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EDUCATION IN MUSIC.

We publish in this issue a report of the speech delivered by Sir A. Mukerjee at the Convocation of the University of Mysore. Our readers will find in it much that will be of help towards the development of education in Ceylon on national lines.

In our last issue we republished an article from the "Madras Mail" on Indian Music which refers to the measures that have been undertaken for its cultivation.

The Government of India and the Governments in many of the Native States accord liberal patronage to the Indian arts. In the construction of the new Delhi, India's style of architecture, sculpture and paintings are to be given sufficient encouragement.

"These ragas have been gradually evolved with a very delicate sense of melodic expression. No one who has heard an Indian song finely rendered can have failed to appreciate its infinite (tonal) subtlety."

The Ceylon Government and the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society have done a good deal to preserve the ancient Sinhalese Art. But in the direction of facilitating the cultivation of these arts in the education of the children, little has been done.

For the Hindus, music is an intimate handmaid of religion. Its influence on the human mind are manifold, varying with the various ragas and tunes. No religious education is complete where the student is not versed in music.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

THE WEATHER.—Rain fell yesterday in the Pettah and Kachcheri side of the Town. There were some drizzles in Vannarponnai.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The first meeting of the Legislative Council under the presidency of His Excellency Sir William Henry Manning will be held on the 13th proximo.

RESULTS OF ADVOCATES' EXAMINATIONS.—A meeting of the Council of Legal Education was held on the 28th instant in the Judges' Library, and was presided over by the Chief Justice. The following were present at the meeting besides His Lordship.

A NEW ADVOCATE.—Among the candidates who have come out successful in the last Advocates' Final Examination, we are glad to note the name of Mr. S. Kumaraswamy B. A., of Kanderamadam, Vannarponnai.

KATARAGAMA PILGRIMAGE.—It is notified in last Friday's "Gazette" that any person proceeding to Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Dewale during Eshala and Ilmaha Kachchi festivals without a permit from the G. A. or A. G. A. of the district is liable to a fine of Rs. 1,000 or to rigorous or simple imprisonment for one year.

EAST AFRICA.—Mr. R. Tamby Rajah, Cashier, "Times of Ceylon", was to leave the Island on the 29th instant to take up an appointment in the Political Department, East Africa.

B. A. & B. Sc. EXAMINATIONS.—The London B. A. and B. Sc. Examinations commenced on the 28th inst. at the Government Technical Schools, and 15 students took up the Examinations. Eight candidates sat for the B. A. Examination Six for the B. Sc. and one for the B. Sc. in Economics.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE NOTARIES ORDINANCE, 1917".—The Draft Ordinance is published in last Friday's "Government Gazette". The object is to amend the principal Ordinance on three points. First, it seeks to modify the limitation imposed in subsection (2) of section 11 of the principal Ordinance, so as to place outside that limitation the cases of certain notaries whether appointed under section 6 of the principal Ordinance, or the corresponding provision in the Ordinance No. 2 of 1877.

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. Ganapathipillai of the Fiscal's Office, Jaffna, has on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works in whose office he was employed prior to his transfer to his present office, been granted a merit promotion to Class II Grade II of the Clerical Service.

REFORM CONFERENCE.—The Organizing Committee of the Reform Conference met at its Office, 12 De Soysa Buildings, Colombo, on Saturday (26) at 9.30 a.m., and in consultation with Delegates from Provincial Associations discussed the subjects and resolutions to be submitted to the Conference at the Public Hall, Colombo, on 13th and 14th Dec. A representative Reception Committee has also been formed.

SALE OF STEAMER AND MOTOR LAUNCHES.—Messrs. Bartlett & Co., Auctioneers, will sell by auction a small steamer and motor launches, &c., by order of the Chairman of the Port Commission, on Nov. 4, at noon at the Harbour Works premises, Colombo.

INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SHOW FOR KALMUNAI.—A meeting was held in the Wesleyan Mission English School on the 22nd instant to consider the advisability of holding an Industrial and Agricultural Show; it was decided to do so. Mr. Stanley Green, J.P., U.P.M., presided. Mr. Abdul Majid, Vanniya Mudaliyar, was Secretary (pro tem). Present:—Rev. W. C. Bird, Rev. Father Boury, Rev. T. S. Vetharapagam, Messrs. H. E. Koch, D. E. C. Sittampalam, M. O. Kanthapodi, Vanniya, Somarathar, Head Clerk, Irrigation, Johnson, Fiscal's Marshal, S. Ratnasingham, Superintendent of Estates, Arthur de Silva, Sanitary Inspector, V. Ramasathan, Agricultural Instructor, and others.

SHIP BUILDING IN CALCUTTA.—Calcutta, Oct. 24.—The steamship "Prosperous," built by Messrs. Burn and Company for Mr. S. N. Roy of Chittagong, was launched this afternoon from Howrah. She is 153 ft long and about 24 ft in depth. There is accommodation for 12 first-class and 300 deck passengers and the carrying capacity is about 500 tons. This is the first vessel built in India under the rules, and she took the highest classification as a sea-going ship.

CEYLONESE FOR MESOPOTAMIA.—Mr. D. Rutnam, late Manager, Gampola Transport Agency and Motor Works, has received an appointment in the Civil Administration in Mesopotamia and will be leaving by the Talemannar train on the 29th instant.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE IN CEYLON SCHOOLS.—At a meeting of teachers of girls' schools in the island at the Director of Education's Office on Saturday it was decided to proceed with the scheme of introducing domestic science into girls' schools in the island. Present:—Mr. E. B. Denham (Chairman), Mrs. Evans, Miss Choate, Miss Carter, Sister Letitia, Mrs. W. A. F. Halliday (Matrons) and representatives of the Methodist College, Koinjiviti, S. Bridget's Convent, Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, the Galle, Kegalla and Kurunegala Convents and the Wesleyan Girls' High School, Kandy.

MRS. BESANT SUEW "MADRAS MAIL" FOR Rs. 100,000.—Mrs. Annie Besant filed a plaint in the High Court on Tuesday v. Mr. D. S. Browner, Editor, "Madras Mail", claiming damages for alleged defamation in the issue of the 19th October, 1918. "Now that Bolshevism, as displayed in Russia, is proved to have been a huge German conspiracy, a new term of abuse must be found for Home Rulers, says a 'Local Extremist Journal'." We fail to follow the argument. The so-called Home Rule movement as the San Francisco trial, the Revelations of the Rowlett Commission and the admissions contained in the Chelmsford-Montagu Report serve to place beyond doubt, enjoy a very real, if subterranean, connection with Germany. Bolshevism, as a term descriptive of the kind of rule the "Home Ruler" would set up in India, is therefore, as appropriate as ever. One cannot touch pitch and not be defiled." Plaintiff charged that defendant meant that Home Rulers, members of the Home Rule League, are traitors and disloyal subjects of His Majesty the King Emperor, and are guilty of High treason by associating and connecting themselves with the enemies of their King and Country, the people of Germany. The quotation from a 'Local Extremist Journal' is from plaintiff's newspaper, "New India." The plaintiff charges that the words suggesting that the same "enjoy a very real, if subterranean connection with Germany" was false and malicious and intended to discredit and injure plaintiff in her personal and public capacities. In consequence she has suffered and is likely to suffer throughout the world in character, and in reputation and estimated the damage at Rs. 100,000. —"M. Times, Oct. 24"

INDIAN PRESS DEPUTATION.—London, Oct. 11.—The Indian journalists have arrived and will pass a week in London, in which they will visit the docks and aeroplane factories. They will be entertained by the Institute of Journalists, by Lord Northcliffe at the Ministry of Information and a reception will also be given in their honour at the India Office. They will have an audience of the King, and afterwards they will visit the fleet, the Clyde and then the Western front.

DELHI'S AFFLICTION.—In consequence of the severe influenza epidemic prevailing at Delhi, it has been decided to postpone indefinitely the Conference of Ruling Princes and Chiefs of India, which was to have taken place in that centre at the beginning of November.

THE TRINELVELY HINDU SCHOOL ASSOCIATION JAFFNA.—The members and others interested in the above Association will be glad to note that the second Annual Government Examination of the Hindu School has taken place and the result is quite satisfactory as 70 students in all became successful out of 79 presented. It is regretted that many more students who are eligible to appear for the Examination were not presented as they, being laid up with the new fever, were unable to attend the Examination. We congratulate the Staff of the school and the Association for the best work done by them during the year and hope they will exercise their utmost to secure a still better result next time. —Cor.

C. T. C. ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Turf Club was held at the Turf Club, office Colombo on the 26th instant. Present:—The Hon. Mr. F. Bowes, C.M.G., (in the chair), Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike, C.M.G., Messrs W. B. Bartlett, Wilton Bartlett, E. L. F. de Soysa, A. R. A. Heath, G. L. Lyon, P. G. Cooke, D. H. Williams, J. M. S. Barlow, Christie Senewiratne, O. E. Goonetilleke, A. Thorp, W. R. Atkinson, J. G. Abeydeera, Fred Abayandura, Wace de Neisse, Eustace de Saes, B. F. de Silva, C. H. Z. Fernando, Stanley Obeyesekere, A. S. Berwick and G. R. Whitty (Acting Secretary).

ACCOUNTS.—The Chairman—said that his actual profit was not Rs. 43,000 odd, but Rs. 109,000 odd. They had paid Rs. 66,000 odd to War Charities and Rs. 11,000 odd was spent in capital expenditure. With these exceptions, the accounts were quite clear. He formally moved their adoption.

Sir S. D. Bandaranaike—seconded.—Carried.

SPLENDID DONATION TO WAR FUNDS.

The Chairman—said the next motion was: "That out of the profit of the past season's racing the sum of Rs. 75,000 be devoted to War Charities." The figure clearly showed the policy the Committee had adopted since the beginning of the War. They had met there that day when there was considerable local distress and it had been suggested by certain members of the Committee, and he (the Chairman) thought that that would be the opinion of all those present, that it would be desirable if the Ceylon Turf Club out of its prosperity give something towards the local Relief Fund. (Hear, hear) He therefore, suggested, that Rs. 50,000 be voted, not out of the sum proposed for War charities, to help the distressed, not only in Colombo but in the whole island. The Secretary would take the utmost care that the money would be spent in a proper manner. He moved, as an additional motion, that Rs. 5,000 be voted for that purpose. The motion was carried.

sted when I realise the enormous extent to which the products of our inexhaustible natural resources are carried away to foreign countries by adventurous exploiters, the masters of educated industries elsewhere, who apply to them their skill and art, freight them back as manufactured articles, re-sell them for our use and profit, by the multi-fold increase in value. What more telling illustration could one imagine than the manufacture of sandal oil which, to the infinite credit of your Government, is now carried on within your territory and under the exclusive supervision of the children of the soil. This, however, is not a solitary, and isolated example. When my countrymen have been adequately trained and have been afforded free and full opportunity to employ their talents, what they can accomplish in the way of utilisation of our boundless natural resources of the diverse descriptions, is amply illustrated by the achievements of Sir Seshadri Iyer and Sir Vireswari who have played a distinguished part in the organisation of gigantic works of public utility which have excited the admiration of friendly critics. It may consequently be asserted without fear of contradiction that if we are to live if we are to survive this age of struggle we must keep pace with the rest of the world in scientific pursuits. We must realise that it is a fatal mistake to make ignorance the primal law of labour. For there is no labour which skill cannot elevate and improve. Let us honour and educate labour, and train our children to business and callings other than those that have hitherto monopolised the appellation of "learned profession".

I do not propose on the present occasion to detain you with the examination of another highly controversial question, the burning question indeed of the age, namely, whether University training so develops the character as really to benefit man for their work in the momentous conflict of life. It is sufficient to state that in my judgment it is impossible to emphasise too strongly the elementary truth that the formation of character is of infinitely higher consequence than the absorption of knowledge. Though the circumstances of the time have compelled me to devote the main portion of my address to what may be called the intellectual and material side of our activities, I do not underrate the supreme value of the spiritual element. But I feel convinced that in an Indian University, addressing an Indian audience, it is superfluous for me to impress upon my young friends the paramount importance of the lesson that whether we turn our eyes to the unfathomed depths of the sea or the boundless regions of space, beyond the things that are seen and temporal, are the things that are unseen and eternal.

H. H. Chancellor next declared the Convocation dissolved and the return procession of the Senate started. It was in the order of H. H. Chancellor, H. H. Pro Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, two deans, members of Senate and ordinary fellows.

Visitors stood both when procession entered and returned and when H. H. Chancellor made his speech.

Arrangements were excellent owing to untiring work of Mr. T. Denham, Registrar, students of Maharaja's College acted as Volunteers and did much useful service. —The Hindu.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The War.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, Oct. 25.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, wiring yesterday, says:—General Debeney's advance between the Oise and Serre threatens to take up near the enemy powerful position based on the Oise which is impassable for tanks. The whole of the enemy's first line has been captured on a front of sixteen miles. Darkness interrupted the attack.

A French communique says:—On the Oise front at night we repulsed two enemy attempts. East of the canal between Longchamps and Noyales. This morning we again began to press the enemy East of Sissonne, East of Bethel we carried the village of Amblyfloury between the Canal and the Aisne despite the determined enemy defence. We took 100 prisoners and a number of machine guns.

F. M. Sir D. Haig says:—We captured Vendegies-sur-Ecaillon on Thursday afternoon and progressed on the high ground Eastward. We successfully repulsed a counter-attack in the neighbourhood. Fighting recommenced in this sector at an early hour in the morning. The enemy's resistance at Maing was overcome last evening, the village remaining in our hands. Elsewhere we pushed forward at different points.

London, Oct. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, wiring today, says:—Yesterday's victory by the Third and Fourth British Armies is infinitely greater than is expressed by the big hauls of prisoners and guns. It is merely a question of time before Valenciennes is isolated. The weather is favouring us. An East wind is drying the ground.

London, Oct. 23.

An American official despatch says:—On the Verdun front on Friday evening the enemy extended to the West side of the Meuse the efforts to wrest from us the gains of the preceding days in the region of Bantheville. After half-an-hour's Artillery fire the enemy attacked positions between Bois-des-Rappes and Bois-de-Bantheville and was repulsed with heavy losses, our line remaining everywhere unchanged. Northward of the Aisne we are established in positions on the Southern portion of Bois de Bourgogne on both banks of the Meuse. Northward of Verdun the battle which is being fought by our First Army today enters its second month, continuing with incessant severity frequently rising to extreme violence. On the entire front of 25 miles the enemy is offering determined resistance. We took over 20,000 prisoners in this front since Sept. 25th and over 150 guns, 1,000 trench mortars and several thousand machine guns.

An American communique says:—The battle on the Verdun front continued most violently. East of the Meuse we occupied Bormont Wood last evening. The Germans today counter-attacked repeatedly between Bormont and Detraya Wood and were repulsed with the heaviest losses. Only in Bliu Wood the enemy by a fifth attack forced

us to withdraw to the Eastern part of the Wood. We advanced West of the Meuse and North West of Grandpre in the face of determined resistance and entered Bourgayne Wood.

London, Oct. 25.

Amsterdam.—According to Antwerp refugees German residents have been ordered to leave the city.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters says:—Our First, Third and Fourth Armies are wearing down the enemy's resistance. We are now nearing the great Mormal Forest, North of Landreelles. The Forest is infested with German and machine guns. Our Artillery are devoting great attention to it with high explosive shells and gas. Our patrols in this zone are moving in the direction of Mons. The enemy has lost 150 guns since Wednesday. The weather is dry, but overcast.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY.

London, Oct. 24.

Washington.—The Secretary of State has forwarded through the Swiss Charge d'Affaires the following reply to Germany's Note:—Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German Government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of Peace laid down in his Address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January 1918, and the principles enunciated in his subsequent addresses, particularly the address of the 27th of September, and that it desires to discuss the details of the application, and that this wish and purpose emanate, not from those who have hitherto dictated German policy and conducted the present War on Germany's behalf, but from Ministers who speak for the majority of the Reichstag, and for an overwhelming majority of the German people; and having received also the explicit promise of the present German Government that the humane rules of civilised warfare will be observed, both on land and sea, by the German armed forces; the President of the United States feels that he cannot decline to take up with the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated, the question of an Armistice. He deems it his duty to say again, however, that the only Armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and the Power associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into, and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible. The President has, therefore, transmitted his correspondence with the present German authorities to the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated as a belligerent, with the suggestion that if those Governments are disposed to effect Peace upon the terms and principles indicated, their Military advisers and the Military advisers of the United States will be asked to submit to the Governments associated against Germany the necessary terms for such an Armistice as will fully protect the interests of the peoples involved, and ensure to the associated Governments the unrestricted power to safeguard and enforce details of the Peace to which the German Government has agreed, provided they deem such an Armistice possible from the Military point of view. Should such terms of Armistice be suggested, their acceptance by Germany will afford the best concrete evidence of her unequivocal acceptance of the terms and principles of the Peace from which the whole action proceeds. The President would deem himself lacking in candour did he not point out, in the frankest possible terms, the reason why extraordinary safeguards must be demanded. Significant and important as the Constitutional changes seem to be, which are spoken of by the German Foreign Secretary in his Note of the 20th of October, it does not appear that the principle of a Government responsible to the German people has yet been fully worked out, or that any guarantee either exist or are in contemplation that the alterations of the principle and of the practice now partially agreed upon will be permanent.

The conclusion of President Wilson's reply states:—Moreover it does not appear that the heart of the present difficulty has been reached. It may be that further Wars have been brought under the control of the German people, but the present War has not been and it is with the present War that we are dealing with. It is evident that the German people have no means of commanding the acquiescence of the Military authorities of the Empire in the popular will; that the power of the King of Prussia to control the policy of the Empire is unimpaired; that the determining initiative still remains with those who have hitherto been the masters of Germany. Feeling that the whole Peace of the world depends now on plain speaking, without any attempt to soften what may seem harsh words; that the nations of the world do not and cannot trust the words of those who have hitherto been the masters of German policy and to point out once more that, in concluding Peace and attempting to undo the infinite injuries and injustices of this War, the Government of the United States cannot deal with any but the veritable representatives of the German people, who have been assured of a genuine constitutional standing as the real rulers of Germany. If it must deal with the Military masters and the monarchical autocrats of Germany now, or if it is likely to have to deal with them later in regard to the international obligations of the German Empire, it must demand, not Peace negotiations, but surrender. Nothing can be gained by leaving this essential thing unsaid. Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration. (Signed) Robert Lansing.

London, Oct. 25.

Sir E. Carson, speaking at Oxford, drew attention to Germany's minimum demands when she thought she was top dog. They included the surrender of Malta, Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and other points. He heartily concurred in President Wilson's Note today. Our armistice terms must be equivalent to Germany's terms in 1870, when replying to the request for an Armistice, she agreed, provided that all the German guns were placed advantageously on the road to Paris so that they could be taken at her pleasure. Anything less now would involve disaster.

Reuter is informed on reliable authority that the Allied Governments cordially approve President Wilson's Note which generally represents the views of the Allies, who in spite of appearances of deliberately leaving the brunt of the negotiations upon the President have been acting in complete accord with the United States throughout. President Wilson now, however, having submitted the question to the Allies definite concerted action will be taken, and the Naval and Military terms

recommended by the respective Governments will be put forward by joint terms of all the associated nations who are firmly determined to act conjointly.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS DRAFT.

London, Oct. 24.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. David Davies, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government were trying to reach an Agreement with the Allies and the United States, which would enable a detailed scheme for the League of Nations to be drafted.

BRITISH FIRST TO BREAK HINDENBURG LINE.

London, Oct. 24.

Reply to Mr. Henator, Mr. Macpherson confirmed the fact that the proud distinction of being the first to break the Hindenburg Line belonged to the British Army. (Cheers.)

PALESTINE.

London, Oct. 27.

Syria.—A Palestine official message says:—Our advance Cavalry and armoured cars occupied Aleppo in the morning of Oct. 26th after overcoming slight opposition.

THE ITALIAN FRONTS.

London, Oct. 27.

A British Italian official despatch says:—Under the Cavara command the Indian Tenth Army commenced an attack across the Piave in Gavedoppadol area at 6.45 this morning. The Italians on the right overcame strong resistance, while the British on the left, advancing satisfactorily, reached the first objective, also overcoming strong resistance.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

London, Oct. 26.

Amsterdam.—It transpires that the vote of confidence in the Chancellor, adopted by the Reichstag after the Chancellor's recent speech, was not unanimous. The figures were 190 against 52. There were 23 abstentions.

JEWS DEMAND SELF-DETERMINATION.

London, Oct. 26.

A Jewish National Council, representing three million Polish Jews, has been established in Warsaw, and demands the right of self-determination.

PEACE.

London, Oct. 25.

Lord Robert Cecil, speaking before the International Association of Journalists, said the Peace achieved must be such as to perpetuate the increase of the friendship prevailing between the present Allies. The War had brought nothing we valued more than the increase in Anglo-American friendship.

Washington.—Colonel Honee, the personal representative of the President, and Admiral Benson, Chief of Naval Operations, have arrived in Paris and will be present at the United States armistice deliberations.

London, Oct. 26.

Amsterdam.—The German papers are now more pessimistic about the Wilson Note. The "Lokalanzeiger" says:—Germany cannot accept the Armistice, which would make her defenceless. The "Cologne Gazette" says:—President Wilson's demands are arrogant.

Amsterdam.—Hindenburg appeals against faint-heartedness which would accept humiliating conditions. Germany must, he says, have an honorable Peace or fight to the utmost.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" sees in President Wilson's reply a plain hint to the Kaiser, and hopes that the latter will make a wise decision soon.

London, Oct. 27.

Amsterdam.—The "Nieuws van den Dags" Berlin correspondent says the Kaiser is expected to make a declaration which will clear the atmosphere. Rumours of his abdication have been revived.

TWO MILLION AMERICANS.

London, Oct. 25.

Washington.—It is officially announced that over 2,000,000 American troops have been sent overseas. —The Ceylon Observer.

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