mercury* in which the Mayor said, right from the commencement of the arrangements for the Prince's visit it was felt that the shortness of time prevented the presentation of addresses by any bodies and the request of the Indians to garland the Prince had for this reason been refused. The Mayor denied that there was any racial feeling in the matter at all.

## Indian Opinion

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1934.

### INDIAN BUSES

THE National Council of women has forwarded the following resolution to the Durban Town Council:

"Owing to the ever increasing number of Indian buses traversing the residential parts of the Borough—to the detriment of the road surface, and causing loss of revenue to the Tramway Department—the Town Council be respectfully urged to take some action to restrict these buses to the feeding of the various tram routes at the termini."

The Tramway Manager Mr. J. A. Bromley has expressed his approval to the above resolution stating that the time was long overdue when the Council should restrict omnibuses of this nature.

Some members of the National Council of Women, we understand, opposed the resolution on the ground that it would be unfair to the bus owners. The resolution was however passed by a majority of votes.

Indian buses were always an eye sore to the Durban Corporation and all kinds of devices were adopted to harrass them, in the hope that they would be extinct, by constantly changing their routs and their stands and by knocking them from pillar to post. We had occasion, at the time, to criticise the action of the Corporation and said that they had adopted the "dog in the manjer" policy. The troubles of the Indian bus owners have of course never ceased since. They came into competition with railways and their movements have been considerably restricted. Now the complaint is made by the National Council of Women

that they are causing a loss of revenue to the Tramway Department and it is suggested that their movements be still further restricted. Eventually there will be hardly a bus left and the bus owners will be found walking the streets for want of employment.

Indian buses are catering for Indian and Native passengers whom the Corporation had always spurned. On the tramways they are given a limited space and their treatment is humiliating. Their colour was objectionable but not their money and so there were some trams made specially for them and no self-respecting person would be willing to accept such hospitality. Meanwhile enterprising Indians had taken to the occupation of running buses and it was found a paying proposition and a good avenue for making an honest living. It is said that the buses are damaging the road surface. It seems to be conveniently forgotten, however, that the bus owners pay very heavily, especially in Natal, for the roads they make use of and get in return very little in the form of good roads. How much damage the bus and the car owners themselves have to suffer owing to bad roads and how annoying it is when they are made to pay heavy taxes those alone know who own such vehicles.

The buses are a source of fat revenue to the authorities and to cry over a small loss the Tramway Department would have to suffer is like being penny wise and pound foolish. But where does the shoe actually pinch? Is it so much the loss to the Tramways that is a matter of concern or is it the sight of Indians being able to make a living for themselves that is so objectionable? We think it is the latter. We are indeed sorry that the National Council of Women should have gone out of their way to pass such a resolution. Any independent effort of self-help in these times of depression and consequent unemployment should not only be appreciated but encouraged and we do think it will be a blunder to restrict Indian buses in the manner suggested which will mean nothing short of snatching away the bread from the very mouths of the bus owners.

This is in so far as the bus owners are concerned. But there is the very much bigger question of the poor people whose needs these buses supply. The National Council seems to have completely overlooked the fact that if their resolution were

given effect to these poor people would have to pay the bus fares as well as tram fares. In other words the poor people would be taxed in order to get a revenue for the Tramway Department!

## CURRENT TOPICS

COMMENTS AND CRITICISM  
(BY BHUSSMASOOR)

### *Recede!*

Tell me not in mournful numbers,  
Congress was in dreadful plight;  
Don't I know it all too clearly,  
Teachers showed a manly fight.

On the surface quite alluring,  
Like the pond that hides the weeds;  
But the tentacles grip tighter,  
Every step that one proceeds.

In long words "Association,"  
Carried their banners to the fore;  
When the great Congresswallahs,  
Made the room with hearts so sore.

Recognised body it smothers,  
On the walls and claim it lays;  
For the mandate of the people,  
Like they had in olden days.

In the past were prudent men,  
Not as now the third grade stuff;  
"All are leaders," they declare,  
Who could gulp this *sa/ed* bluff.

Never late to admit wrong,  
Greatness thus is only made;  
So rab, clear the Baboojees,  
In that you will well be paid.

Olimb down from the high pedestal,  
Is politely suggested to the six;  
Cause commands it, I beseech it,  
Will they recede from the fix.

### Society Of The Select

Seeing that the leaders, quasi-leaders and the leaders in their 'teens are at daggers drawn with each other for the supremacy of power to rule Utopia according to the perverted knowledge which they have acquired from birth, either by being born with a silver spoon in their mouth or having the gift of the gab or by scratching each others back, it would not be surprising to see the new "Society of the Select" come to light under the wings of our fast, furious and frustrating friend who always leads but is never led. The members of this Society I am told will be those who have been presented to some Royal personage either in this or any other country. There would be no race or colour restrictions but persons who are already enfranchised will not be admitted. The chief object of this society would be after going through their course of training to stand "at attention"—to curb the foolish vapourings of our

concocted pseudo-demagogues and learn piously, to repeat in a solemn manner *Jes Hazoor*. They would also be allowed to add the letters 'S.S.' after their names. I say, Amen.

### Game's Up

Last Saturday the *Natal Advertiser* in its "In Town and Out" columns had the following interesting para: "At the Indian banquet. The flash of the waiters' red sashes as they stood behind the Prince's table and the enthusiasm of one of those waiting in the body of the ball, when he added an involuntary, "hear, hear" to an expression of loyalty contained in one of the speeches." Poor fellow, perhaps he was not let into the secret and gave the game up, or was it due to the spirits abroad vide the menu-card.

### No Idle Threat

"This is no idle threat, and if Europeans wish to keep their womenfolk alive they must use their influence to ensure the rejection of the Bill," runs the letter addressed by the Bengal Revolutionary Party to a Calcutta newspaper office. The Bill referred to contains stringent clauses to curb terrorism in India and the penalty is death. The Government has lost no time in posting armed guards at clubs, restaurants and places of amusements. The Bengalis whom Macaulay had called effeminate are trying all means to emancipate their country, but to single out the womenfolk in this hide and seek manner does not rebound to their credit. This retards our progress in winning, as Dinabandhu Andrews calls it, the Poorna-Swaraj.

### Bharat Singh From Bharat

*R.M.S. Kenya* has brought back Mr. P. B. Singh, who was commissioned to interview the leaders in India and to enquire into the conditions of the South African repatriates by the Colonial, Born and Settlers Indian Association; he also acted as the Agent of the South African Football Association in arranging for a team from India to tour South Africa. In both of these missions he has succeeded and was fortunate in landing at our port with his respected father—a victim of the repatriation scheme. He could write volumes about his visit to India, his interviews with eminent leaders of Bharatkhand; the harrowing and heartrending tales of the South African repatriates and of his successful negotiations in arranging for an India Eleven to visit this country. I congratulate him on his achievements and hope that the public here would take heed and be wiser in preventing by all means our compatriots from leaving these shores under the scheme for India, more so to any other unknown country to colonise. 'Once bitten twice shy' should be the *mantra*.

### Fountain Of Wisdom

*If men were meant to hang on to leaders and rulers, they would have had hooks instead of brains at the top of them.—H. G. WELLS.*

*All the people in their political position are in one boat. They must sink or swim together.—DADABHAI NAOROJI.*

## Conditions Of Indian Repatriates

In the course of an article in the December number of the *Indian Review* Mr. P. B. Singh writes:—

I AM but a humble Councillor of the C.B. and S.I. Association, and during my present visit to the Motherland have been deputed to investigate and report on the condition of Indians repatriated from South Africa.

I have spent considerable time in investigating the condition of repatriates in India. I wish I had the strength in my pen to write as I feel! I have seen hundreds of my poor brothers and sisters at Calcutta and Madras and their condition is pitiable in the extreme. They are on the verge of starvation—quite a number of them are actually starving—are in tattered garments and many are diseased. Truly Mother India has played havoc with the once sturdy men and women of South Africa! There are hundreds of them homeless. They find shelter under verandahs while some sleep on the banks of the Cooum in Madras. I saw quite a number of colonial born youths at Madras. I shudder when I picture the looks of utter misery on their faces. These young men—mostly between the ages of 17 to 22—who were forced to leave South Africa at the command of their parents—are in dire straits. They cannot find employment anywhere, they are in tatters, hungry and without shoes. Their cheek bones are jutting out, eyes sunken, they are flat chested and look more like scarecrows than human beings. They feel utterly dejected and their incessant appeal to me was to do something so that they may return to their Motherland, South Africa. I do not propose to say more on this painful subject here. On my return to South Africa I shall present a report of my investigations to the Colonial Born and Settlers' Indian Association when I shall describe in detail the distress I have seen among repatriates in India. But I would be failing in my duty if I did not at this stage make a fervent appeal to the Government of South Africa to desist from sending away any more Indians under this inhuman scheme! Literally speaking, it is consigning these poor people—the indentured labourers who gave of their best in making Natal the 'Garden Colony of South Africa'—to a living death, for experience has proved that those Indians who have spent years in the colonies and their children can never be absorbed in the every-day life of India for obvious reasons.

And what of the Government of India in this connection? The moral obligation is their to help the sufferers and the victims of the repatriation scheme and I plead to them in the name of humanity to carry out their promises....

### Indian Football Team

Another mission of mine in India was to negotiate for an Indian Football Team to South Africa. My Association—the South African Indian Football Association—has been in communication with the Indian Football Association at Calcutta since 1932 when an invitation was extended to the latter to send a representative team to South Africa. I am

happy to state my negotiations were entirely successful and a team will leave for South Africa during May. I can assure my brothers here the team will receive a hearty welcome in South Africa. Our men there are noted for their keen sense of sportsmanship and I know we shall witness some grand games; for I realise that the standard of soccer in India is high. Here's luck to both teams and may the best team win!

### Mahatma Gandhi's Message

The most thrilling moment of my tour in India was when at Bangalore I laid my head at the feet of Mahatma Gandhi—India's greatest son and the greatest man of our time—and asked his blessings. Mahatmaji was much perturbed when I described the condition of repatriated Indians, but his loving face was all in smiles when I informed him of the impending visit of the soccer team to South Africa. He gave his blessings to the team and asked me to convey the following message to South African Indian footballers:

"Tell the Indians in South Africa that I shall be happy when they beat the team from the Mother country. It would do parents a lot of good if at times they were beaten in sport by their children. It will certainly do the Mother country immense good if she is beaten at soccer in South Africa."

## Indian Child Welfare

### Bazaar In Maritzburg

(From A Correspondent)

A bazaar to raise funds for the Indian Child Welfare Association was held in St Anthony's School, Maritzburg.

Mrs. A. E. Shirley, president of the Association, in introducing Dr. Maurice R. Peters, who opened the bazaar, explained that the object was to raise money to establish a fund to enable the child welfare clinic to carry on without having always to appeal to the public. She paid a tribute to the Indian women of the committee, who had thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the work, not only of the bazaar, but of the clinic itself.

Dr. Peters, after expressing the pleasure and satisfaction it gave him to be present, said that prevention was better than cure, and the modern conception of the treatment of various diseases was to do away with the cause. Child welfare work was a move in that direction. It was a recognised fact that in the early years of childhood seeds were sown from which the community reaped its great harvest of sickness and physical disability, therefore the welfare of the child must be the chief care of a nation. The recognition of the principle was the justification for the large expenditure of national and local funds for the maintenance of health and the prevention of disease. One of the main objects of establishing a child welfare clinic was to give free advice on infant care and feeding and to detect incipient disease.

Mrs. W. A. D. Russel, in thanking Dr. Peters on behalf of the Indian Women's Association, said that this was the first of a series of efforts which were being made to raise funds.

During the day L. Barnabas' orchestra and the City Jazz band contributed musical items.

The stall holders were: Produce, Mrs. Nobin; groceries, Mrs. L. Philip; needlework, Mrs. Z. Gabriel and Mrs. A. J. Choonoo; sweets and cakes, Mrs. G. Nakloo; woodwork, Mrs. P. R. Rama; popcorn and peanuts, Miss Jess Enoch; refreshments, Mrs. M. R. Naidoo.

The amount realised was £68 13s. 4½d., but there are still several donations to come in, which will make the final amount £75.

### Pretoria M.O.H. Thanked

Dr. Gordon Laing, Medical Officer of Health in Pretoria, who will shortly be taking up the appointment of Assistant M.O.H. in Johannesburg, and Mrs. Laing, were the guests of honour at the monthly meeting of the Indian Women's Association. It was the wish of the Indian women to thank Dr. Laing for the clinic established for babies, which is open weekly under the auspices of the Municipal Health Department. This clinic was opened at the request of the Indian Women's Association.

Mrs. Laura Ruxton welcomed and introduced the visitors, and Dr. Laing, after paying a tribute to the European ladies who were supporting the work of the clinic in many ways, spoke to the women present upon the need for their active co-operation with the efforts being made for their help and education in health matters. He very specially stressed the dangers of the unqualified midwife and the importance of fully qualified attention for mother and child. The importance of the ante-natal clinic, where women could get advice at all times, was also stressed by the speaker, who congratulated the Association on founding its own clinic and so giving evidence of much self-help, which he had been glad to encourage.

Mrs. B. Maharaj presented a short address of welcome and of gratitude.

## Indians In Kenya And South Africa

THE National Liberal Federation, which met at Madras under the presidency of Mr. J. N. Basu of Calcutta, passed the following resolution condemning the demands of white settlers in Kenya:

"The Federation strongly condemns the demands which European settlers in Kenya, encouraged by discussions between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and their representatives, have put forward for acquiring control over the Government of Kenya. It urges that the doctrine of paramountcy in native interests laid down by the Conservative and Labour Governments should not be departed from and that no further constitutional power should be transferred to European settlers either by the institution of a finance committee with an unofficial European majority as proposed by them or in any other way.

The Federation presses the Government of India to watch the interests of Indians in Kenya with special care in the present circumstances. It fur-

ther draws attention to the complaint of East African Indians that with the ostensible object of improving African agriculture, monopolies are being granted to Europeans, especially in Uganda and Tanganyika, for the purchase of special agricultural products from Africa and that Indians are consequently being driven out of business in which they were pioneers and being engaged for generations past. The Federation urges the Government of India to take immediate steps to investigate and obtain redress for this grievance. The Federation extends its whole-hearted support to South African Indians in their just fight for elementary rights and assures them that India will always be with them in their struggle to uphold the Motherland and protect the interests of Indian nationals.

## Things In General

### Influenza Epidemic

A mild influenza epidemic, with a suggestion of dengue fever about it is sweeping Durban. It is general throughout the town and has been continuing for several weeks. A number of shops and offices are working with depleted staffs, and there have been about 25 cases in the Borough Police and Fire Brigade during the last three weeks. Dr. Gunn, the Borough Health Officer states that although mild it was the type of influenza which spreads rapidly. It should not be neglected owing to the risk of bronchitis or pneumonia. Any member of staff who became infected, particularly with the catarrh or sneezing type, should stay away from work until fully recovered. "It is very important from a public health point of view," Dr. Gunn says, "that the patients should not go to cinemas or to any place where there are crowds." The outbreak is similar to dengue or mild malaria. The symptoms are a headache, chill, shivering, sneezing, coughing, a high temperature, pains in the back and joints and prostration. People noticing these symptoms should go to bed immediately, take aspirin, a hot toddy, a laxative, and remain in bed for at least 24 hours after the temperature has settled. Any diet that can be tolerated may be taken.

### Colonisation Inquiry Committee

The Minister of the Interior, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr has received the report of the Colonisation Inquiry Committee. After considering the report, Mr. Hofmeyr will decide what use to make of it. Asked when the report was likely to be available for publication, the Minister told the Capetown correspondent of the *Natal Mercury* that the contents would not in any case be divulged until the Government of India had received the report.

### The Prince At Ladysmith

During his visit to Ladysmith H. R. H. The Prince George was given a welcome reception at the Motor Park which was gaily decorated for the occasion. The Prince was garlanded by Mr. I. A. Moola, chairman of the reception committee. There was a large number of Indians and school children present. The Prince expressed his thanks and

announced a holiday for one extra day for the children which was received with hearty cheers by the children.

#### The Prince In Johannesburg

H. R. H. The Prince George was given a great welcome in Johannesburg. In the course of his reply to the Mayor's welcome at a City banquet given in his honour at the City Hall, the Prince uttered the following significant words:—

"I should like to appeal to you as a progressive and intelligent population to maintain a sympathetic understanding with all other sections of the people of this great country—and to appeal to all these other sections to maintain a sympathetic understanding with you. "On the coat of arms of the Union are the words *ex unitate vires*—from union comes strength—and as the strength of the British Commonwealth must depend upon its unity so also must the strength of South Africa."

#### Indians Refused Admission At City Hall Concert

The Colonial-born and Settlers' Indian Association (Maritzburg branch) has sent the following letter to the Council of Maritzburg:—

"Several complaints have been made to the above Association with regard to the ejecting from the City Hall of Indians who attended the sacred concert there on Sunday night, March 4.

"This action caused the Indians much pain and embarrassment, and my Association will be pleased to hear as to the reason for such action."

#### Imperial Government Not Concerned

The Secretary of State for India is not directly concerned with the report of the Committee sitting in South concerning the Indian question, as it is one of the subjects transferred to the Government of India, but naturally the India Office is interested in the matter, says a Reuter's message from London. It is expected here that another conference will be held between the South African and Indian Governments with the presence also of delegates from the East African Colonies to deal with the whole question of Indian labour.

#### Indian Midwifery

Improved midwifery services for the borough Indian community are now being organised by Dr. G. H. Gunn (Borough Health Officer). Under this scheme a number of departmentally-trained Indian midwives will be subsidised by the Corporation. Hitherto, the departmental staff has been restricted to one European trained nurse, who has now resigned and will not be replaced. Reporting on this matter, Dr. Gunn states: "The department has now, by special training and equipment, brought a number of uncertified Indian midwives up to a satisfactory standard of obstetric efficiency. This work will develop until a sufficient number of competent midwives become available for all Indian areas in the borough. "Meanwhile, for the town district it is considered that the time is now ripe for taking the next step in the improvement of midwifery services for the Indian community."

#### Sudden Death Of M.P.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness last Saturday afternoon of Mr. C. W. Gray, M.P. for Griqualand, after he had just completed a game of Tennis at Kelvin Grove, Newlands, Capetown. Mr. Gray was a very well known figure in sporting circles in East Griqualand. He was President of the Matatiela Bowling Club and the Pirates Rugby Club. He was also Chairman of the Matatiela School Board and Secretary of the Matatiela Agricultural Society. He stood as Independent South African Party candidate at the General Election in May last year opposing the official Party nominee, Mr. L. D. Gilson, whom he unseated by securing a majority of 406 in a heavy poll.

#### A Brighter Budget Expected

During the 11 months of the current financial year of the Union Government revenue is £12,036,258 more than last year over the same period. The comparative figures are:—

1933 (11 months): £24,878,882.

1934 (11 months): £36,914,140.

Expenditure for the 11 months under review amounted to £40,361,113, which is approximately £6,500,000 less than receipts. The budget position therefore promises to be exceptionally bright this year, for at this stage during the last financial year expenditure had exceeded revenue by about £200,000.

#### 200 Repatriates Leaving

The first batch of Indians to leave the Union under the assisted emigration scheme is due to sail this week-end on the Luxmi. Approximately 200 souls consisting of men, women and children of all ages will be taken by the boat. The last batch left in the middle of December.

#### Japan Safeguarding Her Interests

A Bill has been introduced in Parliament in Japan to safeguard Japan's trade against restrictions imposed by other countries. It empowers the Government to prohibit specified exports and to tax certain imports up to 100 per cent. ad valorem. Another Bill aims at the protection of trade marks and the prevention of unfair competition.

#### Obituary

The death occurred of Mrs. Bob Nunka, at the residence of her father, the late Mr. Karingan of Hathorn's Hill, Maritzburg, on Friday, last week, after a long illness. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Mountain Rise crematorium. Deceased leaves a husband, mother, sister, and a son to mourn their loss.

#### Indian Child Welfare Society Centre 150, BROOK STREET, DURBAN

Open daily, Monday to Saturday, 8-30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Infants, young children, nursing and expectant mothers.

Lady doctors give free attendance.

Tuesday morning 8-30 o'clock. Friday afternoon 3 o'clock.

## TIT BITS FROM THE MOTHERLAND

### SIR T. B. SAPRU ON BIHAR

“THIS Bihar business is terrible,” said Sir T. B. Sapru in the course of a talk with a press representative. The incident was fresh in his memory of the visit to him at the High Court of a boy who was the very embodiment of all misery in North Bihar. Homeless, shelterless, orphaned, half-naked, he arrived at Allahabad, God knew how and wanted to see Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru when busy in the High Court. Sir T. B. Sapru was so much moved as to make immediate arrangement for his being first fed. Later the boy was taken to his residence, where Sir Tej told him he instructed his servants to give him hot water bath and take him to the bazaar for clothes. The boy was not coherent in talk, his mind apparently being deranged by the stupendous calamity of the disappearance of every one of his family in the fields where he was working as a labourer. With characteristic generosity Sir Tej Bahadur said: “I have asked him to be with me.” That boy's condition is typical of Bihar's woes which moved Sir Tej Bahadur deeply.

### Indian Ladies And Public Life

“We do not crave for titles like men and do not want to become prominent in the public eye. What we really desire is that we should be given a greater field for serving our country,” declared Mrs. Brij Lal Nehru in the course of a debate on “Should Indian ladies take part in public life,” held in Lahore in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including Dr. Gokal Chand Narang, Justice Sir Abdul Qadir and Mr. Justice Agha Haider. Begum Shah Nawaz was in the chair.

Mrs. Brij Lal Nehru added: “We want to work for the glory of India and no sacrifice will be considered too great in order to achieve that goal. Men have for a sufficiently long period ignored the rights and privileges of women, but the time has come when women should rise to the occasion and with their power of self-dedication and sense of silent service, bring happiness to the country.”

Prof. D. C. Sharma opposing the proposition admitted that women had done wonderful service in the “home” but if they entered public life the sanctity and purity of the home would vanish. He was of the opinion that politics was not the field for women. It was honeycombed with intrigues, manoeuvres and counter-manoevres.

Begum Shah Nawaz winding up the debate, fully associated herself with those who spoke in favour of the proposition and said that her recent visit to Europe had made it sufficiently clear that women in the west were gaining power gradually and there was a marvellous change within the last fifteen years. She said that her personal experience had shown that wherever men and women co-operated and collaborated success resulted and added “united we stand, divided we fall, whether in the home or in public life.”

When put to vote the proposition was passed unanimously.

### World Medical Exhibition

At a meeting of the Executive and Finance Committee of the World Medical Exhibition held under the President of Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu in the premises of *Tamil Nadu* it was resolved to elect the undermentioned editors of various newspapers as office bearers of the publicity Committee:

The Editor of *The Times* of London be the General President, the Editor of *Times of India* be the President, the Editors of *The Madras Mail*, *The Chronicle*, *The Kilsal*, *The Zamindari*, *The Hindu*, *The Swarajya*, *The Tamil Nadu*, be the Vice-Presidents, the Editors of *The Justice*, *The Azadi Hind*, the *Swadeshamitram*, the *Indian Express* and the *Andhra Patrika*, be the Secretaries, the Editors of the *Al Amin* Delhi, the *Inquilab*, Lahore; the *Pyasa Akbar*; the *Muslim Times*; the *Rahabaras Deccan*, Hyderabad; the *Bombay Express*; the *Iqbal*, Bangalore; *The Vakil* Amritsar, the *Sahooja*, the *Masheer* and *Naujivan*, Madras and some others as members.

### First Indian To The Incorporated Sales Managers' Association

Mr. S. Venkatrao of the Davar's College of Commerce, has been admitted as the first Indian to the Incorporated Sales Managers' Association of the United Kingdom.

### G. B. Shaw On India

Mr. George Bernard Shaw in the course of his broadcast speech in the series, “Whether Britain answering the question, if Britain is heading straight for War,” declared that Britain at present was not heading straight for anywhere. She was without a pilot driving for the winds and circumstances. Defining the word ‘Britain’ Mr. Shaw added, “If I were a stranger from another planet, I should say that an attempt to combine England with India before England combined with the United States on one side and all her Western European neighbours on the other is a crazy reversal of the natural order of things and can't possibly last. I could understand an Asiatic combination with Japan as its most aggressive organiser, but could not back the permanency of the present combinations.”

### Mahatma Gandhi On Birth Control

Interviewed at Madras on the subject of birth control, Mahatma Gandhi said that he was in favour of birth control by what they called perfectly natural and moral means, namely, self-restraint. He was against birth control by artificial means, as these were most dangerous. In individual cases artificial means might be helpful; but it was impossible to justify the means by pointing to the propaganda carried on in the West and copied in India. He viewed such propaganda with the greatest alarm and added that artificial means could not be applied on a large scale. Mahatma Gandhi felt that in India, more than in any other country, salvation lay in self-control which could be taught by example and precept. Referring to the economic aspect of the question, he said:

‘I do not believe in the idea that India is overpopulated. If India's agricultural problems were

only tackled in a scientific manner, India would be able to support the whole of the present population. A revenue system based on certain conditions peculiar to India is necessary. The agricultural population is underworked. It works in some parts of India for only 4 months and in other parts for about 6 months in the year. If they were provided with some work which would occupy their spare days, there would be ample food for India's population.

#### *Dr. Tagore At Osmania University*

Dr. Rabindranath Tagore delivered an inspiring address at the Osmania University, Hyderabad, on "Infinite faith in human nature." He said, "It will be a degradation and an insult to our culture if we stray away from the paths of our ancient wisdom. . . The West came to exploit and Europe overcame Asia because we confessed to inferiority and did an injustice to Europe by not standing up on terms of equality. We suffer from want of confidence in ourselves unaware of the treasures with which our country abounds. Let us prove that we are not beggars, and this is our responsibility."

#### *American Citizenship For India*

Doctor Mahomed Suliman, a dentist has become a citizen of the United States, after a struggle, lasting for eight years, in the courts. He came to the United States from Calcutta in 1904 and graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. In 1919 he was granted the final papers of naturalization by a Chicago judge, but a few years later, the Congress passed an act barring Indians from citizenship. Nothing was done to enforce the act in Dr. Suliman's case until 1926, when he applied for a passport to go to India to visit his sick father. In reply he was informed by Washington that he no longer was an American citizen. Dr. Suliman then took the case to the courts on the ground that the act was not retrospective.

#### *Foreign Propaganda For India*

Indian Nationalist daily newspapers are to be started in London, Dublin and New York, and financed from funds left by the late Mr. V. J. Patel for foreign propaganda. The publishing venture was proposed by the Indian Journalist's Association, and approved by the trustees, Mr. A. Rianzi, Secretary of the Indian Political Group in London, has been officially notified of the impending publication.

#### *Mrs. Naidu At Unity Club*

Lecturing recently in Urdu under the auspices of the Indian Women's Unity Club of Bombay, Mrs. Naidu said that women as mothers of future citizens of the country ought to teach the first lesson to the child in such a manner that none of the present day prejudices against caste and community were imbibed by the child.

#### *All India Medical Conference*

The Tenth All-India Medical Conference met at Bombay on the 26th December under the presidency of Dr. M. A. Ansari. In a stirring appeal to the Medical Profession of India, Dr. Ansari said:

"If the Indian Medical Profession is to vindicate its function as the friend of the poor and the suffering

Indian people, it must cultivate the missionary spirit of renunciation and dedication."

The Doctor was in favour of a scheme for the establishment of National Medical Service in India—"an organisation of medical men who will be soldiers, missionaries, and propagandists of health."

#### *Labour Rules In London*

For the first time in history the world's largest Municipality has come under Socialist rule. The London County Council elections give the socialists 35 gains out of roughly 120 seats and a clear majority of 14 on the Council.

## Tongaat Temple

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Vishwaroop Temple and Dharamashala was held on Sunday the 19th March, presided by Mr. S. D. Maharaj. There were about 150 persons present.

Minutes, financial statement and secretary's report were read and confirmed. Correspondence was also read. Two trustees in the persons of Messrs. S. D. Maharaj and Ramnarain Kaseo were elected as successors to the late Mr. Ramnagar Maharaj and Mr. Brijmohan. Election of officials was held over. It was eventually decided to amend the existing Trust deed and constitution and in consequence of this seven members were elected in order to draft same. It was finally resolved that the election of officials be held over definitely till the constitution is revised and the present officials carry on till then.

It was agreed that Mr. Kandhai be paid £15 5s. being transfer duty of the 10 acres of land which was given as donation by Mr. Timol.

A vote of condolence was passed on the death of Mr. Ramnagar Maharaj and Mr. Brijmohan.

The financial statement for the past two years shows an income of £398 13 1 and the expenditure £333 0 7 leaving a credit balance of £65 12 6.

## Shri Viswaroop Temple (Tongaat)

The annual ceremony of Shri Ramnavmi will be celebrated at the above temple on the 24th March 1934.

All Hindu brethren are cordially invited to be present.

S. D. MAHARAJ, Chairman.  
V. P. DESAI, Secretary.

## INDIAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Will employers of Indian labour kindly notify the undersigned of any vacancies in their establishment.

WRITE: Hon. Secretary, Sir Kurma Reddi Unemployment Relief Committee, Indian Sports Ground, Durban.



## SPORTING NEWS

(BY SPORTSMAN)

## Wrestling

## This Week's Big Show

It is not frequent that Durban enjoys the opportunity of witnessing big wrestling, particularly wrestling contests in which titles are involved. This Saturday afternoon a big crowd is expected at the Victoria Picture Palace, Durban, to witness the several bouts, particularly the main bout between Puckree Pillay and G. C. Naidoo, for the non-European heavy weight championship of South Africa. G. C. Naidoo scales at 17st. 6lbs. which indubitably is a colossal weight; while his opponent is 6st. 4lbs. lighter. Both are training arduously but despite the difference in weight Pillay feels he will have a fairly easy win. It will certainly be a question of experience versus youth. The show commences at 2.30 p.m.

## Soccer

## Royals F. C.—Annual Meeting

It is learnt that the Annual General Meeting of the Royals Football Club (Sunday Division) will be held at the Indian Sports Ground, Durban, on Sunday, March 18, inst. commencing at 12 noon. Agenda. (1) Minutes, (2) Secretary's Annual Report, (3) Treasurer's Financial Statement, (4) Election of officials, (5) Correspondence, (6) General.

## Maritzburg Higher School F.C.

At a council meeting of the Higher Grade Schools Football Club (Maritzburg) the election of Junior and Juvenile captains and vice-captains took place as follows:—Junior Captain: Mr. Soobramoney, Vice-Captain: Mr. Mathew Francis, Juvenile Captain: Mr. S. Robert, Vice-Captain Mr. A. Sethambaram.

## Pentrich Schools F.C.

The annual meeting of the Pentrich Schools Football Club, was held at the T.P.A. school hall, Pentrich on Sunday March 11 before a fair gathering of members. The following were elected as office bearers for the ensuing season:—Patron Messrs. A. G. Pillay, S. G. Chetty, and C. R. Naidoo; President, Mr. D. R. Singh; Hon life vice President: Messrs. S. K. Reddy and C. K. Lazarus; Vice Presidents Messrs. R. Ragwan, Abe David, R. O. Jack, H. Muthal, R. Raglegopaul, B. A. Pillay, G. Manroop, and M. C. John; Secretary: Mr B. Sookaloo; Assistant Secretary: Mr. M. Coopsamy; Treasurer: Mr. R. Ragwan; Auditor: Mr. J. B. Singh, Committee Members: Messrs. B. M. Naidoo, J. Ramchuran, R. Ragwan, H. Muthal, M. Nadasen, A. G. Pillay, and B. Manroop; Senior Captain Mr. George Francis; Senior Vice Captain: Mr. George Naidoo; Junior Captain: Mr. G. R. Naidoo Junr.; Junior Vice Captain: Mr. G. Muniwan; Selection Committee: Both Captains, President, Secretary and Mr. A. G. Pillay; Manager: Mr. A. G. Pillay; Delegates to the M.C.I.F.A. (Sunday League), Messrs. B. Sookaloo, M. Coopsamy, and Mr. H. Muthal. The Pentrich Schools Football Club has decided to affiliate in the Maritzburg and District Sunday Association.

## Tennis

Owing to the inclemency of weather conditions over the last week-end there was no tennis. The "B" division matches set down for the handsome Ismail Shield had to be abandoned as the courts were not fit to be played upon. Verulam were to play Sydenham at Sydenham; Derby to Tongaat & Spes Bona to play Umsinto. The Competition is run on the knock-out system.

## Athletics

In the last week's issue it was inadvertently intimated that the Natal Championship Meeting for 1934 was to be held on May 19. It is now learnt authoritatively that the Championship meeting will be held on May 10. We are also informed that the 440 yards flat event was won in 58½ secs. and not in 8 mins. 9 secs. as appeared in these columns.

## Boxing

## Jack Doyle Gets His £3000

The High Court has ordered the British Boxing Board of Control to pay Jack Doyle £3,000, the amount withheld after the British Heavyweight Championship contest in July between Doyle and Peterson, says a Reuter's message from London. The Board held that Doyle was not entitled to receive payment in consequence of hitting below the belt, for which the referee disqualified him.

## Postponed

Owing to arrangements being incomplete, the non-European boxing which was to take place at the Agricultural hall, Show Ground, Maritzburg, on Saturday last, has been postponed till Saturday, March 31.

## The 'Holi' Festival

"B. M. T." writes from Maritzburg:—

The day of Holi was celebrated at Hathorn's Hill, Maritzburg, on the evening of Wednesday, March 7. The function was held under the auspices of the Hathorn's Hill Nawyuvuk Hindi Pracharnee Sabha before a large gathering.

The story goes that Holi was the sister of King Hansah. He was an autocratic king who secured through severe penance, a mystic boon from Brahma, the Creator. Puffed with pride, he used to command his subjects to worship none but himself, as he used to claim to be the supreme being, and those who did not obey his orders were persecuted.

Pralhad was the son of King Hansah, a boy of wonderful wisdom, revolted against this and dedicated his life and soul in search of Hari, the Almighty, Preserver of mankind. He went about preaching against his father's humiliating command. This enraged the King, for which he sentenced Pralhad to death, but through his super-human devotion and undaunted faith, Pralhad escaped unscathed from the many attempts made on his life.

Then the king gave an order to make a large wood fire to burn Pralhad alive, and asked his sister Holi to sit with Pralhad, as his sister worshipped none but the King, and she sat with Pralhad to burn him alive, but Holi herself got burnt to ashes and Pralhad emerged untouched by the fire.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT  
OF DURBAN HELD AT DURBAN

Case No. 947/1934

Between A. H. B. Challinor, Plaintiff, and M. Naidoo, Defendant.

To Moonsamy Naidoo, of Avoca, late employed c/o J. W. Craddock, Esq., 35, Berriedale Road, Durban.

TAKE NOTICE that Summons has been issued against you in this Court by ARTHUR HAMILTON BEVISS CHALLINOR, of Durban for the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) as and for money lent and advanced to you in November, 1931 and costs, and that an Order has been made that the publication of notice of such Summons shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the summons on you. You are required to enter an Appearance to the Summons on or before the 31st. day of March, 1934, and, if you do not do so, Judgment may be given against you in your absence.

Dated at Durban, this 13th. day of March, 1934.

(Sgd.) V. ALBOROUGH,  
Clerk of the Court.

(Sgd.) FINDLAY & SULLIVAN,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

FINDLAY & SULLIVAN,  
364, West Street, Durban.

## South African Hindu Mahasabha

Reception To Pundit Mehta Jaimini,  
B.A.;L.L.B., M.R.A.S., Ph.D.

A reception in honour of the Punditji will be held at the Royal Picture Palace, Victoria Street, Durban, on Sunday, 8th, March 1934 at 2 p.m. The Punditji will speak on "Ideals of Hinduism." All are kindly requested to attend.

B. M. PATEL, President.  
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