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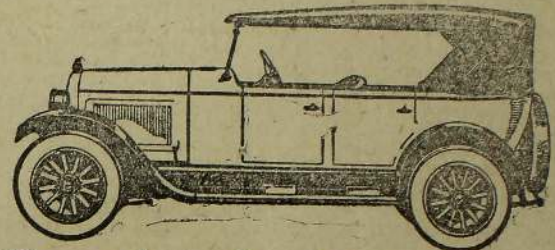
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THE LAND POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SELDOM DO WE COME ACROSS A GUBERNATORIAL utterance of so much learning and wisdom as the one delivered by His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of the opening of the Agricultural Conference at Peradeniya in defending the past land policy of the Government and in foreshadowing its future policy.

In defending the land policy of the past His Excellency took the present prosperity of the Island as the evidence of its soundness. "The tremendous expansion," observed His Excellency, "of the organised agricultural enterprises of Ceylon, which had been witnessed during the last five and thirty years has not only benefited the Colony as a whole, but has brought considerable prosperity to those sections of her permanent population who inhabit the country which has been the principal scene of that expansion."

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LOCAL & GENERAL

WEATHER—The sky is clear and there is good sunshine. Paddy harvesting is being continued

OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE—It is understood that Colonel Greenwood has been appointed to command the troops in Ceylon in succession to Major-General Higginson.

CAR TRAIN COLLISION—The motor car owned by Dr. Crossette, Medical Officer of Health, Jaffna, collided with a ballast engine near the Kachcheri level crossing.

PERSONAL—Messrs. K. S. Sharma, Chief Clerk, and K. Nagalingam, Clerk, Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, F. M. S., Government Railways, Kuala Lumpur, have come over to Jaffna on 7 months' leave and are residing at Telippalai and Sandilipsey respectively.

APOTHECARIES' CLASSES IN MEDICAL COLLEGE—Last Friday's "Gazette" publishes a notification from the Registrar, Ceylon Medical College calling for applications for admission to the Apothecaries' Classes.

DENTISTS AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS—The same Gazette publishes the list of names of those who are licensed and those who are entitled to practise Dentistry and Dental Surgery and those who are qualified to practise Medical and Surgery in Ceylon.

LONDON B. S. SPECIAL EXAMINATION IN GEOGRAPHY—The same Gazette notifies that the Senate of the University of London has sanctioned the holding of the B. S. Special Examination in Geography, in Ceylon.

THE EASTERN BANK COLOMBO BRANCH—The Manager of the Eastern Bank has received telegraphic information from the Head Office in London stating that the net profit including brought forward amounts to £168,440 14 6.

VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY, COLOMBO—The twenty fourth annual general meeting of the Vivekananda Society, Colombo was held at the Society's headquarters to Hill Street on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

VEHICLE PROSECUTIONS IN JAFFNA—The Jaffna Police charged before the Police Magistrate of Jaffna, a car driver named Isselwatta Andappan with having pined his car for hire without a driving licence.

FAREWELL TO THE DEPARTING A. S. P.—The members of the Jaffna Police Force met to bid farewell to their Assistant Superintendent, Capt. S. G. Nolley, a group photograph was first taken with Mr. Nolley as the central figure after which a football match was played.

Christians Embrace Hinduism

5,000 WILLING FOR CONVERSION. During the last week of February 160 Mikir Christians, males and females were converted to Hinduism at Mikir Hills in the Assam Valley with usual ceremonies by Sri. Goswami of N. rth Gauhati, a preacher of the Hindu Mission.

A non-Hindu family consisting of three members were converted to the Hindu faith on March 6 in Calcutta. The work of conversion is proceeding at Hill in the District of Bogra.

Mullaitivu Recreation Club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Annual General Meeting of the Reading Room and Recreation Club, Mullaitivu was held on the 12th instant at 5 p.m. in the Reading Room, presided over by Mr. P. Saravammattu, C.O.S., Assistant Government Agent.

After the usual preliminaries were gone through the Secretary read a brief report of the work for the year ended 31st December, 1926. This was followed by the reading of the Treasurer's report and the balance sheet which were circulated among the members.

Then the election of office bearers ensued. President: Mr. P. Saravammattu, C.O.S., Assistant Government Agent; Vice President: Madaliyar C. Chelliah and Mr. C. Arumugam, District Maliyar; Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. Selvadurai (re-elected); Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Visuvanigam (Re-elected); Auditor: Mr. S. I. Wijayarajah; Board of Survey: Messrs. A. Kanagasabapathy and S. Venayagamoorthy; Sports Secretary: Mr. Alagarajam Jeremiah (Re-elected); Captain of Tennis: Mr. Arasakons Jeremiah; Captain of Volley Ball: Mr. S. Venayagamoorthy; General Committee: Messrs. A. Marcuspillai, V. Sivasubramaniam and S. S. S. S. S.

Russia's Strong Note to China.

IMPENDING EXTREME STEPS.

The Soviet Charge D'Affaires in Peking, has presented to the Northern Government of China a strong Note protesting against the seizure of a Russian steamer and the detention of the Soviet crew on board, among whom is Madame Borodin, wife of M. Borodin, the Russian adviser attached to the Canton Government.

The relations between the British and the Northerners, which remained all along so cordial as even to give rise to the suspicion that the British and the Northerners are acting in collusion, seem to become strained. Certain troops from Shanlung province—evidently on their way south to Suog Kiang and Soochow where Chang Tzun-Chang is entrenched in order to beat back the Cantonese on their march on Shanghai—asked to be allowed to cross Shanghai and on being refused permission came up armed and threatened to force entrance.

The Northerners who are on their way to the strongholds of the Nationalists are reported to have achieved an artillery victory in Honsu and are said to be crossing the Yellow River. Wu Peifu's Generals, however, are said to be acting as a buffer between these victorious forces of Chang Tzu-Lin and the troops of his ally and nominal subordinate Chang Tzun-Chang, who is thus prevented from sending reinforcements.

Continued.

THE MANIPAL JEWELLERY THEFT CASE—The case was taken up for trial before the District Judge of Jaffna, in which a young man named Vyramattu, his wife, and two others, named Chelliah and Poncambalam were charged with house breaking and theft of jewellery in the house at Manipal of the widow of the late Mr. Vyramattu of Colombo. It would appear that the first accused, Vyramattu, and his wife lived in the house with the widow. After trial His Honour bound over the wife of the first accused to be of good behaviour for a period of one year. Chelliah was sentenced to a year's rigorous imprisonment. Poncambalam was sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment.

CAMELS FOR SALE IN COLOMBO—It is said that during the week end, four camels were imported to Colombo from Aden by an Arab. The animals are intended for sale and are stabled near the cattle mart at Borella. It will be recalled in this connection, that an attempt to sell two animals some years back proved unsuccessful.

GOVERNOR INSPECTS UNIVERSITY SITE—His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Colonial Secretary and Dr. A. Nell, is said to have visited the proposed University site in Dambara, on Monday morning and has approved of the selection.

Hindu Students' Convention

MR SRI PATE MANATHAN TO ADDRESS. At the request of Mr. A. Chinnaswamy, M.A., the Secretary of the Y. M. H. A. (Ceylon), Jaffna, Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan, M.A. (Ceylon), Barrister at Law has kindly consented to deliver an address at the Annual Hindu Students' Convention which is to be held sometime in April at Keriemal.

Our London Letter.

London, Feb'y 25, CHINA.

I referred in my last letter to a demonstration organised by the Independent Labour Party and held in the Albert Hall protesting against the despatch of troops. Soon after that there was another mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square, where also members of Parliament took part.

LIVES IN DANGER IN CHINA.

"We are told we must send troops to China because lives are in danger there. Whose lives? Do you know these lives?" In May, 1925, there was a labour dispute in a Japanese factory in Shanghai, in which a Chinese workman was killed. The students sided with the strikers; on May 30th four of them were arrested by the British. Their comrades followed, demanding that they also should be arrested.

On June 23rd, 1925, a procession was organised in Canton to protest against the Shanghai massacre. While it was marching peacefully along a street in the Chinese city near Shamoon (the foreign quarter), the troops guarding Shamoon opened fire without provocation, killing 52 and wounding 117. Among the killed were a child of ten and a Professor of the Canton Christian College, with several of his Christian students.

At Wansien, on September 5th, 1926, while negotiations were in progress about a shipping dispute, H. M. S. Cockchafer suddenly bombarded the city, causing the loss of nearly 1,000 lives and over 1,000 houses, including the Roman Catholic Cathedral. As Wansien is an open town, this bombardment would have been illegal even in time of war.

These incidents have persuaded the Chinese that their lives are not safe while British armed forces remain on their soil. Sending more troops only increases the danger. Other nations and their citizens safe in China without armed protection. So shall we, when we cease to rely upon force.

DEMAND THE RECALL OF THE TROOPS!

Numerous other demonstrations are being held against the present Government's policy towards China. The British Federation of Youth has organised more than one meeting for the same purpose. There was again an all day conference on China organised by the London University Branch of the League of Nations Union.

CHANGES IN THE COMMON PRAYER BOOK.

There has been some sensation for the past few days over the recent changes that are being wrought in the Common Prayer Book. Some of these alterations are in connexion with the forms taken in marriage and christening ceremonies. For example the words 'I shall obey..... throughout my life' have been changed to suit the requirements of the modern equality of sexes, the word 'obey' being struck off. [My quotation is not verbatim, but is only intended to give an idea.] Some of the clergymen are violently opposed to this change and even threaten to give up their robes.

THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Under the auspices of the above assembly, which is composed of students of all nationalities in London, there was held a meeting at University College, when Prof. Marroult and Sir Francis Younghusband, K.C.S.I., L.L.D., D.Sc. addressed the house on "The Biblical Basis of the League of Nations." The chair was taken by the President, Mr. T. Nallathann. It is significant that both the speakers touched on the universal aspect of ethics regardless of particular religions. Prof. Marroult, late of Montpellier University is now in London in connexion with the organisation of the Theosophical World University.

CEYLON STUDENTS

Last Saturday, members of the Ceylon Students' Association went to Cambridge for a debate with the Cambridge Ceylon Society, where the discussion was on the advisability of having vernacular as the medium of Education.

Monday before last, Mr. O. B. P. Perera, C.O.S. (Secretary of the Ceylon Students' Association) left London for Ceylon. He was an engineering student, but has to give it up since he was called up for his Civil Service work.

