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MYSORE A CELESTIAL STATE ON EARTH

AN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY

WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES CAN LEARN FROM MYSORE

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AT the outset it must be mentioned that none can do full justice to the reality that this celestial state on earth (Mysore) presents. But I shall present you the salient features that attract the attention of the visitor at first sight.

Mother nature has offered to this little State a picturesque scenery, an equable climate, a magnificent waterfall, hillocks of exquisite beauty with ever-green trees and above all the river Cauvery. It is the water from this river that is utilized for the irrigation of more than a third of the State. Hence as we go by train from Bangalore to Mysore we pass through an endless expanse of paddy, millet and ragi fields and sugarcane plantations. Wherever we turn we see nothing but green fields and not a speck of uncultivated barren land and when we come to the city proper we are face to face with a land similar to that of the Fairy land in the Arabian Nights Tales. In fact it is a Utopia realized.

The beautiful and long metalled roads fringed with green turfs on either side and spotted with flower-beds ever in blossom, the telegraph and lamp-posts standing on either side like guards of honour, the glowing electric lights at the junctions, all these present a very attractive view to the visitor.

The ruins of the palace of Tipu Sultan at Srirangapatam, the statue of Gomata at Sravane, the Chamundi temple on the Chamundi hills, all these indicate to us that at one time there was in this city the practice of religious toleration. Even now we can meet here the upholders of almost all the religious faiths in India and even of the world. But it can be assured that the natural scenery and other attractive environments about the city will be an impediment to the

spiritualist who thirsts for the renunciation of the world.

The mineral wealth of Mysore is one for which it is so famous. It provides minerals like gold, silver, copper, iron, sulphur, asbestos, graphite and so forth. The mining is done with the help of pulleys electrically worked. The crude metal is then refined in factories.

The gold refinery at Kolar, the sugar factory at Mandya, the soap factory in Bangalore city, the oil mills in Mysore city, the cement and paper factories speak volumes about the industry of the country. It is very interesting and more than that, instructive, to visit these factories and see the process through which the crude material is purified and converted into a marketable article. The people are also intelligent enough to adapt themselves to factory and other industrial works with little instruction. The Mysore government hardly engages experts or industrial magnates from outside the State but send abroad scholars who have a knack for research work in their industrial field and recruit them on their arrival.

Electricity is obtained from the Cauvery falls and is so cheap that there is no part of Mysore which is not electrically lit. The cost of current is only nine pies per unit or even less. This is only one-fifth of the price per unit in Madras. Hence we can guess how widely the Mysorean can utilize it not as a necessity but even as a luxury; cooking too is done by electricity in many houses. The magnificent Dasara illuminations for which Mysore is famous, will afford ample evidence to the fact that the city is surcharged with electricity. In

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GANDHIJI ON HIS PROPOSED FAST

"NO INNER PROMPTING YET"

FAST IN ABEYANCE

Wardhaganj, Nov. 7.

MAHATMA Gandhi, in an interview, stated:—

"I have been receiving numerous telegrams asking me not to undertake the contemplated fast. Almost all of these telegrams are from friends who are concerned about my health and who think that if I live I can still render useful service to the country. There are one or two, bitterly accusing me and telling me that fasting has no place in the politics of the country, that it disturbs the atmosphere and impairs the efficiency of the opposition to the Government in the fight for freedom. I wish to thank both friends and critics. Members of the Working Committee and I also had a long discussion over the contemplated fast.

"In view of the extension of individual civil disobedience, the idea of a fast naturally remains in abeyance. But I must say that nothing that I have heard has dislodged me from the position that I had consistently held about the relevance of fasts and the propriety of fasts in all walks of life, including political. I admit that it is a new weapon. I admit also that the use of that weapon is not open to any but specialists, even as the use of civil disobedience is not open to everybody. But if the use of civil disobedience is open only to those who are qualified for it, the use of fasting requires infinitely larger qualifications. I hold that I possess those qualifications. I have had God-given opportunities of training myself in that direction consciously since 1906 or 1907, that means thirty-four years. But a fast cannot be undertaken mechanically. It can be undertaken only in obedience to the promptings of an Unseen Power, call it the Inner Voice, God, or whatever other name you like to give that Power.

"I have mentioned the possibility of my fasting, because something in me is prompting me to it. I am myself fighting

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NEW CEYLON WAR LOAN

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFER

BOARD OF MINISTERS TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS

Colombo, Tuesday.

IT is understood that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has suggested to the Ceylon Government the flotation of a War Loan in order to enable the people of this country to make a direct financial contribution to Great Britain's war effort on terms which will prove advantageous to them.

According to the Secretary of State's communication the acceptance of the offer is entirely optional.

The proposed War Loan is to be floated by the Ceylon Government and the proceeds will be re-lent to the Government of the United Kingdom.

To be Guaranteed by Both Governments

In the circumstances the new loan will be guaranteed both by the Ceylon Government and the Government of the United Kingdom.

The Secretary of State's proposal will shortly be considered by the Board of Ministers and when the details of the scheme have been agreed upon, an Ordinance to enable the flotation of the new loan will be introduced in the State Council.

It is learned that the Government has so far decided that the

new loan should be floated immediately after the closure of the next instalment of the Hundred Million - rupee Loan.

Government, it is learned, considers that the securing of the next instalment of Rs. 10,000,000 of the Hundred Million-rupee Loan, of which Rs. 47,276,823 has already been subscribed, is imperative to maintain the loan works, already begun, most of which are very necessary public utility measures. It is pointed out that these works are necessary to prevent large scale unemployment, expedite food production and develop the country industrially to enable it to cope with altered conditions

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KAYTS WATER SUPPLY—A CHRONIC GRIEVANCE

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF Health, Jaffna, has done well in drawing pointed attention in his quarterly report to the question of water-supply for Kayts. The importance of this port town has been recognised by the authorities and this port, of all the northern ports, has been selected by them for goods and passenger traffic with India. Kayts is, besides, the capital of the islands division, where there is also a court of law. As such people from the several islands and Karainagar frequently visit this town in large numbers not only for litigation, but for several other purposes. Kayts has thus for generations continued to be the busiest centre of activity in the islands division. The greatest difficulty of the permanent and the floating population of this town has been the lack of good drinking water throughout the year and particularly, to a woe-ful degree, during the dry months. Year in and year out the people of this town suffer terribly owing to this drawback. Unlike the other parts of the Peninsula, Kayts is suffering from a curse of nature in this respect. No good water can be got anywhere in the town. Water is brought in pots from distant places by women, and in a few cases carts are used for this purpose. Several households and business houses daily buy water from hawkers. During the dry months of the year, even the little water in the wells which the town-dwellers use for purposes other than drinking dries up or turns so extremely brackish as to be unfit for human use. It is during this period that the town has its worst experience. This is their lot year in and year out. Every occasion of the visit of a high official, Minister or Councillor has been availed of by the unfortunate people of Kayts to repeat this tale of woe to, what one should consider, the deaf ears of these dignitaries, and to pray for an adequate water-supply. Several memorials have been sent to the authorities on the subject. And yet nothing has resulted from all these, except a scheme, according to the M. O. H. "worked out on paper but has not been attempted, for want of funds, presumably." Want of funds is invariably the excuse of every Government. A crying need like this should not

be put off indefinitely on this plea. It seems to us that the authorities do not take this complaint of Kayts seriously, because it has become a chronic one; for is it not the case generally with chronic diseases to which both the afflicted and the physician become indifferent? This seems to be the plight of Kayts now. Perhaps the cry from Kayts has not been loud and insistent enough to be heard in the cosy chamber of the State Council. An organised effort should be made by the residents of Kayts to reinforce the strong recommendation of the M. O. H. for a pipe-borne water-supply. We wish them luck.

THE PASSPORT LAW

A Draft Bill to Amend Ordinance.

The Passport Ordinance is to be amended.

In the "objects and reasons" attached to the Draft Bill which has just been gazetted the Chief Secretary states:—

"Section 5 of the Passport Ordinance enables the Governor to direct the removal from Ceylon of persons who enter Ceylon in contravention of the passport regulations. The section does not, however, apply in the case of a person who attempts to remain in Ceylon after the expiry of the validity of the visa or permit under which he is allowed to land, nor does it contain provision for the arrest and detention of a person in respect of whom an order of removal is made and for securing his departure from Ceylon.

"The object of this bill is to replace section 5 of the Ordinance by a new section containing more detailed provision as to the circumstances in which a removal order may be made and the manner in which effect can be given to the order. The provisions of the new section have been based substantially on corresponding provisions contained in Article 12 of the English Aliens Order, 1920, made by His Majesty in Council under the Aliens Restriction Act, 1914; of the Imperial Parliament."

Jervis Bay Upholds Traditions of the Navy

Encounter with Nazi Battleship

London, Tuesday.

Sailing out alone to attack a big German warship in the Atlantic, the armed British merchant-cruiser Jervis Bay (14,000 tons) went down in flames with her guns still roaring, but she saved most of the convoy which scattered in the dusk. This is the convoy which the German High Command claimed to have wiped out. Twenty-four ships have now arrived at a Home port.

This glorious epic of the sea is related in an Admiralty communique stating that all except nine ships in a convoy consisting of 36 vessels attacked by an enemy sur-

Nothing Sensational Expected

Germany Woos Russia Again

Material Aid by Russia

London, Monday.

It is unlikely that there will be any political developments from the visit to Berlin of M. Vichslav Molotov, the Soviet Premier and Foreign Minister, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Nevertheless, the Germans are obviously anxious to suggest certain possibilities, as is evident from their reference to the presence of Franz von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador to Turkey.

The German propaganda machine is doing its best. Joachim von Ribbentrop is going to the frontier to meet M. Molotov and Berlin will doubtless put on its most festive garb so far as is permitted by the R. A. F.

The fact that M. Molotov is accompanied by 32 experts tell its own story of the course the negotiations are likely to pursue. There are experts in trade, metallurgy, oil and agriculture, as well as specialists in aircraft production. Germany is obviously trying to stage a demonstration by which an attempt would be made for Russian resources to be pooled something on the lines of Britain's arrangement with the United States.

But both M. Kalinin and Marshal Timoshenko have just emphasised Russia's determination to be strong and neutral. It would be surprising if Russia suddenly turned her back on this policy. It is already a concession from the Russian standpoint that M. Molotov has made the long journey to Berlin. It is the first time that the President of the Council of Commissars (corresponding to the Premier in other lands) has left Soviet soil, while in office.

There will be a lot of window-dressing over the results of the visit, but the report that Count Ciano is to be present has not been substantiated, nor is it likely that the Japanese Ambassador will take any part other than formal.

So far as can be gathered, M. Molotov will only spend two days in the German capital and will leave his experts to elaborate the details of any arrangement that may be reached.

New Maternity Home at Chiviatheru.

A new Maternity Home will be opened today at 5 p.m. by Dr. S. F. Chelappah. This is one of the many such Homes opened by the U.D.C. This Home is situated on the Kandy Road, Chiviatheru.

face raider on the night of November 5th, escaped. It is possible that some of the ships still missing may be safe.

That nearly three quarters of this large convoy escaped destruction at the hands of a powerful raider was due to the high degree of efficiency shown by the captains of the merchant vessels in scattering and making use of smoke and to the very gallant action of the Jervis Bay (Acting Captain E. S. F. Fegen), which was escorting the convoy.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

A Hindu College for Girls

Sir,—Your latest editorial on this subject is timely and gives a direction to the general feeling in the country. The Hindu College authorities and the O. B. A. should no longer shirk this responsibility. The O. B. A. which counts among its members distinguished men like Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, C. C. S., Mr. S. Adchalingam, an untiring worker, Mr. V. Sivasupramaniam, the indefatigable Secretary, and a host of others too numerous to mention in and out of Jaffna, should certainly be able to accomplish this for the Hindu public who will be most willing to help in the noble undertaking. The Colombo Branch of the O. B. A. is now alive and kicking and should be able to render substantial help in the work. The Government Agent, Mr. Prasad's offer of unstinted help in this project, is very valuable, indeed, and should open the eyes of every Hindu to his duty. Your suggestion to amalgamate the appeal for Girls' College with the One Lakh Rupee Fund is an excellent one. It will give an added attraction to the Fund and will appeal to the public in a larger measure. The Hindu College Board should not miss this opportunity to accomplish this great task, with the help of its devoted Old Boys and sympathetic public. When we have patriotic ladies of the type of Mrs. C. Coomaraswamy, wife of our District Judge, who can be depended upon to give all support for a noble venture like this, we need not despair of the success of the project. I appeal to the Hindu College Management and the O.B.A. to take early steps towards this end.

Jaffna, Yours, etc.,
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SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE RS. 1,000

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

JAFFNA 'PLANE FUND

Speaking at a variety entertainment organised by vernacular and bilingual schools in the Northern Division, Mr. J. C. Wirekoon, Assistant Director of Education, said that Mr. A. J. R. Veithavaram, their Divisional Inspector of Schools, informed him that the proceeds of that entertainment, which was in aid of the Jaffna War Plane Fund, had reached the sum of Rs. 1,000.

Mr. Wirekoon congratulated the students in their having contributed their mite towards the crushing of Hitlerism.

The entertainment, which was under the patronage of Mr. Wirekoon, was held at the Town Hall, Jaffna, on Saturday evening, and drew a large audience.

The programme consisted of 24 items of folk songs and dance plays, a "Kummi" by the Pandatturpu Bilingual Girl's School, a rustic dance by the boys of Thunnaalai South Government Tamil School and an action song by the girl students of the Pasayoor Roman Catholic Tamil Mixed School.

"COLOMBO A SOULLESS CITY"

NEW CAPITAL FOR CEYLON SUGGESTED

MR. HOLLIDAY'S PROPOSAL

A New Capital of Ceylon, preferably two thousand feet above sea level, one hundred miles from Colombo as the crow flies, and about fifty miles from Kandy is advocated by Mr. Clifford Holliday, the town planning consultant, who has just completed a scheme for the improvement of Colombo.

"Colombo is most unsuitable to be the Capital of Ceylon," said Mr. Holliday in the course of an interview with a "Daily News" representative.

"It is like a foreign 'concession,' he declared. 'It is an artificial and soulless city, and it does not appear to belong to the rest of the Island or to the Sinhalese. Nor does it enjoy the best climate in the Island.'

It is useful as a commercial port, he observed, and it should continue as such.

Mr. Holliday is leaving Ceylon with his family for South Africa where he intends to keep his children for their education. He will spend six months in the Union of South Africa during which time he will prepare the final plans for the lay-out of the University site.

He will come back, to Ceylon he said, to commence planning the new Anuradhapura and the Protestant Cathedral for Colombo.

With regard to the question of a new Capital for Ceylon, Mr. Holliday said that the country was now entering a new era of its existence.

Spur to National Pride

A new capital would stimulate greater national pride and an increased efficiency, he declared.

"Colombo being an artificial city," he continued, "living in it makes people lead an artificial life and absorb wholesale customs and habits from the West that are not suitable to this country. That is how your cost of living is increased.

"I advocate the creation of a new cultural capital, one hundred percent Sinhalese, at an elevation of about 2,000 feet, on a site of about six thousand acres of undulating land, surrounded by a green agricultural belt.

"The site must have good natural drainage and an adequate water supply, and must be in a position to utilise the hydro-electric power which will soon be available.

"It must have a good air port and if it was within a hundred miles from Colombo as the crow flies, it would be within a quarter-of-an-hour's reach by air from Colombo."

Mr. Holliday suggested that all the land within the new city should be State-owned and then there would be no artificial land values or land speculation and of course, no slums.

"Perhaps," said Mr. Holliday, "there will in Ceylon's new capital be no betting, no beer and no bottles."

NO WATER ON TAP YET!

KAYTS MUCH AFFECTED

M. O. H.' S. REPORT

"Kayts is the port with the second or third largest revenue in the country and the Central Government should provide the town with a pipe-borne water supply", states Dr. S. C. Thurai Rajah, Medical Officer of Health, Jaffna, in his third quarterly report.

"The question of a pipe-borne water supply for the Urban Council area seems to be as far off as ever. This question which was taken up about 100 years ago is still far from being a 'fait accompli'. The war has added to the difficulties.

"In this area, in spite of the extreme drought, the supply of drinking water has not been affected much except in the islands and especially in the Kayts Sanitary Board area. There is a scheme worked out on paper, but it has not been attempted for want of funds, presumably."

Lower Death Rates

Dr. Thurai Rajah observes that the general death-rates, both urban and rural, were lower during this quarter than during the other two quarters under review. The general death-rate seems to be coming down steadily. The infantile death rate was higher than in the other two quarters under review. This requires further investigation.

Typhoid is again on the increase and was higher during this quarter than in the other two quarters.

Dr. Sam de Simon, one of the medical officers in charge of the leprosy campaign in Ceylon, visited the area, and was proposing to open a clinic at Kayts as the District Medical Officer at Kayts has some experience in leprosy work. The number of cases of leprosy also seemed to be larger in Kayts and in the islands than in the rest of the area.

"An interesting feature is that most of the lepers seem to have spent some part of their lives in Malaya. This requires further investigation," remarks Dr. Thurai Rajah.

For the first time in the history of Kayts, the fumigation of schooners plying between Jaffna and India was carried out during this quarter.

About twelve of them were fumigated with sulphur and it is hoped that permanent facilities for fumigation of vessels here will be established early.

There is a number of vessels that run between India and the Northern ports and the port health facilities now available are very unsatisfactory.

New German Blackout Instructions

London, Tuesday.

New German blackout instructions have been decreed by General Goering, according to the German radio. Henceforth, every German has to take blackout measures with the greatest alacrity and scrupulousness and listeners were referred to the Press for further details.

Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil

Commission Inquiry

The Commissioners appointed by the Government Agent, Northern Province, under Trust Ordinance No. 9 of 1917 held several sittings at the Bilingual School, at Maviddapuram opposite the Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil. The Manager of the said school, for certain reasons, informed the Commissioners that he could not permit them to hold inquiry any further in his school. The Commissioners then wrote to the Magistrate of Mallakam to grant them permission to hold their sittings on those days when the Courts are not sitting at Mallakam. It appears that the Magistrate had refused them permission. The Commissioners then obtained permission from the authorities of the Jaffna Hindu College of Vannarponnai, Jaffna, and notified the parties concerned about their sitting to be held at the said College on the 10th November, 1940. The Respondent Mr. S. Subramania Kurukkal alias Retna Kurukkal wrote to the Commissioners to hold their sittings at some place in Tellipalai or Maviddapuram and objected to their sitting at the Jaffna Hindu College as it was inconvenient for him to travel to this college and as the "Hindu Organ" had published reports of the sittings of the Commissioners which are against his interests. Further the Respondent informed the Commissioners by another letter that he sprained his knee and that he could not travel to the place of inquiry. Several of the petitioners were present at the Jaffna Hindu College and denied the statements of respondent. The Commissioners after considering the two letters of the Respondent and request of the petitioners, decided to hold their inquiry at the said college and recorded the evidence of the following witnesses viz—

Mudaliyar, S. T. Sittampalam retired Sub-Collector of H. M. Customs, Jaffna, stated that his ancestors had made contributions to this temple and that he was a party to certain agreement between the Respondent manager and himself and his late father. The document P 3 already produced by witness C. Rudrapathy was delivered to him by his late father Subramaniam and was in his custody since 1913 and that he delivered it to the said witness to be produced before the Commissioners on a prior date of inquiry as he was personally unable to attend this inquiry on that date. The respondent had not carried out the terms of the said agreement and that the respondent had demolished a Madam founded by his ancestors and had given this site to his daughter Sornam, wife of Aiyaswamy Kurukkal who are now using it as their family residence. The petitioners closed their evidence and requested the Commissioners to finish their inquiries and make their report as early as possible as the respondent was causing all kinds of obstructions with a view to postponing matters indefinitely.

The Commissioners have now adjourned their sittings for the 23rd November, 1940, at the Jaffna Kachcheri. Cor.

New A. G. A. Mannar

Mr. A. C. M. Hingly, Assistant Government Agent, Colombo, has been transferred to Mannar as A. G. A.

"HARROWING TALES" OF M. O. H.

FREE MEALS OF JAFFNA CHILDREN

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

"The School Medical Officer gives harrowing tales of children in this town who come to school at 8 a.m., perhaps after a feed of cold rice or hoppers, and have nothing to eat till 2 p.m. when they return home," said Dr. S. C. Thurai Rajah, Medical Officer of Health, at the monthly meeting of the Jaffna Urban Council in moving that the Council should contribute towards the cost of providing free mid-day meals to necessitous schoolchildren within the urban area.

The Council decided to make provision for the purpose in the budget, provided the Government meets half the cost of feeding school children in the urban area.

The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Jacob.

The Chairman, Mr. C. Ponnambalam, said that he was strongly in favour of the proposal, but it would involve an annual recurrent expenditure of Rs. 16,000.

Damage to Alternator

At an earlier stage of the meeting, the report of the Electrical Engineer on the alleged damage to the alternator of the engine at the Power House was circulated to the members and tabled, pursuant to a motion of Mr. K. Aiyadurai.

It was decided to accept the report of the Electrical Engineer regarding the damage to the alternator.

Rat-Proof Grain Stores

Dr. S. C. Thurai Rajah, M.O.H., moved: "That a set of rat-proof grain stores be built at a suitable site, and that this be done out of loan funds."

Mr. M. Jacob seconded—Carried.

The application of Mr. Nagendram, Electrical Superintendent, that he be paid Rs. 250 per mensem, was next considered.

It was decided to pay Mr. Nagendram Rs. 250 per mensem.

MORE LEAVE FOR DETAINED COUNCILLORS?

Motion in Council Today

Mr. D. M. Rajapakse (Hambantota) gave notice of the following motion at yesterday's meeting of the State Council: "That this council is of opinion that leave of absence be granted to the Hon. Members for Ruwanwella and Avisawella under Article 15 (f) of the Order-in-Council for three months from November 14th, since it is physically impossible for them to attend Council or Executive Committee meetings."

Mr. Rajapakse also gave notice that he would move the suspension of Standing Orders to enable him to move this motion tomorrow.

The members concerned, Mr. D. P. R. Ganawardene and Dr. N. M. Perera, are detained under the Defence Regulations.

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"His Work Will Shine"

Tributes to Mr. Chamberlain

London, Monday.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain ex-Premier of England after a serious illness died on Sunday at his country residence at Hampshire.

The morning papers, whatever their opinions of Mr. Chamberlain's "appeasement" policy, unite in paying a tribute to his personal courage, unflinching loyalty and devotion in the service of the State.

"The Times" predicts that with the fuller disclosure which time will bring, the stature of Mr. Chamberlain will increase rather than diminish. "It," says the paper, "in earlier years British foreign policy had known a resolute and sustained effort at leadership equal to Mr. Chamberlain's, the course of events in Europe would have been vastly different. No other policy than Mr. Chamberlain's could have averted war or delayed it as Mr. Chamberlain's undoubtedly did. It was Mr. Chamberlain's supreme service to have reduced the issues to black and white. To him more than to any man we owe it that a united people and empire mean to fight at all costs and for any period that may be necessary to bring Hitler-ism to destruction. We now know that what he attempted no man could have achieved, but against the organised evil with which he was fated to contend, the work he did for the country will shine in simplicity and charity more and more as the years pass."

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "No Minister ever worked harder and spared himself less. That he failed in his greatest aim—peace—does not detract from the courage of the attempt. He leaves a reputation of unsullied integrity and an example of devotion to duty that has helped to uphold the dignity of our public life."

The "Daily Herald" pays a tribute to his solid record of service in public life and domestic politics "before he intervened so ill-fatedly in international affairs."

The "News-Chronicle" says: "His personal integrity, devotion to duty and desire to serve the coun-

LABOUR WILL REBEL

President Roosevelt's Faith

Washington, Monday.

"Those people under the iron heels of the dictators will rebel," said Mr. Roosevelt in an Armistic Day speech at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. He expressed faith that Democracy, in spite of all, would survive.

In what was his first public speech since his re-election, Mr. Roosevelt denounced the "unpatriotic efforts" which, he said, had been made by some Americans since the last war "to make us believe that the sacrifices made by our own nation were wholly in vain."

In 1914, he declared, a definite effort was made in a part of the world to destroy democracy. That effort was designed to substitute the doctrine that might makes right.

"That attempt failed 22 years ago today". A hundred years from now historians "will say rightly" that the last war preserved the "new order of the ages" for at least a whole generation. They would say that "if the Axis of 1918 had been successful in a military victory over the associated nations, resistance on behalf of Democracy in 1940 would have been wholly impossible."

America was, therefore, proud of its share in maintaining the era of democracy in that war in which they took part. Today, "we recognise certain facts of 1940 which did not exist in 1918—the need for the elimination of aggressive armaments, the need for the breaking down of barriers in a more-closely-knit world, and the need for restoring honour in the written and the spoken word. We recognise that the processes of the Democracies must be greatly improved in order that we may attain those purposes."

try are all qualities by which Democracy is enriched."

The "Daily Express": "The greatness of Mr. Chamberlain showed itself in the iron will with which he fought on amid the ruins of his policy."

The "Daily Mail" "His fame does not rest on events alone. He will be remembered as a sincere, high-minded and steadfast statesman. His successes and failures all sprang from one abiding motive—to serve the Right in serving Britain".

Mysore A Celestial State on Earth

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short it is a land of myriads of lights.

A few years ago Mysore was almost self-sufficient. But now due to the expert guidance of the late Maharaja the State is able to export a number of industrial products such as soaps, oils, sugar, cement, paper, chemicals, fertilizers, glass, china-ware, toys, electrical wires, batteries etc, silks, wooden furniture and many other luxuries.

We now turn to another phase of this picturesque city. The Dasara days for which Mysore is so famous are worth noting. The last of these days is epoch-making

The Ayuda pooja is performed in the palace early at dawn, and the people go a out making mery till at four in the afternoon they dress themselves in all their gaiety and throng the roads along which the Royal pageant will move towards the Bani Mantapam. There is a peculiar glow on the face of every Mysorean that day. He is happy that his Maharaja is to give him audience in all his paraphernalia and a mutual bow with suppliant hands takes place between the king and his subject. Both express their contentment of heart in smiles as the procession passes by. The cavalry, infantry, elephants, camels, bullocks etc all march in double files to the tune of the State band. We also find in the procession the ministers of State, the members of the Royal family, the representatives of the different tribes, musicians, bandsmen, drummers, dancers and others. The pageant is a sight worth seeing.

We now come to the Brindavanam which is situated beside the Krishnasagar Dam. This is a little more than ten miles from the city and commands the most beautiful scenery in Mysore, nay, the best in India! This may be said to be a portion of Paradise on earth. Flower beds artistically shaped and pruned will be found smiling with varicoloured blossoms throughout the day. And in the nights when the flowers become invisible the fountains begin to spray jewels of liquid light over them. Coloured bulbs are geometrically arranged so that when the lights are flashed on to the fountains they appear to emit coloured water of all hues. In fact each spring is a rainbow in a miniature form. In a niche in the wall of the Dam we see the statue of the mythical goddess Cauvery holding a pitcher in her hands. The pitcher is ever full and overflowing with water. This is a significance of the never failing state of the Cauvery to the cultivators of Mysore.

A few references to the Royal family will not be out of place here. The death of the last Maharajah Krishnaraja is an irreparable loss to the citizens of Mysore, but confidence in the present ruler Jayachamaraja is a satisfaction to them that they have a ruler in whom they can hope for greater things. May we wish the Mysoreans and their

POLITICAL PACT UNLIKELY

RUSSIA WILL BE NEUTRAL

WHAT LONDON THINKS

London, Tuesday.

It may be assumed that British official quarters have entertained no illusions on this point though the British Government has sought for the fullest mutual understanding with the Soviet Government and, consistently with the principles for which Britain is fighting, for the most cordial and fruitful relations. While, therefore, informed circles here do not exclude either the possibility of some high-sounding declaration emerging from the visit or the likelihood that some practical economic arrangement may be negotiated, the general feeling is neatly expressed by a leading article in "The Times" in one sentence: "M. Molotov will probably prove a good listener."

"It adds: "It seems unlikely that he will have taken with him to Berlin full powers to commit his country to a course, which would make Soviet Russia the obedient satellite of German policy in Eastern Europe and the Near East."

"The Times" sees in the feverish activity recently shown by Axis diplomacy a "not unnatural desire to consolidate the existing gains while there is yet time", and says: "To Hitler this activity on the whole has been singularly unfruitful."

Axis propagandists profess that one of the reasons for M. Molotov's visit is the Soviet wish to participate in discussions of the reconstruction of Europe necessitated by Britain's collapse. M. Molotov may disappoint the Nazi leaders by his inability to accept the imminence of a British collapse because it may be assumed that the Soviet Government has been at pains to inform itself accurately on the war situation. The view of Russian military experts may perhaps be reflected in the statement of the Moscow radio two days ago that the "end of this war is not yet in sight". The picture of chaos and distress in German-controlled Europe presented in that broadcast hardly suggests that the Soviet Premier will wish to waste much time in negotiating for Russian collaboration with the Nazis' fictitious new European order.

ruler success and prosperity.

A visitor to Mysore has a good many things to learn. The rapid progress that it has made within the last few decades is a glaring example of how steadily a State can rise up to recognition. If any country has been successful in the solution of the problem of unemployment it is Mysore. At least it has achieved the nearest approach to a solution of it. In this connection it can be said that there are possibilities in Jaffna too for its agricultural and industrial development provided the suggestion by the venerable Mr. K. Balasingam of connecting the Jaffna lagoon with the Mahawalinganga will fructify.

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GANDHIJI ON HIS PROPOSED FAST

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against it, for, however willing the spirit may be, the flesh is weak I know that when unable to drink an adequate quantity of water during a fast, it becomes almost unbearable, especially in the initial stages. But however weak the flesh may be, I know that the weakness can be conquered when that Unseen Power dominates in me to the exclusion of every other force. That feeling has not yet come to me. Until it comes, naturally there will be no fast. If it comes I myself feel powerless to listen to the friendly importunities and kindly intervention of friends or the anger of fearless critics. Therefore I will beseech all to hold themselves in patience and watch developments.

"Of course, it is open to everyone to help me in the crisis through which the country is passing. I have shown numerous ways in which everybody, friend and critic, can help. I have no desire to make an elaborate statement indicating the ways in which people can help. Having stopped the publication of the *Harijan* weekly, I have lost all desire of making public statements. This I am compelled to make to thank the numerous inquiries and to allay public anxiety."

Asked about the future of the *Harijan* and the connected weeklies, Gandhiji said, "You will presently see the valedictory issue of the *Harijan* announcing their stoppage altogether."

(Hindu Cor.)

NEW CEYLON WAR LOAN

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brought about by the war.

It is also pointed out that Ceylon is unable to borrow money from outside during the war.

Alternate Proposals

Several alternate proposals are being considered in connection with the proposed Ceylon War Loan.

Among these proposals, it is learned are the following:—

(1) A long term loan.
(2) A loan for a medium period without stipulation of the maximum amount which each person may subscribe.

(3) A short term loan with or without a limit to the maximum amount which an individual may subscribe as may be decided upon.

It is probable that one or all of these alternate schemes may be adopted.

The rate of interest has not yet been decided upon, but it is likely that the loans will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent. or 3½ per cent.

New Provision Proposed

It is also proposed that the new Loan Ordinance will make provision to enable private persons to lend money to Government free of interest for war purposes. At present there is no such provision in the Ceylon Loan Ordinance.

It is learned that in floating a local War Loan, it is necessary to provide facilities for large local business undertakings and banks for long term investments. Otherwise

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 949. In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kathiresar Aiyadurai of Thirunelvely Deceased. Arumugam Nadarajah of Thirunelvely Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sinnathurai Nadarajah, and wife
2. Sithamparam,
3. Arumugam Palanithurai,
4. Vallipuram Ramalingam, and wife
5. Pulomisa,
6. Sellappah Sivasubramaniam,
7. Velupillai Sivakolunthu,
8. Vallipuram Kathiresu.
9. Sinnappu Ratnasabapathy, and wife
10. Parupatham, all of Thirunelvely
11. Kuddiar Nalliah of Colombo and wife
12. Thangam of Thirunelvely

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before O Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 6th day of November 1940 in the presence of Mr. M. Mathiaraman, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 4th day of November 1940 having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the Petitioner unless the Respondents or any other person shall appear before this court on the 9th day of December 1940 and shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 6th day of November 1940.

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

Drawn by,
Sgd. M. Mathiaraman,
Proctor for Petr.

(O. 65. 14 & 18.11.40)

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 935. In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnampalam Karthigesu of Karaitive West. Deceased. Nagammah widow of Ponnampalam Karthigesu of Karaitive West. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Karthigesu Arumugam
2. Karthigesu Nadarajah
3. Karthigesu Sivasithamparam
4. Karthigesu Vallipuram
5. Karthigesu Yoganathan and
6. Ponnampalam Krishnapillai all of Karaitive West

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 2nd day of October 1940 in the presence of Mr. A. Arumugam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 6th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5th respondents for the purpose of representing them in this testamentary proceedings, and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioner unless the respondents shall appear before this Court on the 20th day of November 1940 and shew cause to the contrary to the satisfaction of this Court.

The 8th day of October 1940,

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,
District Judge.

(O. 66. 14 & 18-11-40.)

It is likely that such institutions, which have large sums of money for investment, and desire to contribute to war funds, may choose to subscribe to the Indian Government's War Loans.

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