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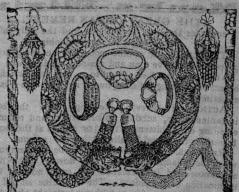
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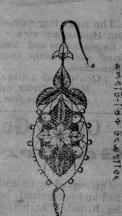
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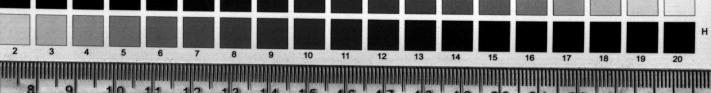
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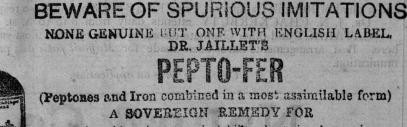
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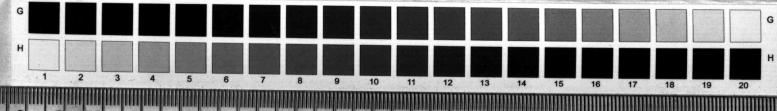
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UNION BETWEEN INDIANS AND ANGLO-INDIANS.

WE are exceedingly obliged to the Anglo-Indian community for the support that they have given to the natives of the soil in their condemnation of the sedition measures proposed by the Government. We would like to see both the communities in this manner acting in concert, for the good government and welfare of the country. If the Anglo-Indians so desire it, they can, by petty sacrifices, take at least the respectable menders of the Indian community along with them. There is another important matter just now before us, in which both the Anglo-Indians and Indians can act in concert for the benefit of the Empire. This is contained in the following telegraphic summary of the speech of Lord George Hamilton:-

Lord George Hamilton, speaking at Chiswick, said that in view of the large surplus expected, it would be unwise to help India.

To the above, the Pioneer gives the following admirable reply :-

Lord George Hamilton's speech at Chiswick exhibits the lamentable lack of grip which too often characterises his lordship's utterances on Indian questions. India is not to be helped by England, it seems, because Sir James Westland expects a large surplus. Nothing is said apparently of the deficit for the current financial year, nor is it explained that the surplus for 1898-90 will only be arrived at by calculating that a lean year is to be followed by a fat. The real reason why Lord George Hamilton has thought fit to change the tune recently played by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is probably that he has been told from India that there is nothing the Government of India dislike more than the idea of losing their financial independence. And very naturally and properly too. What they have not hitherto recognised in practice is that the spendthrift, if he will not turn from his ways, must in the end put his pride in his pocket, and either accept assistance or go into liquidation.

Now the financial condition of the Government is so n iserable that proposals have been made to dispose of some the State Railways for the purpose of meeting our present requirements! The state of affairs can be improved if the Indian Government takes help from the British exchequer. But that the Covernment will never do. Why? 3 sollo 1 sall

Is it because the Government has no right to make the demand? It has been admitted on all hands that the Government of Ir dia has a right to do it. For, in these frontier expeditions that have cost us so much, the British Government is equally interested with the Indian. Is the British exchequer unwilling to render the help? No! The British tax-payer will be only too glad to do it. Why, then, is the Government of India reluctant to a k the help?

The reasons why the Indian authoritiesare so loth to take this assistance, are mainly two: firstly, Lord George Hamilton is not willing to take the cdium that it was he who was the first statesman to ask for such help from England for Indian needs; and secondly, if the British tax-payer renders the help he will, on his part, demand some control of the Indian

As for the first ground, is it proper that the interests of the Empire should be jeopardized simply because the vanity of an official or two would be hurt if the proper remedy were applied? And how prefer such a selfish request at all?

absolutely free to do whatever it likes with of a foul crime was necessary to make its funds. A control, however slight, by the the authorities see their mistake in respect British tax-payer, will interfere with that of this measure.

Firstly, this much-dreaded control does not mean any privilege given to the native papers gave at first a warning; National Congress. What is the harm if the British tax-payer exercises some sort of control over the finances of the country? As the finances of the Empire are oftentimes frittered away, would not some sort of outside and independent control be advantageous? If the finances of the Empire were properly controlled, would it not be a distinct advan- the native papers, the riots would not have tage to the English people?

At present no Englishman has any control over the finances of this country except a few selected officials. Mr. Commissioner Russel has no such control, nor the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High of British soldiers, armed, as they were, .Court, nor the local rulers, nor the with extraordinary powers.

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trolled partly by the Secretary of State for of that town forgot their old differences India and his dezen ministers, and partly by | the Viceroy and his Executive Council. So, if some additional control were imposed upon the finances of India, no Englishman, here or in England, would be deprived of any privilege that they enjoyed. The only sufferers will be the Secretary of State and his Council, and the Viceroy and half-adozen of his Councillors,

This being the state of affairs, we don't see why the Anglo-Indians and Indians should not combine to press the Government to take that help from Ergland, which that country is willing to offer.

THE NASSIK RIOT. Tobacket

MODERATE language is, no doubt, good for, it appeals to the heart and the sense without creating resentment. But, in India, the situation is such that it preduces very little effect. The Indian papers may discuss a measure thread-bare, and prove its obnoxious character in the most conclusive manner possible, But the likelihood is that no notice whatsoever will be taken of such efforts to serve the State. If the writer, however, uses one strong expression, he brings upon himself the ire of the Anglo-Indian papers, the efficials, and the Coverment. But along with this, he also draws attention to this arguments against the obnexious

If the Government had only given a fair hearing to the comments of the Indian press, the country would have been governed better; and the strong writings, that now and then disfigure their columns, would have disappeared.

Some local officials sometimes show such a degree of callousness to public opinion that, nothing short of the use of violent language, or the commission of an outrage, will rouse them to take notice of what the outside public may say regarding their acts or measures. Of course, no sane man will advise the commission of riots and murders for the very good reason that such outrages do not pay. A riot in India is followed by what is called the most exemplary punish ment; and we all now have come to rea lise what the murder of an official by an Indian means in this country. Because two officials happened to be murdered by a ruff an, therefore the whole Indian press is going to be gagged!

Yet, to the misfortune of all parties concerned, it has come to this that the surest way of drawing the attention of the Government is the commission of some violent

When the plague measures were sought to be enforced, the Indian newspapers warned the Government of the consequences of such unsympathetic methods. No notice whatsoever was taken of these complaints. But when the Poona tragedy was enacted by a blood-thirsty maniac, both the Times and the Pioneer came to acknowledge that if the plague rules ought to be enforced, due respect also ought to be paid to native susceptibilities. What we regret is that this very proper view of the matter ought to have been taken when the rules were framed, at least, when they were condemned by the native papers in a body. But the mischief is, that the Times and can any official, however high his position, the Pioneer came to recognise the objectionable character of the rules and As regards the second, the situation is their enforcement after the diabolical acts this. The Government of India is now had been committed. So, the perpetration

> Similarly, when the Benares Temple was sought to be interfered with, the and then they began to write violently, but all to no purpose. The riots that followed, at last awakened the Government to the fact that a wrong had been done. Here a riot was necessary to lay bare the obnoxious nature of the work which the Government was doing. If the Government had only given a fair hearing to occurred at all.

> The Government has now come to know what a great blunder it was to enforce plague rules in a conservative and Brahminical city like Poona with the help

When some precautionary plague mea sures were sought to be introduced into The finances of the Empire are con- Bans Barielly, the Hindus and Mussalmans and combined to protect faemselves. At Patna they withdrew all cases from the courts and made up their quarrels, when plague rules were promulgated amongst them. out, this unic, the ment

Perhaps the most serious of the plague riots occurred at Nassik. Here are the further particulars of this incident:-

The affray was due to the Koonbee inhabi-ants, who, on Thursday afternoon, assembled in considerable numbers outside the town. As the result of a meeting, the crowd which was composed of large numbers of the worst classes, proceeded along the high road from the place of meeting. At first the attacks were made on two plague camps. The camps were built mainly with bamboo, grass and gunny cloth, and on being set alight after the few occupants had been warned to clear away, were quickly destr yed. The attack then appeared to have been delivered on the hospital, where the assistant in charge was beaten to death by the mob. After wrecking the hospital, destroying the flushing pump, and committing other damages, the foters appear to have made towards the joint post and telegraph office. On the way they altacked and killed a pleader, named Naja who was the chairman of the local plague committee, While not attacking the staff of the telegraph office, who are said to have taken to their heels, the mob smashed the instruments and destroyed the office records. In addition to cutting the wires they pulled down the posts and otherwise damaged the line for about mile. Later on, the rioters proceeded to the kutcherry, threatened the Mamlatdar and threw stones at the building. Some information ha een gained that in addition to the two deceas ed the mob had contemplated attacking four other persons, but owing to the police called out and firing on the crowd, it was ultimately dispersed. The disturbance lasted couple of hours. Since the riot Mr Wingate, the Plague Commissioner, has visited the seene together with other officials, including Mr. Silcocks, the Collector. The result of the enquiries at Sinnar are so far kept more or less confidential, but it is said that the friend of the s said that the firing of the police resulted in no deaths of the rioters, but that already some 50 persons have been arrested on suspicion of having taken part in the disturbances. The Telegraph Office has been re-opened.

Let us draw inferences. The enforcement of plague rules created seething discontent. The native papers brought the fact to the notice of the authorities, who paid no heed to the remonstrance. They had, therefore, to write strengly to draw attention, as mederate language failed to do it. But though they wrote violently, still no notice was taken of the complaints. What mcderate writing, and subsequently, violent language, failed to achieve, was at last accomplished by the commission of a foul crime. Similarly, in Benarcs, what the people failed to obtain by legitimate and respectful representations in the beginning, and violent writings subsequently, was secured at last by a riot.

It will be conceded that most of such riots as have just disgraced Nassik, could be averted by a careful perusal of the Indian news. papers. That being the case, the gagging of the press will only increase the number of such riots and make the government of the country difficult and the position of the efficials dangerous. It is only by a mere accident that no European official was killed at Nassik. d but yourseld

THE COVERNMENT AND THE LANDED CLASSES.

WHEN famine visited this unfortunate country last year with all its aftendant horrors, the Government of India gave the assurance that it would follow strictly the instructions laid down by the Famine Commission of 1880, in mitigating the sufferings of the people. The public are under the impression that several of these instructions were honcured more in the breach than in the observance. They may be wrong or they may be right in their cententien. If they are wrong, the Government should, through the newlyappointed Famine Commission, disabuse them of that impression. If they are right, the Government should, through the same Commission, give an explanation of the circumstances which prevented it from doing its duties properly. The policy of silence will only go to strengthen the impression that the Government not only failed to carry out many of the instructions laid down for its guidance by the Famine Commission, but that it has no explanation to offer for its conduct.

We shail to-day bring only one point to prominent notice, to which great stress was given by the Famine Commission of 1880, namely, the duties of the Government to the landed classes. It is well-known that a large number of those who possess beneficiary interests in the land are, in times of famine, severely pinched,

support; and those who borrow at such a time, do so on terms which make repayment difficult and may embarrass them for life. The Commission, therefore, suggested two courses for giving relief to these affected classes: (1) by abstaining from collecting from them the ordinary instalments of the land revenue, the payment of which must add to the difficulties of all who are hard pressed; (2) by lending them at low interest the sums they require for their sustenance and the cultivation of their land, or for the maintenance, and employment of their dependants of tweets were seatnand

suspension of the land, revenue, the Commission made the following prevision: We consider that the true principle on which leniency should be shown, is this: that nobedy should, be forced in such seasons as these to borrow in order to pay the land revenue, but that all who can pay it without borrowing, should do so, etc., etc. It should be understood that such suspensions ought to be liberally given to all but the wealthier individuals and those who from exceptional circumstances have escaped the general failure of the crops; and great care must be taken that the granting of this relief is not unduly 'delayed, while enquiries are being carried on with regard to the claims and circumstances of individuals." As regards the small agriculturists the Commission observed that "the rolley of the Government should be to advance money freely and on easy terms on the security of the land, wherever it can be done without serious risk of ultimate loss." woods and more extonut

It goes without saying that there was not a single land-holder in India who did not suffer terribly last year and who could tide over the difficulty without borrowing at a high rate of interest. The highest and the lewest were in the same position; fer, if the comparatively wealthier were better off, they had to feed and clothe more dependants than those in straitened circumstances. But how many of these got help from the Government? On the other hand we know from positive experience that, many a zemindar, already involved in heavy debt, had not only to suspend the collection of rent from their own tenants, but to supply them with seed and food-grains, and who had yet to meet the full revenue demand of the Covernment. Indeed, while the Government did not suspend or remit one pice of its revenue due from the zemindars, the latter, as a rule, had to relax their demand from their ryots for rent. In Bengal at least, not a single zemindar had benefited by the provision of the Famine Commission, though the authorities were fully aware that many of them were in an extremely bad way and did not know how to make the two ends

supply of the plague. As regards the agriculturists, thousands applied for tuccavi advance, and their prayers met with no response. It is a worder how these men managed to live at all. There is no doubt of it that many of them had to sell their cattle or mortgage everything they had to the meney-lender; while others had to leave their land uncultivated and unsown for want of cattle and seed. So their miseries have but begun.

If the instructions of the Famine Commission led been strictly believed, very few landholders and agriculturists would have suffered from the effects of the last year's famine; and, at the same time, Government would have got back every rupee it had distributed as loan But the manner in which the affair managed, has scarcely left a zemindar or an agriculturist who has not been seriously in jured by the last year's calamity.

WE do not know the gentlemen, who are in charge of "Intelligence Agency, London, E. C.; but they have taken the trouble to send us, by the mail to hand, the following information which, if true, will, no doubt, create as much sensation in India as it has apparently done in England. The Agency, in their letter, dated London, January 14th, 1898, says :-

"The Indian colony was startled this morning by a rumour that two natives. authorities by whom they have been wa ched.

Dr. Sarat Mullick, who is on the staff of a London Hospital, and his brother, Hemanta Mullick, a Barrister, have long taken a prominent part in insti- every Indian helpless at the mercy of a gating the Indians to "stand up for the constable or a choukidar. Perhaps the rights of which they had been robbed." The nost scathing condemnation of Mr. Chalmmediate cause of their arrest was the violent speeches they made at the recent and obliged to borrow money for their Indian Conference under the presidency of the Calcutta High Court Bar;-

Mullick's speech are complained of." incriminated passage is quoted here.

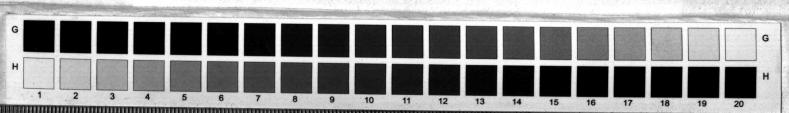
The mail papers to hand, dated the 14 instant, however, do not mention the indent; neither did Reuter telegraph it India. Our own correspondent was u fortunately not in England when the mail left London, and thus we have o information from him on the subje So, for aught we know, the rumour mig have no foundation in fact. Indeed, cannot persuade ourselves to believe the because two young Indians made a point uring their eloquence at a meeting of soi students, therefore the authorities England lost all control over themselve With regard to the first, that is, the and directed their prosecut on for, such trial will being a arge number of India nevances promin ntly to the netice of the nglish public a situation which is n likely to be invited by the India Office. the same time, if it be a fact that the pr posed Sedition Law in India has emanate from the present Ministry, it is qui possible for them to institute an extraore nary proceeding of the kind, noted in the letter of the Intelligence Agency.

> THE Patna speech of Sir Alexander Ma kenzie, published in another column, sh much tact, judgment and conciliatory sp on the part of His Honour. The promule tion of the plague rules, it will be reme bered, created the greatest consternation possible in Patna; and the city was we nigh denuded of its population under it impression that zenanas would be invaand that Hindu and Mussalman ladi dragged to public hospitals, and their iji destroyed. Mr. Inglis, the good Magistrate the District, succeeded, to a great extent, remove these groundless fears from t minds of the public, by giving them assurance that no outrage of any sort wor be committed upon their time-honour customs and institutions; but, some of the rules were really harsh, and so, the Lieut pant-Governor has been pleased to t them with his own mouth that he wou alter them and thus do away with cause of anxiety in this connection. H Honour has, in a manner, allowed hom egregation to the people of Patna, I doubt not, the same corcession will I made to the citizens of Calcutta also, if the ever need it. In his speech Sir Alexand raised a debatable question which, spite of His Honour's assertion, has n et been satisfactorily proved. Says H Honour : "The only known remedy fagain plague] is to segregate people from the infected houses." Now, when such a high authority as Dr. Blaney of Bombay dispute the contagious and infectious character the disease, the theory of segregation, must be admitted, has been considerable discredited. Indeed, we cannot say postively whether the rigorous manner in whi the segregation policy has been carried or has done more good or harm to the unfo tunate people of this country. Considering the untold sufferings which segregation entails, we think, it should never be fesorte to, till it has been established beyond a doubt that it is really a remedy again

> THE Select Committee had another los sitting on Saturday last on the Sedition I Perhaps there will be no more sitting, as the Committee's Report will be presented the Council next Friday. If we are corre in our surmise, it shows with what railwa speed they are proceeding with a measur which, if passed, will create a revolution

According to a Tanjore correspondent he Hindu, a lad of fourteen there has been given 5 years' imprisonment for havin forged a railway ticket. The corresponde very justly observes that a few stripes wou have produced a more salutary effect than long term of imprisonment in the compar of hardened criminals. There are Judg who have no sense of proportion; for, five years hard labour is the lot of a forging a railway ticket, what would be t punishment given to a grown-up man wh forges a currency note of ten thousan rupees? Then, those who are prone pass extra-hard sentences, ought to know that in the ec nomy of nature no one car do violence to moral laws without hurtir himself. So, by sending first offenders to ja Judges not only harden these unfortuna men but deaden their own finer entimen

ANOTHER . great prope of Mr. Chalmers Sedition Bill has come down. It was first the Englishman which withdrew its suppor to the measure ; the Pioneer followed suit and the Times of India has now come ou with a strong leader, which is reproduced in another column, to condemn the whole thing. The Bombay paper echoes the sen named Mullick, had been arrested for dis- timents of all men who are competent to pass an opinion on the subject, when it say that the existing Secition Law needs no change, except in the matter of the draco n an punishment it provides, and that the proposed amendments of section 108 of the Criminal Procedure Code will leave nost scathing condemnation of Mr. Chalners' measure is contained in the following sentence, which we take from the note!



The time has not come for making the telling of truth penal in this country.

Yes, adieu to all fair and honest criticism, the proposed amendments become law. e are curious to know whether Mr. chalmers and his colleagues are at all aware what the public are saying about the sedi-ion measure. The probability is that they on't trouble themselves at all about public pinion; for, in that case, they would have ong ago recommended the Government to helve the Bill. There is no doubt of it that o measure has been so universally conemned as this Bill; and, if it be yet passed, will have to be forcibly thrust down the inwilling throats of all intelligent men, European and Indian, living in this country.

LIKE the Natu brothers, Mr. Tilak has so become a source of much anxiety and couble to the Bombay authorities. They annot afford to see him die in jail; or, there is no doubt, his death will conulse the country far more powerfully than ven his prosecution and incarceration did. Hence they are taking every care that he is not overtaken by plague or any other serious isease, and have just removed him from the Bombay to the Yerrowda jail. But, apart rom political considerations, the authorties, at least some of them, we learn from Bombay, have also been moved by a feelng of sympathy for him. This is but natural, for, the authorities are Englishmen, and they cannot but feel some regard for a his trial and who has given nothing but satisfaction to the jail authorities by his exemplary conduct. Though pining away and perhaps dying by inchesin jail, yet Mr. Tilak did not forget to serve the cause with Haffkine's serum. He gladly agreed to get himself inoculated to induc other prisoners, who flatly refused to have anything to mob. do with it, to follow his example. This sacrifice brought on fever and resulted in his losing 2 to 3lbs in weight. Those who are acquainted with Mr. Tilak, know that he is one of the most unaggressive and gentlest of men; and it has always been a puzzle to us how he could evoke such ire from the officials and Anglo-Indian press. We are, however, glad that the hearts of some of the authorities have softened towards him. That being the case, why not release him without further delay? Firstly, he has been already sufficiently punished; for, though he has been in jail for two or three months, he now weighs only 112 lbs., which shows he has not passed his time nappily there. Secondly, the authorities will be relieved of a great responsibility; or, there is no doubt, his death will place them in an awkward position. Thirdly, the authorities are by this time convinced that Mr. Tilak is a noble fellow and does not deserve their resentment.

WE do not know what troubles are in stores for Nassik as the result of the recent disturbances at Sinnar. We learn from a telegram In the Presidency of Bombay, however, the usual policy is to lend a deaf ear to the people. It may well be presumed that when the Nassik correspondent says the above, he reflects the official view. What an infuriated officialdom can do, the late Bominfuriated officialdom can do, the of the special correspondent of the Timss of India at Nassik that the riot was committed Indian public. Well may Nassik, after this, tremble for the consequences of the acts of some of its illiterate roughs.

THERE was a murder at Kurthanangudy : and, as usual, an enquiry followed, ending in the Sessions Court, he retracted his confession; and the presiding Judge, considering the case for the prosecution too weak to sustain so serious a charge, acquitted the prisoner. The matter should surely have rested there. But the Government would not at all a hard task to prevent these not allow him to escape so easily. They disturbances. The gentle and law-abiding applied to the Madras High Court against people of India never rise against the the decision of the lower Court. But the High Court did not find its way to oblige ed to desperation under a sense of wrong, the Government or those who were responsible for this appeal against acquittal, and upheld the decision of the Sessions Judge. It is a unique privilege that the Government in India possesses, of appealing against acquittals; for, in no other civilized country, the Government enjoys a similar prerogative. It was expected, however, that the Govern-ment would never avail of it, but in rare and relate to their most cherished institutions exceptional cases. But what do we find in practice? Indeed, so great is the rage for taking advantage of this privilege, that at times the Government manages to place itself in a humiliating position.

produced "a certificate from one of the end to fight with the monster. One thing is institutions authorised in that behalf by quite clear. The other day Sir Alexander the Governor of Bombay in Council." His Mackenzie declared at Patna that "the only Excellency does not want professors and known remedy against plague is to segregate schoolmasters, to use Lord Sandhurst's lan-guage, who "dabble in politics." Such per sons will not be permitted to start education-

accident that a European officer escaped the ungovernable wrath of the infuriated mob who rioted at Sinnar, a small town near of wholesale desertion. It will thus be seen Nassik. Indeed, Dr. Gwayther, the medical officer in charge of the plague camp, The quarantine rules were less stringent last horse-back. He was in Cutchery at the time when the disturbance occurred. The rioters, not finding him, burnt his tents and deserted houses. But, this time, the rules literally everything found therein. This catastrophe was brought about in this wise, When the plague broke out at Sinnar the authorities adopted the segregation policy and placed the patients in special hospitals. All contacts were segregated, and quarantine was imposed. This caused seething discontent at Sinnar; and a series of meetings were held where the measures were loudly condemned by way of protest. No notice of this popular outburst seems to have been taken; and the inevitable result followed. The discontent came to a head on Thursday afternoon, when a mob of 600 villagers, mostly cultivators, broke loose. They first burnt the plague and segregation huts, in which were three or four patients, and then proceeded to Dr. Gwayther's camp. As stated above, he was fortunately not there; and they burnt his tents, and then made for the Government dispensary, where they found the Hospital Assistant, an elderly Brahmin, who had not fled to the Cutchery as the others had done. The poor man was pounced upon and brutally murdered with man who has behaved so nobly throughout an axe. They next met a Brahmin pleader, who was President of the Plague Committee, walking with the Sub-Judge. They let go the latter, after having handled him roughly but the pleader was hustled off to a nullah near by, and hacked to death. Thus they of humanity wwen asked to be inoculated wreaked their vengeance upon whosoever was connected with plague. The police subsequently came, fired, and dispersed the

> JUDGING from the above account, which we take from the Bombay papers to hand, the Sinnar riot seems to be only a repetition of similar incidents in this country. If the plague measures created discontent at Sinnar, they did so ten times more at others. Patna. The people of Patna, again, both Hindus and Mussalmans, are a far more But Patna was blessed with a Magistrate who knew his people and sympathised with their feelings,—nay, even respected their prejudices. When he discovered that the Patna people had got intensely dissatisfied with the rules he called dissatisfied with the rules, he called them together and assured them over them together and assured them over and over again that he would never allow their susceptibilities to be hurt. He further advised them to put their grievances into writing and requested the Governinto writing and requested the Government Pleader to help them in the matter. In this way, he quietly succeeded in nipping in the bud a movement which, result in a terrible disaster.

thing to do with the almost wholesale desertion of this ancient city. If it be a fact very well to quarter a punitive police after the occurrence of a riot; but, we think, the better policy is not to give occasion for such popular outbreaks. It is, we believe, ed to desperation under a sense of wrong, real or imaginary. When they are in this frame of mind, give a patient hearing to will gradually come round. What is, how-ever, usually done is, to show utter disregard and sacred objects; and hence these occasional outbreaks.

LORD SANDHURST has hit on a new method of putting down all political discussion by natives of India. He intends taking advantage of section 12 of the Act incorporating the University of Bombay. He intends the whole of the city. The article of the incorporating the University of Bombay. This section lays down that no person should be allowed to appear for any of the degree examinations, who his not produced "a certificate from one of the long to go the people from their infected houses." This was done strictly at Bombay; but the remedy

WE said that it was by a pure of the people has only just begun; but the ccident that a European officer escaped numbers who have left the city, are not large, as quarantine is acting as a preventive saved himself only by flight to Nassik on year and this enabled a vast number of people to quit Bombay and leave the demon of plague to spend its fury upon prevent them from going elsewhere and thus they are obliged to stick where they are and fall easy victims to the terrible monster.

> GENERAL SIR JOHN ADVE ends his admirable little book on "Indian Frontier Policy," with these words :--

We are the rulers of a great Empire in the East, with its heavy duties and responsibilities, and in devoting ourselves to the welfare of the millions under our sway, and in developing the resources of the country, we shall do far more for the happiness of the people and the security of the Empire than by squandering our finances in constant expeditions beyond its

The above, we believe, is the opinion of every Englishman. Even those who are out and out advocates of the forward policy will admit, in their sober moments, that these frontier expeditions mean nothing but unmitigated evil. Strangely enough, they will yet not only fight with the savages who people the territories beyond the borders, but allow some of their best men to be murdered by them in cold blood. The Pioneer praises Colonel Haughton, commanding the 34th Sikhs, for his many eminent qualities. But he is not in the land of the living to hear this eulogy. Indeed, no greater condemnation of this forward policy can be brought forward than the mournful fact that, but for these expeditions, men like Colonel Haughton would not have been cut off in the prime of their life. There is a talk of renewing the war in spring: but we hope, the terrible sacrifices in men and money already incurred will open the eyes of the authorities and enable them to see the question in the light of such distinguished military authorities as Lord Lawrence, Sir Donald Stewart, Sir John Adye, and

IT will be remembered that Mr. Kincaid fighting race than the cultivators of Sinnar. Officiating Sessions Judge of Satara, disposed of a case against four policemen sentencing two to death and two others to transportation Mr. Aston, the permanent incumbent, who has, of incarceration to two others.

DURING a Court-martial at Secunderabad, if treated with indifference, was sure to the accused, Private Thomas Albert Douglas of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment, who stood charged with desertion, etc., confessed to more heinous crimes. The man said that he town had almost been deserted by its people on account of the plague. The local papers of Surat, however, did not venpapers of Surat, however, did not venture to write one word as to whether the operation of the plague rules had had anyand villages in the vicinity of the Nizam's Railway to Wadi for weeks, levying blackmail the arrest and chalanning of a certain person as the murderer. In the Magistrate's against the enforcement of the segregation Court, the man confessed his guilt. But in the Sessions Court, he retracted his confessions Court, he retracted his confessions of popular feelings. It is all kallway to Wall for weeks, levying blackman on the peasantry and having a generally good on the peasantry and having a generally good against the enforcement of the segregation policy, how is it that no heed was paid to this outburst of popular feelings. It is all Court, the man confessed his guilt. But in policy, how is it that no heed was paid to again while waiting for trial, taking with him the Sessions Court, he retracted his confessions court has a confession court had a confession confession court had a confession confes two appear to have tramped right through the Nizam's Dominions, as they were arrested in December last at Chanda, in the Central Provinces, some 300 miles north of Secundera-

> THE draft of the Bombay Improvement Bill which is shortly to be introduced into the Legislative Council, has been published. From the telegraphic summary that has reached Calcutta it would appear that the proposal is to lay out certain vacant lands, the property their grievances and remove them if possi-ble. If they are, however, unreasonable, to reclaim and lay out such portions of the tell them so in a sympathetic spirit and they Walkeshwar as can be reclaimed at no great expenditure, owing to the natural level being considerably above the low water mark. Sites thus made available will be well adapted for residential purposes and will extend over long reaches of the sea front with a westerly aspect, those at Colaba being in proximity to the business centres and those at Walkesh-war being no further removed than the enforced with greater rigour than in the city of Bombay. And what is the result?
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> Plague was previously confined.

THE Post Office in all lands, writes the Lahore paper, makes a speciality of deci-phering cryptographic addresses, and, as a rule, phering cryptographic addresses, and, as a rule, its endeavours are marked with wonderful success. But in Sind last year, a postmaster was fairly flummuxed. On one day 541 letters were posted, none being stamped, and all with hieroglyphic addresses. Neither head nor tail could be made out of them, which was sons will not be permitted to start educational institutions; and perhaps those which have politician professors, will have to reblack them by others who never take part in discussions, or go without the necesthan it was at the commencement of the than it was at the commencement of th Calcutta and Mofussil.

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To be had at the Patrika Office, Calcutta, N. B.—It has come to our notice that there is an impression that the above book is only a translation of the work in Bengali, by the author, on the same subject. This is altogether a mistake. The book is altogether an original one, and is adapted to the instincts and training of men educated under Western methods.

LATE MR. MANACKJEE RUSOMJEE On Tuesday afternoon at the Town Hall the memorial portrait of the late Mr. Manackjee Rustomjee was unveiled by His Honor Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

PROPOSED TOWN HALL MEETING .- The public meeting in connection with the proposed amendments to the law of sedition and the C. P. Bill, which was to have been held at the Town Hall on the 4th instant, has been unavoidably postponed. The date of the meeting will be notified hereafter.

THE POST-OFFICE BILL.-The Indu Prokash says: "A clever forger can write a compromising letter seemingly written by a person suspected by the Government; the letter is intercepted on the strength of information received; some further evidence of similar nature collected; and there will be very little difficulty in reporting a man under the circumstances."

THE LAW OF SEDITION .- The "Amrita Bazar Patrika" is just now devoting its editorial columns almost exclusively to daily comments on the proposed amendment of the sedition law.

A couple of specimen sentences show the general line taken up:—'What we urge is, that the measure that the Government seeks to introduce, contains not merely some verbal alterations, but it means a revolution. So let the authorities beware how they take the step with their eyes open, which may prove eventually very inconvenient, if not positively dangerous -- "Pioneer".

PLANETS AMONG THE STARS. "Are there planets among the stars?" Whoever accustoms himself to consider the question, will probably reply, "It is very likely." Fifty million suns, and no use for them! It does not seem economical. The first appearance of proof for the existence of stellar planets, is given by Dr. Lee, of the Lowel Observatory, U. S. Recent observations there have shown a number of shady, almost black stars, which appear to shine by a dull reflected light like planets. They may be self-luminous, of course, but he thinks it unlikely. Are they dark or dying suns like the companion of Sirius?

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 505, I. P. C.—"Anglo-Indian" writes to the Englishman:— The exception proposed to the new section 505 of the Penal Code will require any unfortunate who may make an innocent statement to prove, it may be weeks or months after he made it, that he did not intend any result which may have come about in the mind of anyone who may truly or falsely attribute any thing he does to the said remark. You might as well ask a stone to account for every curve of every ruffle it produces in a pond, or hold a mother responsible for the squeals by which a babe keeps a neighbourhood alive. The inided exaggeration of the metaphor is exactly suited to the outrageous character of the 1 ...orm which suggests it.

AN AMUSING ECLIPSE STORY.—Once upon a time, there was a Major reading his newspaper in the morning of an eclipse. By degrees the light faded and everything assumed a greenish hue. "Confound it all," exclaimed this excellent Field Officer, "liver out of order again?" And he sent for his favourite pill-box, took three of the best and went on reading his paper with a sense of resignation. Gradually the light became stronger; the curious sickly hue passed away There Major rubbed his eyes; there was no mistake about it: "Very funny" said he, "have not swallowed the pills a quarter of an hour and I can see all right; it's devilishly queer.' And he tapped himself violently in the costal region on the right side.

A VERY LAUDABLE SCHEME.—We are glad to find that Dr. C. A. Martin, Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, has sanctioned the opening in the districts of the Bhagalpur and Chota Nagpur Divisions, of classes in connection with the Zilla Schools, which will teach the first and second year courses of the Apprentice Department of the Civil Engineering College at Sibpur. This is for the present to be an experiment only. The idea is, we understand, to be carried out in the first in-stance by local effort, and District Boards will be invited to contribute some funds towards furthering the scheme. We think that the innovation, instead of being confined in its operation to two Divisions only, might, with advantage, be extended to all Bengal. At first, the third the state of the plane of the state of the st the ultimate aim of the classes will be the award of Sub-overseer's certificates to be obtained by those candidates who can pass the Sibpur College test.

HER, FIRST LEOPARD. A correspondent writes to the "Asian": "In the forests of Gonda, Oudh, news was recently brought, of a kill to the Manager of the chief estate in that district; but as he happened to be suffering from a cough, he wisely decided not to sit up for the carnivora, whatever he might be, as, of course, absolute quiet is the chief requirement on the part of the sportsman. His wife, however (who happened to be by at the time), begged to be allowed to sit over the kill. A "machan" was accordingly constructed, and the lady took her place alone on the tree at I P. M. At a quarter to five, a jungle cock gave a call of alarm, which made our sportswoman look in the direction whence it came; but seeing nothing there, she turned to look at the kill, and there saw a leopard, whose sudden appearance startled her not a little. She, however, took a steady shot and

hit him fairly behind the shoulder, rolling him over, of course. "Spots," however, was not dead and began to drag himself off, when another ball within an inch of the first one, gave him his quietus. She then blew a whistle for her elephant, and went back to camp in triumph, having bagged her first leopard, measuring 7ft 8in., a full-grown male. I may mention in conclusion that this lady has been at the death of three tigers and a leopard before now, and is in every way a worthy representative of the land of cakes to which she

THE TRIAL OF DAMODAR CHAPEKAR

(From our own Correspondent.)
POONA, JAN. 31.

THE trial of Damodar Chapekar on the charge of murdering Mr. Rand at Poona, on the 22nd June last, began to-day before Mr. Crowe, Sessions Judge of Poona, and a Jury consisting of Messrs. Chiplonker, Dhanj-The shaw, Augustus, Mule, and Icharambhai. The prosecution is being conducted by Messrs Anderson and Nicholson; while Mr. Boman-jie, a Parssee Pleader, appears for the effence. The proceedings opened with the prose-cution reading out the charges. Balkrishna's name was entered in the Charge Sheet as an abettor. The prisoner suggested that as he had been deaf since he was taken to the "Pharashkhana", the proceedings in the trial should be loud and held in the vernacular.

The prisoner denied murders of attempt to murder, or abetment, when asked by the Court. The pleader for the defence put in a written application for a postponement of the hearing, alleging that as the prisoner was, till the last moment, in police custody and not in jail as an under-trial prisoner, he had no opportunity for giving legal instructions, but on Mr. Anderson promising on behalf of the prosecution to call only such witnesses for the day as it would not be inconvenient for the defence in the absence of legal instructions to cross-examine, the court rejected the appli-

Mr. Anderson read out the sections of the Penal Code under which the prisoner was charged, and explained the facts of the case. He confessed that much of the evidence had been discovered only after the prisoner's confessions. He relied on those confessions

as solemn and voluntary.

The first witness called was the Assistant Surgeon of the Sassoon Hospital, who deposed that the death had been caused by gun-shot wound not self-inflicted.

Dr. Maconachie, the Civil Surgeon, made formal statements. In cross-examination the witness said that Mr. Rand was unable to make a coherent statement which, being begun, was stopped. He examined the pistol; but as he knew little about fire-arms, he could not say if the pistol was in working order or was rusted. Dr. Dias, the House Surgeon, and Inspector

Fleming deposed regarding the deceased's clothes and the carriage hood, respectively.

Mr. Guider, the Assistant Police Superintendent, identified the clothes, and shot-pellet. Being cross-examined, witness said that on the Jubilee day the Police arrangements were made partly under his direction. Mr. Kennedy, the Police Superintendent, was present at Poona on that day. More Policemen were placed in Government House Compound than on the road-side. The compound was lighted.

Mr. Narhar Natu, Sub-overseer, explained the plans and maps, etc., of the scene of

Bhaoo Naiku, Mr. Rand's Coachman, nar-rated the occurrences of the night. He had seen the prisoner before the Municipal office and was asked if the carriage was Mr. Rand's. Upon this, the witness referred the prisoner to Mr. Rand himself, thinking he had to hand over a petition for service. Being crossexamined, witness said that the road was not lighted. There was none standing near the carriage in porch. There were no policemen from the Government House to the scene of murder. Men and carriages were passing in the street—men passing on both sides of the carriages. There were no sowars on road, no policemen even in the evening when everything was usual. He saw the prisoner twice or thrice.

Watewallah, who always accompanied the Shahib, said of seeing the accused to none

before enquiry by Police.

Coachman Appa also related the night's occurences. He heard the first shot before nis carriage and the second shot behind his carriage. Being cross-examined he said that there was no light on the road. Both lamps of his carriage were lighted. His carriage was at a distance of seven feet from Mr. Rand's carriage, He could see Mr. Rand's carriage with his own lights. He saw none behind Mr. Rand's carriage. Even when Mr. Rand was shot he slew none around him on the road was shot, he slew none around him on the road. There were no special police arrangements on road in the evening. The Police examined his carriage at night They got two shots.

Lieutenant Sergeant related the occurrences

at Modibag, where Mr. Rand's and Lieutenant Ayerst's carriages stopped. Being cross-examined, he said that no lamps were lighted on the roac. It was particularly dark and he did not notice if people passed on roads.

The case was here adjourned.

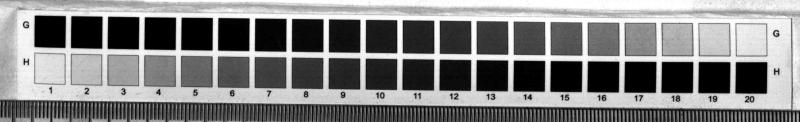
On the application by the pleader for the defence, the prisoner was allowed to be taken to Yerrowada Jail, being removed from immediate custody.

The prisoner was refused permission to sit down. Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, and Mr. Guider, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, who were formal witnesses, were allowed to be present in court.

POONA, FEB. I Yesterday a curious incident occurred. Chapekar's person was searched when he was being handed over to the gaol authorities imme-diately after the trial had ended for the day. Chapekar had evidence and other confidential papers with him, and when he was handing these over to his pleader, the police forcibly

The pleader appealed to the Judge in Chamber, who referred him to the police. On demand the police denied having any papers. Hundreds saw these papers taken possession of. Great sensation prevailed.

On the resuming of proceedings to day before Mr. Crowe, Sessions Judge, the pleader for the defence related the above sensational occurrence in Court, and charged Mr. Vaz, the Assis-



tant Superintendent of Police, with the forcible seizure of four packets of evidence paper. Mr. Vaz, on being questioned by the Court confessed to having seized four packets which were given to Rama Pandu, Chief Constable. Rama Pandu, on being questioned, said that the packets were kept under seal in custody, under orders. The Court ordered the police to deliver up the packets to the defence.

The case was then proceeded with. The deposition of Lieutenant Lewis, now in England, who had helped Mrs. Ayerst and taken

The next witness called was Gopalsing Constable, who had searched the scene and found the arms under culverts and in bunglows in the neighbourhood.

The second witness to-day was Mr. Hamilton, Presidency Magistrate of Bombay. He related the details of an interview with the accused Chapekar in his (witness's) bunglow. He deposed to having expelled the police from the presence while the interview lasted, and to having spoken on Poona affairs. Witness had taken down the confession in English, and explained the same in Mahratti to accused. He added that no influence had been brought to bear on the accused. [The confession was read in Court.] In the confession the accused said that he was the Queen's enemy and that he had done the deed for public benefit. Accused had confessed to witness that while other people troubled Brewin was his great friend and his promise was not to be revealed without consent.

Cross-examined witness said that the confession had not been recorded in Mahratti as

Ramji Constable, the next witness, deposed to having made a search. He said that there was no Municipal lamp on the Ganeshkhind-

Cross-examined witness said that the Superintendent Shaheb had attended the search, that he had written and not signed the Punchnama. The inhabitants of houses were

she had said that she thought she recognised

Cross-examined, she said that she could not say if that man looked like accused.

Nora, another girl, corroborated the last witness. She did not know the features of the man. Witness, when confronted with the accused by the police at school, could not theft of rifles. The sentry at first protested, accused by the police at school, could not recognise him.

Asked by accused, witness said that he has

not reported nor thought accused a thief at the This made a sensation in Court. The boys present who cheered were expelled by order of

The sepoy who was in company with the last witness, in giving his evidence, contradictled afm in minor particulars.

The next witness was the gardener whose powder had been stolen. He said that he had lost the powder when accused had come to his

Cross-examined by accused himself, witness said that he then had no suspicion about accused.

The Judge stopped accused's questioning the witness, but Chapekar persisting he was alowed to put further questions.

Witness in reply to accused's question said that he had given no shots to the police. nat he had given no shots to the police.

Re-examined witness said that he had bought terrific, and one man was killed.

various sorts of shot. The next witness was the gardener's servant

The Jury here requested the Court to allow the witness to speak as to what the accused's conduct was. The Judge remarked that it was A CORRESPO

not relevantly required.

Questioned by the Jury witness said that accused was well-behaved. The Jury argued that his presence in Poona was not a direct evidence against accused and hence the ques-

Gore, a tenant in accused's house, was the next witness called. He said that he had seen accused in Poona one day after the murder. Witness had never seen any arms in the house. Here the defence requested the Court to allow accused to take the packets returned by the police in charge openly. The Judge post poned the settlement of the matter. The packets under seal were placed before the

POONA, FEB. 2.

On the court re-assembling this morning Dravid recognised the pistol as seen in the Gymnastic Club, started by the accused. Arms, similar to those in court, were there also, but not used, to his knowledge, but cleaned. He saw similar arms in the accused's house. Cross-examined, witness said that the Club had six members only; they had to pay no subscriptions. He saw the arms once as dug up. His relations with the acused were not unfriendly.

used were not unfriendly.

The Cantonment Constable was the next witness. He said that he saw the accused twice—first, signalling suspicious-ly. The accused was searched, but bolted. The second time, the accused was seen near the Church—this time not suspiciously. In cross examination witness said. ously. In cross-examination, witness said that no attempt was made to arrest the accused. Suspicion was raised after Mr. Rand's murder-

The Postman next deposed to the accused having asked where Mr. Rand lived. Only Brahmins and Mahrattas used to ask him that. Witness did not remember the accused's com.

Mr. Rand's peon said he had seen the accused wilhout companions, with a petition in the Club.

Evidence was then given about the death of Mr. Jones from whom the accused took gun caps, and by the barber who saw the accused on the Jubilee night and who deposed about shoes which the accused said he hung in the Budhwar Peth on the

The Police Superintendent Mr. Kennedy gave evidence as to the arms found in ourse

of search. He related how the Police attended to the accused's material, religious and legal comforts. The accused did not want to go to Yarrowda. He lived in Faraskhana in Police

custody, of his own accord.

The evidence for the prosecution closed here. The accused's confession before the Presidency Magistrate and statements before the committing Magistrate, were put in. There were no witnesses for the accused.

After lunch, the accused was examined. He said he was in Poona on June 22, left Poona on the 24th. He made his statement before Mr. Hamilton in Bombay for some reason. The confession he made, was false. "I made the statement", said he, "because Mr. Brewin deceived me, I was not told that Mr. Hamilton was the Magistrate. I was promised twenty thousand rupees to build a temple in Bombay, also service for my brothers and pension for my wife. I was also promised that I would not be hanged, but only sent to transportation and brought back after five years for good conduct. I consented under pressure, and not for gain. I confessed before the Magistrate, but said nothing of Mr. Brewin's deception I was kept from knowing that I was speaking to the Magistrate. In the Farashkhana I was under pressure. I determined not to tell of the deception till going out of police custody. No swords were got in my house, but only gunbarrels. The house was not legally searched. I pointed out a weell, but did not inform of weapons. Though taken out before me, I was not allowed to see everything, being in charge of Sepoys. I never saw weapons before. I know I ravid by sight. He is no friend of my brothers. Dravid never came to my house.

The reason why Dravid deposes against me is that he is acquainted with Mr. Brewin in course of the prosecution of Dravid's brothers for forgery. I admit Kachre gardener's acquaintance; my two brothers had been to him and slept there. He could not recognise me as soon as I did. I never went to Ganeshkhind Road on the not included in the Punch.

Eva, a girl aged nine, deposed to having seen the accused and another near the canal where a holiday picnic was going on. When the accused was shewn to her by the police che had said that she the holicary is a sound as a sound and the results of the police che had said that she the holicary is a sound as a sound Jubilee day, neither saw nor knew the barbar. I showed Londhe's house to the Police, pointed out Vafer's temple where the sentry lost guns shown by people to me. I never went there. The sentry utterly lied. I never knew them. but then they were coerced into a belief that The native soldier, whose gun had been stolen, was the next witness. He deposed to having seen accused worshipping early one morning.

Just then they were elected into a benefit that stole, by misrepresentation. I never confessed to the theft. Everything was concocted on the lines of my forced confession. In April I never visited the Gymkhana I donot know where Balkrishna is. He has absconded, as the Police forcibly implicated him. I saw Jones; I never brought caps. I started no club for two years. I knew not Mr. Rand's coachman,-never talked to him. I never saw the Club till I was brought to Farashkhana. I never attempted to petition Mr. Rand. I tried to enter the Army. Rags were found in my house.

Here the case was adjourned.

ORDERS have been issued for the immediate despatch of a contingent of native troops for

A SUM of Rs. 7,360 has been sanctioned by Government for repairs to the pier at Calicut

the work to be executed immediately.

A SEVERE storm of a cyclonic character visited Mussoorie on the 24th, and continued

On the night of the 19th ultimo, a band of who corroborated his master's statement. He Chuchawali Narowal in the Sialkot District. said that men came and went where the pow- The dacoits began operations by firing guns, der was kept.

Mr. Apte who was then called to the wit
Mukanda, threatening him with instant death.

The value of property alleged to have been and Calcut ness-box deposed to having seen accused with his brothers in Poona on the Jubilee day, but to having seen no arms about him.

The value of property alleged to have been carried away is Rs. 14,000. Up to date no clue has been obtained to the identity of the Arrah Division.

A CORRESPONDENT relates the following story of pluck and self-possession: On the 24th instant, as the passenger train, which runs through Tirupatur at about 2-15 P.M., neared the station, a native servant of Mr Sullivan District Superintendent of Police, fainted and fell from the platform on to the line, about 30 yards in front of the approaching engine. The driver of the train was unable to stop his engine the distance being too short, and a horrible death for the unfortunate man seemed inevitable. Nearly all who witnessed the accident were paralysed with dread; but there were two brave men, who with a coolness and courage, which words are too poor to describe, went to the rescue. Mr. Sullivan, the master of the unfortunate native, sprang quickly from the platform, followed by Mr. Dayid, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Salem. They half lifted, half dragged the unconscious man, while the panicstriken spectators held their breath with horror. Nearer and nearer came the train, driver and fireman working hard to check its speed. A deep sigh of relief went up from the crowd, when, as the engine reached the spot, it was seen that the unfortunate man and his noble deliverers were in safety. They had carried him acress the line, but not one moment too soon, for the feet of the unconscious man were only a few inches from the wheel of the engine.

THE steamer Canning arrived at Karachi, from Ormara on Monday, afternoon bringing the complement of No. 24 survey party, com-prising Captain Burn, Messrs. Hickie and prising Captain Burn, Messrs. Hickie and Prunty, one hospital assistant, and 14 khalassis. In the attack on Caytain Burn's camp seventeen men were murdered by the Rinds, while 24 are still missing. No tidings of these men are forthcoming, and it is believed that they have also been murdered. Captain Burn left that night for Lahore.

THE Punjab Educational Department, which in the past few years has had many changes, now undergoes a few more. Mr. P. G. Dallinger, Principal of Lahore Government linger, Principal of Lahore Government College, resigns almost immediately and returns to England, being succeeded by Mr. S. Robson, M.A., of the Bengal Educational Service. Mr. T. W. Arnold, B. A., Professor at Aligarh College, succeeds Mr. Ussher (who has gone home) as Professor of Philosophy in the Lahore Government College. Pending the arrival of Mr Robson, Mr. Bull, Inspector of Schools, officiates. GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE order transferring Mr.J.C. Twidell, Offg Jt.-Magte and Dy. Collr., Saran, on leave, to Muzaffarpur, is cancelled.

Babu Nowrungi Lal, Dy. Magte and Dy. Babu Nowrungi Lai, Dy. Magte and Dy. Collr., Darbhanga, on leave, is transferred to the head-quarters station of the Shahabad district, Maulvi Hashmat Hossain, Dy. Magte and Dy. Collr., Shahabad, acting for him.

Mr. C. J. O'Donnell, Magte. and Collr. is transferred temporarily to Mongbyr.

Mr. F. R. Roe, Jt.-Magte. and Dy. Collr., is posted to Mongbyr.

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The order transferring Babu Hari Bhushan De, Offg. Dy. Magte and Dy. Collr., Dacca, to Faridpur, is cancelled.

Mr. A. R. Giles, Proby Asst. Supct. of Police, Sonthal Perganas, is posted to Sirajgani in Pabna.

Babu Satis Chandra Dey, Professor, Dacca

College, is transferred to the Krishnagor College, Babu Sivendra Nath Gupta, Professor, Krishnagor College, acting for him.

The services of Mr. S. Robson, Principal,

Dacca College, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India in the Home Depart-Babu Satis Chandra Dey, Professor, Dacca College, is allowed leave for two months and

fifteen days under article 306 (b) of the Civil Service Regulations.

Babu S tyendra Nath Bhadra, M.A., is ap-

pointed to act as a Professor in the Dacca College during the absence of Babu Satis Chandra Dey.

Babu Hara Kumar Das, Munsif of Fenny, is

transferred to Burdwan. Babu Manmatha Nath Chatterjee, Munsif of Burdwan, who is now acting as Sub. Judge of Dacca, is appointed to be a Munsif of Jhenida, but wil continue to act in his present appoint-

Babu Bunwari Lal Bannerjee, M.A., B. L., is appointed to act as a Munsif of Jhenida, during the absence, of Babu Manmatha Nath Chatter-

Babu Sarat Chandra Pal, Munsif of Jhenida,

appointed to be Munsif of Fenny. Babu Jogendra Nath Ghose, Munsif of Berhampore, is placed, in addition to his own duties, in temporary charge of the Lalbagh Munsifi, during the absence of Babu Purna

Chandra Bannerji.

Babu Ambika Charan Mukerji, Munsif of Satkhira, is allowed leave for fifteen days, under atticle 370 of the Civil Service Regulations.

Maulvi Aliozzaman Chowdbury is appointed to be an Hon. Magte of the Independent Bench at Goalundo.

Babu Bageswari Prosad Singh is appointed to be an Hon Magte of the Independent Bench at Jamui.

Mr. W. E. Rees, Inspector of Police, Patna. is promoted to the 1st grade of Inspectors, with effect from the 25th November vice Babu Chi-ranjib Prosad Bose, retired. Babu Chandia Sikar Bose, Inspector, Howrah Railway Police is promoted to the 1st grade of Inspectors, with effect from the 21st January, vice Mr. H.

Babu Hari Gopal Mukerji, Inspector of Police, Bankura, is promoted to the 2nd grade

of Inspectors.

Babu Mon Mohan Chakravarti, Inspector-General's Reserve, is promoted to the 2nd grade of Inspectors, with effect from the 1st January vice Babu Achraj Singh, retired. Babu Kali Kishor Chaudhuri, Inspector o' Police, Backergunage, is promoted to the 2nd grade of Inspectors, with effect from the 13th January vice Babu Bhuban Mohan

Mr. M. J. J. P. Norman, Ex. Engr., Nadia Rivers Division, is granted furlough to Europe for two years. Mr. O. S. Smith, Asst. Engineer Arrah, acting for him.
Babu Bhuban Mohun Gupta, Sub-Deputy

Collector, Cuttack, is transerred to the Presiden cy Division. Maulvi Abdus Samad, Rural Sub-Registrar of Gadhkhali (Jhingurgacha) Jessore, is appointed to be Joint Sub-Registrar of Lakh mipasa at Alfadanga, Syed Muazzam Hossein Jt. Sub-Registrar of Lakhmipasa at Alfadanga,

acting for him. A SLIGHT shock of earthquake was felt at Jhelum on the night following the eclipse.

THE Government of India have sanctioned the request of the Pudukota State for opening a telegraph line from Pattukota to Pudukota having two other stations at Karambanjudi and Alanjudi as intermediate stations shawar on condition that the Durbar guarantees April.

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London, 1st February 1898.

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GENERAL Westmacott reports that he has recovered 22 bodies, and owing to good flanking arrangements suffered only small loss One gunner was killed and eight men were wounded. There were no casualties among the officers. He saw about 300 of the enemy, on whom he inflicted some loss. The co-operating force returned to Bara without any casualties

The following were the casualities at Shin kamar on the 29th of January:—Killed; 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry—Lieutenant M. R. Walker, Lieutenant T. P. Dowdall and 2nd Lieutenant E. St. G. Hughes; 36th Sikhs—Lieutenant-Colonel Haughton, Lieutenant-Lieu nant A. H. Turning; 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry—Private W. Hill, Private J. M ran, Infantry—Private W. Hill, Private J. M ran, Private J. Amery, Corporal G. Dawes, Private O. Kennis, Private D. Beattie, Lance Corporal R. Cantril, Lance Sergeant W. E. Abby, Private A. J. Ashby, Colour-Sergeant W. Guest, Corporal W. Johnson, Private A. Veeley, Private W. Corrigan, and Private A. Rivett. Wounded: 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry, severely—Major H. Earle, Captain A. G. Marrable, 2nd Lieutenant G. C. W. Gordon Hall: dangerously, Private I. Lambley. Gordon Hall; dangerously, Private J. Lambley, Das, retired.

Babu Bachu Narain Lall, Inspector of Police, Patna, is promoted to the 2nd grade

Private R. Morris, Private J. Ryan, Private C. Cope, Private W. Wright, Private W. Harrison, Private W. Cook, Private T. Birch, Private J. On the night of the 19th ultimo, a band of about fifteen dacoits attacked the village of Chuchawali Narowal in the Sialkot District. The dacoits began operations by firing guns, and then robbed a village banker, named Mukanda, threatening him with instant death. The value of property alleged to have been carried away is Rs. 14,000. Up to date no clue has been obtained to the identity of the thieves. The banker in question was the only person injured.

Police, Patna, is promoted to the 2nd grade of Inspectors.

Babu Ram Sadi Mukerji, InspectorGeneral's Reserve, is promoted to the 2nd grade of Inspectors, with effect from the 1st February vice Babu Giris Chandra Rai, about to retire.

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SIR SALTER PYNE has left Kabul for Pesha

SIR MACKWORTH YOUNG leaves Lahore on Monday, the 7th instant, on tour, arriving at Bhawulpore on the following day, and thence, via Peza, Bannu, and Kohat to Peshawar, returning to Lahore on the 2nd

His Highness the Raja of Puducotta, accompanied by Mr. F.F. Cross'ey, Private Secretary, proceeds to England very shortly and H. H. Prince B. S. Ragunatha Thondiman Bahadur, Chinna Aramanal Jagirdar, now residing at the Trichinopoly cantonment, it said will be the regent during the absence of the H. H. the Maharaja from Puducotta State.



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TELEGRAMS.

(INDIAN TELEGRAMS.)

BOMBAY, FEB. 1. Plague returns show 103 cases, the total mortality being 276. Yesterday the Plague Committee prepared to grant land for the erection of tion of sheds. The plague is going north-wards towards Mahim and Parel. The Gaikwar has invited M. Haffkine to arrange for inoculation in Baroda.

The Bombay Municipality has adopted the Health Department re-organisation scheme for three years. It out saldamir

BOMBAY, FEB. 1. The local Times prefers inoculation to segregation and detention, and asks the Government to adopt the former sort of compulsion in Poona. Plague is dying out in the Satara district.

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS TOLERA

The Liberals are drafting an amendment to the Address in reply to the Queen's Speech when Parliament opens, condemning the frontier policy of the Government. The Standard demands a full enquiry into the conduct of the frontier campaign, including the manner in which General Lockhart was evidently hampered in his operations from Simla The Daily News protests against the continuance of hostilities with the tribesmen.

In the fourth test match at Melbourne, Australia made 323 in the first innings, of which Hill scored 188, England then went in and made 174 in the first innings and in the second innings seven runs for one

The Novosti hints that the Power concerned in the Dreyfus affair was a friend of France interesting itself as to the condition of the country and for purely diplomatic reasons. The Novosti adds that Drayfus was not a traitor, but merely violated official secrecy, and that a revision of the trial is unavoidable to France.

Victoria has prohibited imports of Indian cattle hides, etc.

LONDON, JAN. 28.

The Morning Post publishes news from Assiout, which states that the Egyptian gunboats reached the Sixth Cataract, but were compelled to return owing to the Dervishes opening fire on them with Krupp guns. The same authority states that the Nilechannels are blocked with chains. LONDON, JAN. 29. Reuter learns, that a strong private expedition is being equipped for the Upper Nile, under the explorer, Mr. Cavendish, and will include Lieutenant Andrew and other

officers, and a 400 armed escort. Lieutenant Andrew sails for the East Coast of Africa immediately to arrange for transport. LONDON, JAN. 28. It is declared at St. Petersburg that, if the candidacy of Prince George of Greece for the Governorship of Crete fails, Russia will concern

herself no further with Crete. LONDON, JAN. 29.
The Sultan absolutely refuses to entertain Prince George's candidacy for the Governor-ship of Crete and insists upon an Ottoman subject being appointed.

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The Times' Pekin correspondent states that China proposes a compromise, whereby England and Russia each provide half the loan on their own terms.

STODDARTS TEAM AT MELBOURNE.

LONDON, JAN. 29. The fourth test match has begun at Melbo bourne. Australia went in first, and in the first innings made 275 ruis for seven

wickets.

NEW YORK, JAN. 28. President Mckinley, speaking at a banquet given by the Manufacturers' Association here, said: "Nothing shall ever tempt us to scale down the sacred debt contracted by our nation through a legal technicality. The United States will discharge all her obligations in the best currency of the civilised world, and it is not enough to proclaim sound money principles, but we must make them pay.

An agreement between the Masters and Engineers has been signed, and work will be resumed on Monday.

All Indians in the Transvaal have been ordered out side the towns by March 31st. This will enable the bringing of a test case into the High Corut of Pretoria.

The "Morning Pretoria."

High Corut of Pretoria.

The "Morning Post" publishes an interview which took place between a French Diplo matist and the King of Siam in Egypt. The King complained of the French treatment of Siam. The "Post" advocates British protection of Siam. I tion of Siam against French designs of absorp

News from Cannes states that Mr. Gladstone passed a very bad night last night. The doctor was called at midnight, and again this morning, but this evening he is reported to be little better.

LONDON, FEB. 1. Reuter learns that the stories regarding an Anglo-Japanese agreement for active cooperation in the Far East are baseless, as no agreement exists beyond what arises from a common desire to secure free common desire to se merce with China.

Lord William Nevill has been committee to take his trial for forgery and fraud, and

bail has been refused. The death is announced of General Si Daniel Lysons, Constable of the Tower of

Two Constables of the Agra Police have been charged with having committed theft in the local Munsif's house.

MR. N. M. CAMA has been placed charge of postal arrangements in connection with the Malakhand Field Force and Nord West Frontier disturbances, tice Mr. H. C. Sheridan, appointed Chief Superintendent of the postal arrangements for the Tirah Expeditionary Force in succession to Mr. W. tionary Force in succession to Mr. W. T Vansomeren, transferred to the Kashm Division in place of Mr. F. B. O'Shea deputation.

POONA, JAN. 30. A public meeting of the inhabitants of the Poona City and Cantonment was held this evening in the Sarvajanik Sabha hall. Mr. Raghunath Daji Nagarkar presided. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Deccan Standing Congress Committee. Resolutions were adopted, protesting against the proposed amendments to the Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes, and to the Post Office Act, relating to seditious speeches and writings in India and abroad. The meeting dispersed after thanking the plague authorities for permission to hold the meeting and giving three cheers to her Majesty the Queen.

NAGPUR, JAN. 30.
A crowded meeting of the Malguzars,
Sowkars and tenants, resident in Nagpur city
and district, was held this evening at the MacDonnell Town Hall, to submit a memorial representing their views with respect to the Criminal Procedure, Tenancy and Land Revenue Draft Bills now before the Viceregal Council. The memorial was read and unanimously adopted after a full discussion, during which suggestions were made and passed. Great enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting was a

An enthusiastic public meeting was held here last evening to protest against the proposed amendment to the Sedition Law under the presidency of Mr. Setalvad. Vigorous speeches were delivered by Messrs. Gokhale, Padhye, and Chambers. They all denounced the measure as repressive, retrograde and danger us to the liberty of the press and the platform. Mr. Setalvad pointed out how Mr. Chalmers' assurance that the liberty of the press would not be curtailed, was only blind when it really proposed to strike at its root. Lord George Hamilton and Lord Elgin, he said, took advantage of the Parliamentary recess to sniuggle the Bill through the Council. The Bill, if passed, would create a reign of terror in the moffusil. The proposed measure was absolutely unnecessary, and to suppose that there was sedition in the land was absurd to foolishness. The Bill again was not in accord with the English law, as in England it would not be tolerated for one day even. The Government was throwing dust in the eyes of the Indians. The speaker continuing, said that liberty of the press and even licence, was necessary in India and that the measures were malicious. Mr. Go-khale remarked that the machinery of putting the law in motion was more dangerous than the aw itself. He quoted legal and legislative authorities to show the real meaning of 'sedition' which was different from the proposed definition Mr. Padhye referred to the Post Office Bill incidentally remarking that it was monstrous to constitute postmasters the judges if posted matter was seditious or not, when even High Court Judges found it difficult to

TRIPLICANE, JAN. 30. The Triplicane Literary Society disapproves of the provisions of the proposed amendment of the Sedition law as being quite unnecessary, reactionary, and repressive.

At a meeting of the Bar Association held today, three additional delegates—Babus Chunder Sekhar Tewari, Jugal Kishore Mitter and Mani Mohan Rai, were elected delegates to the forthcoming Town Hall Meeting.

CHITTAGONG, JAN. 29. The Chittagong Association at to day's meeting has appointed Mr. Roland Perceival and Babu Dhirendralal Khastagir delegates to the Calcutta protest meeting in rethe Sedition and Criminal Procedure Bills. The Association considers the proposed measures to be unnecessary and retrograde and imperilling free discussion.

RAJSHAI, JAN. 29. At a meeting of the Rajshahi Association, held on the 19th ultimo, Mr. R. P. Sen, Barrister-at-law, and Babu Sarat Chandra Khan, Vakeel, High Court, were elected delegates to represent the Association at the public meeting to be held at Calcutta to consider the amendments of the Law of Sedition and Criminal Procedure, etc.

BARANAGORE, JAN. 31.
At a meeting of the Baranagore Ratepayers Association held yesterday morning at the residence of Babu Mati Lal Das, it was unani mously resolved to submit a memorial to the Government of India regarding the proposed amendments of the Sedition Law. A few other items of business of a formal character were transacted.

COMILLA, FEB. 1. The Tipperah Bar Association held a special meeting to-day, expressing full sympathy with the objects of the Calcutta Town Hall meeting of Friday night, about the amendments to the Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes, which were unanimously considered as re-trograde and reactionary. Babu Gobinda Chandra Das, Vakil, was elected delegate to represent the Tipperah Bar in the meeting.

FRONTIER AFFAIRS.

GENERAL HART reports through Jamrud that in order to carry out combined movements against the Afridis on the Kajuri plain, he marched on Saturday two columns from Ali Musjid via the Chora Pass and Khyber Valley, blocking all the exits from Kajuri into Bazar Valley. Only a few of the enemy were seen, and one was killed. There were no casualties on our side. General Symons with the Second Brigade, joined General Hart in the Bara Valley, but saw none of the enemy.
General Westmacott telegraphs through
Mamani that the troops of the Fourth Brigade got entangled in a gorge near Spinkamar on Saturday. The following were our casualties:
Killed, Colonel Haughton and Lieutenant

Turing, 36th Sikhs, and Lieutenants Dowdall, Hughes, and Walker, Yorkshire Light Infantry, also five men of the same regiment and three men of the 36th Sikhs. Wounded severely, Major Earle; slightly, Lieutenant Hall. Seventeen men were wounded and seventeen are missing of the Yorkshire Light Infantry. The losses occurred to the column forming part of a combined movement of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Brigades from Jamrud, Bara, and Mamani, respectively, to clear the cattle gra-ziers from the Kajuri plains. All the casualties were in the Fourth Brigade.

THE following details of the losses sustained by General Westmacott's brigade, have been received. The Yorkshire Light Infantry with four Companies of the 36th Sikhs and two guns under Colonel Seppings left Mamani early on the morning of Saturday and the leading troops reached Shinkamar Kotal about 10-30, meeting with no opposition. Colonel Haughton with the Sikhs, then proceeded about a mile to search the caves. the arrival of the main body at the Kotal, it was discovered that a Company of the Sikhs had somehow been withdrawn from the high ridge on the west which was the key of the position, and this was mmediately occupied by the enemy. It was at once assaulted, but was only retaken with heavy loss, Lieutenant Dowdall being killed while

charging at the head of his men.

About midday the troops began to return to camp, and the enemy immediately harassed the rearguard and the left of the column, causing many casualties. The rear column cleared the pass about five o'clock with the assistance of General Westmacott, who on receiving a message from Colonel Seppings that he was in difficulties, at once took two guns and 400 rifles to help him. The causalties among the officers have already been reported.

The following were the losses among the rank and file: killed Sikhs three, wounded two; Yorkshires-killed fifteen, wounded thirty-one, missing twelve. One wounded man is known to be in the enemy's hands and is reported to be well treated. The enemy's loss must have been severe, as they charged frequently to within thirty yards of our troops. The officers speak in the highest terms of the gallantry of our force, and the retirement was conducted in excellent order. Colonel Haughton's and one private's body have been brought in, and search parties have gone out for the remainder. The troops have been reinforced by 725 men form Bara, and Colonel Sturt with 500 infantry has moved from Bara to the north of the pass.

It appears that information having been received of the presence of large numbers of Malikdin Kanir and Sipah families and cattle in the Kajuri plains, a combined movement was ordered for the purpose of ejecting the enemy and securing their cattle.

The General Officer Commanding the 2nd

Division, is arranging to carry out reprisals.

THE SEDITION BILL.

(Indian Daily News.)
WE have received the following, which is perhaps the original draft of the new Sedition Bill :—

OBJECTS AND REASONS. It is desirable to bring in a Bill in order to prevent any hostile or unpleasant criticism of the Government by law established in British India, and especially the writing of anything to attract the attention of the home public to the administration of India. It has been found that the law, though considerably strained, is not strong enough in the face of trial by jury to accomplish this; and a clause has been inserted for the object of preventing any case going to a jury. The definitions have been made purposely vague so as to include any statement with which the Government distributions have that the property of the encouragement of tale-bear-time. For, it is not by indecorous writing alone any statement with which the Government distributions and the property of the encouragement of tale-bear-time. agree, in the term 'sedition,' and the word 'Gov- view. The spoken no less than the written been extended to include a jural policeman. It is eminently desirable that the of the Holi festival, the "gauloiseries" which 'izzut" of the latter should be protected just as much as that of Members of Council; for, after all the basis of Government in India is the police. It will, therefore, be "leze majeste" to

spoken or "by signs," or by visible representations, criticises or renders ridiculous any member of the Government which term includes constable, parawalla, and bhisti, khitmatgar, dhobi or any other domestic servant in the service of a police station or Deputy Magistrate, but which shall not include a Municipal lamp-lighter, or compounder, or who says anything that any member of another race, creed, or opinion can disagree with, shall be punished with transportation for in indefinite period without any trial whatever. Explanation I.—The expression "ridicule or criticism" shall be deemed to mean any conduct which the Government, including the constable, parawalla, bhisti, etc., shall consider disrespectful, even though it is increpable of raising a

exodus, the cotton tariff, the mandate, exchange compensation, the frontier policy and "butcher and bolt," "slaughter and scoot," or the closing of the mints, are to be prima facie seditious, unless the accused can show, to the satisfaction of the Government (including thereby the said constable, parawalla, etc.) that such are true, m which case the usual rule, that the greater

Explanation III.—Comments on the measures of members of the Government with a view to buttering them up, or to obtain their an engine for vexation and possible in approbation, by the ordinary forms of syco- justice.—Times of India. approbation, by the ordinary forms of syco-phancy, will not be considered an offence within this section, though the result may be ridicule or contempt.

Exception.-Any statement made in any newspaper, letter, conversation or otherwise with which no one, however differing in religion or opinion or race can possibly disagree, s not an offence within this section.

Illustration 1. A says to B "How dy'e do?"

any offence. 2. A, a sahib, ridicules to B, sun in an eclipse is being devoured by a dragon, A is

the gout, the statement made by A is seditious. It is immaterial whether A knew B had the gout or not.

WITY NOT LEAVE IT ALONE?

THE belief which we expressed on the intro-

duction of Mr.Chalmers' new version of Section 124A that Gevernment would have done better

to leave the law as it stood, finds confirmation

in other quarters in which a lax view of the

obligation to deal resolutely with seditious ut terances certainly does not prevail. We refer especially to the representations by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and the European and Anglo Indian Defence Association. These, it is true, are not expressly directed against the new version of the Section in question. They refer rather to the proposal to add to Section 1 8 of the Criminal Procedure Code a provision empowering Presidency and District Magistrates, and specially empowered Magistrates of the First Class, to call upon persons who either orally or in writing disseminate, or attempt disseminate, obscene, defamatory, or seditious matter, to find sureties to be of good behaviour. The proposal is made in the belief that people who disseminate such matter are answerable for a dangerous public nuisance, and that "enormous mischief" may be done by them amongst uneducated, foolish and ignorant people, but that it would be absurd to deal with them by an elaborate State prosecution such as, for example, is provided by Section 124A. Simplicity of procedure certainly would be secured by it, and i Government were in need of a short and easy method of punishing seditious writing, there would be much to be said for, at all events, that part of the proposed Section which deals with that form of mischief. But after the highly satisfactory way in which the existing provision of the Penal Code has been applied to the punishment of seditious writers, it is difficult to see why the law as it stands cannot be depended upon for the defence of the State against those who by speech and writing endeavour to disturb its peace. Similarly the Code as it stands, makes ample provision against both defamation and obscene utterance. No one, so far as Government have enabled us to know, has complained that either the law against defauration or that against obscenity in speech and writing has failed. Specific punishments are provided for both classes of offence, and the procedure is swift, certain, and effectual. It ought not to be a cause of complaint against the present law that in order to put it in operation definite and conclusive evidence that the offence has been committed shall be laid before the Court. Yet such would seem to be the view of the Gov ernment of India when they propose that ins tead of requiring legal proof of offence the Magistrate shall act merely upon information. There is a great deal too much of the spirit of the police des moeurs in this to make it compatible with our view of the way in which a British administration shall keep the peace. If a man disseminates seditious written matter, his offence is surely one which comes within the range of evidential proof. If it does not, he had better be left alone than be subject to the pains of bondage to good behaviour on the uncorroborated and unchecked testimony of an informer. Delation is a process which may have its uses in exceptional times and under exceptional conditions, but there are the gravest objections to giving it a place amongst the normal agencies of administration, as Mr. Chalmers' proposal would do What, again, is meant by the sug gestion that obscenity should be brought within indemn him. The indiscretions relieve the dulness of many a man's life and hurt no one, even the mere ejaculations of impropriety, may be turned to account by a revengeful village policeman to pay off an old score upon an offending neighbour. This is a police. It will, therefore, be leze images to cock a snook at a policeman, which it is proposed to cover by the words 'signs' in the proposal which it seems a waste of time soberly to argue against; it is one of the things that are best killed by ridicule. So far as it bears upon seditious utterance, however, it is a more serious matter. We object strongly to a proposal which would convert every policeman in the country into an eves-dropper, eager to pick up or invent—any scrap of conversation that may be turned to account for the undoing of any man whom he may think it possible to bring into disfavour with the authorities. In Berlin, a man may find the policeman's hand upon his shoulder if he ventures in any place of public resort to drop a chance remark in which a zealous police officer may detect lese-majeste. But to put the matter briefly and plainly, we want no-thing of the kind under the British Government. Besides, if seditious writing is the serious offence that we must all hold it to be, how are people to be impressed with that view of it if it is associ ted with the trivial offences against to an uncomfortable appreliension that things will be done under it in the mofussil which are incompatible with an open and straightforward administration of the law according to ordinary rules of evidence. If we regret Mr. Chalmers'—as we think—quite unnecessary recasting of Section 124A of the Penal Code, still more must we regret this unnece ssary and ill-advised attempt to make one of the chapters of the Criminal Procedure Code

THE HEALTH OF BOMBAY.

THE returns continue to record an increase in the general as well as in the plague mortality. The total deaths increased from 1,54 last week to 1,7.6 in the present week. The says to B "How dy'e do?" plague mortality which was 051 last week, is neither A or B is guilty of 834 in the present week. It now exceeds the plague mortality which was 65i last week, is total average mortality from all causes during , a sahib, ridicules to B, the last five years by 86. Deducting the a Hindu, the idea that the average total from all causes in the last five years from this week's mortality—that is to say, 784 from 1,726—the excess mortality of guilty of sedition.

3. A says to B: It is a beautiful morning. As this is a subject about which it is possible to disagree, A is guilty of sedition.

The plague uninfluenced by climatic in four is represented as from plague. The Bhattias show the same proportional plague record, viz., one in four. Hindoos of castes show the same proportional plague record, viz., one in four. Hindoos of castes show the same proportional plague record, viz., one in four. Hindoos of castes show the same proportional plague record, viz., one in four. ern and central districts of the city it is now one in two, low-caste Hindoos one in somewhat

the outlying districts. Parel, Mahini, Worli and Sion record 17, 7, 4 and 3 deaths respectively, and Mahaluxmi and Walkeshwar record 2 cases and 1 death. The whole city is thus invaded, Upper Colaba and Sewri alone being free. The following is the weekly progress of the disease in the last seven weeks:

Week ending 14th December 28th 4th January In the corresponding "duration period" of the previous epidemic, the mortality was -Week ending 20th October ... 3rd November 17th

1st December The exodus of the people has only just begun and the numbers who have gone are not as yet very great; probably quarantine is acting as a preventive of wholesale desertion. Familiarity with the epidemic has perhaps given some amount of confidence to the people, but it is too early to be sure about the future as the plague mortality has not yet reached the high figures deaths have occurred in the following district:-

Bhuleshwar ... Market ... Fort, Northern Cammatteepoora Umarkhadi ... Dongri

Mahomedans ...

Jain Brahmins Low caste Hindus Parsces Parses ... Native Christians Bhattias lews Negro-African...

The most noticeable feature in this instructive table is the susceptibility of the Jains to the plague infection. It is true the "other caste Hindoos" had 506 plague deaths, as compared with 74 amongst Jains, but their population is 17 times greater than the Jain population, while the plague mortality amongst the Jains is equal to a seventh of the Hindoo mortality. In comparison with the Mahomedans, Jains had 74 plague deaths in a population of 2:,225, against 85 plague deaths amongst Mahomedans in a population of 1,55,101. The disproportion in both comparisons is sufficiently remarkable to draw out comment. If the plague mortality record is reliable the Mahomedans had a comparatively small number of deaths.

No fewer than fifteen districts out of thirty-

three show a rate of mortality in excess of 100 per cent. These districts arc—
First Nagpada ... 191'50 Cammatteepoora Bhuleshwar ... 176 04 ... 10 303 ... 142 52 ... 133 80 Fort, Northern Girgaum Umarkhadi Koombharwada 17440 Second Nagpada Dongri Market ... 123'46 ... 122'00 Phobie Talao ... 121'03 Tardco de la la 112'32 Khara Talao of no mountal ... 1191.5 ... 105'30

The fever mortality is reduced to the unusually low figure of 58 against a mean of 175 in the corresponding week in the last five years As the mortality from plague increases the mortality from all other causes diminishes That was our experience in the previous visita tion but a reduction from 175 to 58 is quite a new experience. As lung fevers and relapsing fever are prevailing with the ordinary seasona fevers, the fever mortality might be expected to show some rise, and not such a great reduction as we find recorded. There is no record of mortality from relapsing fever, nor Explanation II.—Allusions to the Simila truth and propriety against which also the return. How, then, is the mortality from section is directed? The proposal gives rise it accounted for? We know a large mortality frem relapsing fever does occur and is occurring. Under which column of the mortuary return is it entered? As the fever mortality record has run down considerably below normal, relapsing fever cannot have been entered as fever. The phthisis mortality is 87 in excess of normal, and the mortality from respiratory disease 47 in excess. The mortality of the week amongst "Races and Castes is as given below :-

Races and Castes. No. of Deaths Rate of from all causes. Mortality. Jains Low-Caste Hindoos Bhattias Mahomedans Brahmins Hindoos of Castes lews Parsees Native Christians Eurasians

Europeans It may well be doubted whether the Mahomedan return is correct as regards the registration of plague. This community record 376 deaths, 85 only of which are reported as

After-thought.—In Illustration 1.—If B has moving to the north and beginning to re-infect less than three, Parsees a fraction above one

WE quote the opinions of some of the great men on the power of the Press. "Give men I ut the liberty of the press," said Sheridan, "and I will give to the minister a venal 302 House of Peers-1 will give him a corrupt and servile House of Commons-I will give (51 him the full sway of the patronage of office-I will give him the whole host of ministerial influence I will give all the power that place can confer upon him to purchase up submission and overawe resistance, and yet, armed with the liberty of the press, I will go forth to meet him undismayed-I will attack the misty fabric he has reared with that mightier engme- I will shake down from its height corruption, and bury it amidst the ruins of the abuses it was meant to shelter." Accord-These comparative figures show that the pre- in Bulwer Lytton, "it is the newspaper which stage of the former epidemic. Judged by these comparative figures, the present attack has taken a far greater hold of the city than the previous one. It may, therefore he said to be the figures and the figures are the figures and the figures are the figures and the figures are the figures are the figures are the figures. It is the daily and sleepless watchman that reports to you every danger which menaces the institutions of your cause. tack has taken a far greater hold of the city than the previous one. It may, therefore, be said to be more virulent, for it can scarcely be supposed that the people are more susceptible to the infection in 1898 than they were in 18.7. The only apparently new condition is that Bombay is now more filled with people than it was at the commencement of the first invasion. The exodus of the people has only just begun of order, and prevents the stern necessity of revolution." "Great is journalism," says Carlyle; "is not every able editor a ruler of the world, being a persuader of it?" Hume gave out that "its liberties and the liberties of the people must stand or fall together." "Its freedom," declared Erskine, nas alone made cur government what it is, and can alone preserve it." In the opinion of Junius, "it that prevailed in January and February of last is the palladium of all the civil, political, and year, and the first sign of an exodus on a large religious rights of an Englishman." Johnson scale, viz., the closing of shops has not yet wrote that "knowledge is diffused among our appeared. The greatest number of plague could by it." Goldsmith thought that "it is the protector of freedom, a watchful guardi-85 an capable of uniting the weak against the encroachments of power," Mansfield observ-65 ed that "it secures that publicity to the 55 admiristration of the laws which is the main source of its purity and wisdom." Canning said that "it pervades and checks, and per-Byculla ... 50 haps, in the last resort, nearly governs the As all the districts, except Colaba and Sewii, it now invaded, it seems unnecessary to give cording to DeLolme, "through its assistance districts. The mortality from the disease mongst "Races and Castes" is thus recorded—
Hincoos of other Castes

Mahamadar. 85 ment derived from the public press." "There is nothing to fear," said Lord Brougham, "from open public discussion from that press which enables us to speak as we think." almost all that keeps up in us permanently and effectually the spirit of regard to liberty and the public good, we must look to the unshackled and independent energies of the press," wrote Hallam. Sir Francis Burdett expressed himself thus. "Freedem of discussion is our birthright, and by the dissemination of truth alone, through the medium of a free press, can we hope to attain or preserve our liberty." According to Benjamin Constant, "the press is mistress of intelligence, and intelligence is mistress of the world." De Tocqueville remarked, "The newspaper is the only instrument by which the same thought can be dropped into a thousand minds at the same time." If Napoleon is to be believed, "a journalist is a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a hundred thousand

A BELGAUM telegram says that a gang of some 50 dacoits, armed with guns, made a sudden raid on a rich old temple at Ponda, in Goa territory, on the 22nd ult. and carried away golden idols and jewellery of great value. The dacoits are believed to have come from and returned to British territory. Captain Leao, of the Portuguese service, is now in Belgaum in connection with the matter.

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THE Calcutta High Court Bar have submitted to the Government the following note on the proposed amendments of sec. 124A and sec. 505 of the Indian Penal Code and sec. 108 of the Criminal P.ocedure Code:-

There can be no doubt that, considering the very high authority of the Indian Penal Code, its general scheme should be adhered to whenever any amendments require to be intro-duced. It follows, therefore, that offences against the State, offences against public tranquillity, and defamation should be separately treated. These three classes of offences are mixed up in the proposed amendments of sec. 124A, and the second and third classes ought to be eliminated. Taking it then that sec. 124A ought to confined to offences against the State, what appears to be needed is a definition of "feelings of disaffection" The Indian Law Commissioners consider this was unnecessary, and in answer to comment, they said: "It seems to us that by the explanation the discretion of the Judge is pretty well guided and limited", and in support of it, said that "the offence which the clause is intended to punish, is that of attempting to excite feelings of disaffection to the Government; and to guard against too wide a construction of this term, and to give free scope to that kind of temperate discussion and criticism of public measures which is conducive to the public good, an explanation is subjoined declaring that by "disaffection" is not meant "such a disapprobation of the measures of Government as is compatible with a disposition to render obedience to the lawful authority of Government against unlawful attempts to subvert or resist that authority." Further quoting from the Digest of the English Law Commissioners, they said that "mere vague words spoken at random, ought not indeed to be brought within this clause; unless they be words of advice, direction or persuasion, tending to excite a degree of disaffection incompatible with a disposition to render obedience, &c. and spoken under circumstances indicating a design to cause such excitement

But the explanation has lately been treated, not as an explanation guiding and limiting the Judge, but as one solitary exception within the strict limits of which alone will a critic be safe. The definition of "disaffection" should, therefore, in order to carry out the views of the original framers of the Code and the eminent men who have followed them, be in the terms of the explanation.

The general and vague words used in the old indictments, such as "hatred," "contempt," "enmity," "ill will," which have also, in the absence of a Code, been used at various times by Judges in their charges, appear to have been deliberately omitted from sec. 124A; and there can be no doubt that the Indian Law Commissioners exercised a sound discretion in this respect, for, it is absolutely impossible to attach any precise meaning to these words, whether they are used together or separately. Can any one say that two or three of these words taken together, have any different meaning from what the four together have What are Mofussil Judges to make of such words? In fact, they have been treated as synonymous, and including any feeling against the Government. Some of these words have been imported into Stephen's Digest from the charges of the Judges, and it may be from some of the obsolete Statutes; but Sir Fitzjames Stephen never intended to put forward the Digest as a Code, still less as a better exposition of what the law ought to be than the Indian Penal Code. The merit that Sir Fitzjames Stephen claimed for the Indian Penal Code, he expressed as follows: -"He had himself been led by circumstances to study the whole subject of criminal law with particular attention, and he was glad to be able publicly to express his opini-on that the Indian Penal Code was a far better and more philosophical system of criminal law than any other with which he was fects in the Government or Constitution weakened in a corresponding degree.

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Sures or to point out errors or defects in the Government or Constitution weakened in a corresponding degree. systems which were in force in England, France reformation or to excite Her Majesty's subor America." The gist of the offence undoubtedly is the intentionally exciting or attempting to excite feelings incompatible with due obedience as a subject and a disposition to assist the Government of the country in time of need. nything short of this may be defamation, but not sedition. The substitution of the word "Government" (which has a special and wide definition in the Code), for the "Government as established by law in British India" is a change of great importance; and it is to be regretted not to be found in the proposed amendment. It that there is nothing to justify what is stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. The result would appear to be that any one defaming any person, authorised by law, to administer executive Government in any part of British India, would be liable to transportation for life.

The punishment for seditious libel ought in any event to be reduced to simple imprisonment extending only to two years, so as to change that have been already pointed out, bring it into conformity with the law in the Conference cannot but feel that the mo-

The only objection to sec. 505 in the against the words making it necessary for the prosecution to prove that the accused knew that what he published was false. There is force in this objection; but it may be completely unnecessary; so also the change of the words "and thereby to induce", which is part of the intent, and the substitution of the words "whereby they may be induced", is, on the same ground very objectionable. The shifting of the burden of proof on to the accused, the burden of proving the total which alone will not be sufficient and the very gist of the offence, attached to the proposed section, will not, however, be an improvement upon the existing law in any sense. The definition of "disaffection" given therein, is that it "includes all cellings of enmity or ill-will." But the expressions "enmity" and "ill-will" are even more vague than the expression will not be sufficient. the burden of proving the t ith which alone will not be sufficient, and also the burden of ill-will; and the Conference respectfully subustification or precedent.

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which have never been en rusted to Magistrates the proposed law even more vague and unin England. The offence of sedition certainly certain than the existing section which it is ought not to be tried by the Lower Courts with- intended to replace. out the aid of a jury. Obscenity seems to be sufficiently dealt with by the Code as it stands, Conference understands the law of sedition to -see secs. 292-4-and sec. 107 seems to confer be intended to protect Her Majesty's Indian upon Magistrates sufficient power for the pre- Government from attempts to subvert it or to

ought to be given for the prevention of future offences only and not for the punishment of past offences. A man ought never to be bound down vithout sufficient sworn evidence though under the present proposal a man might, it would seem, be bound down without any evidence at all. In this country a man bound down, is severely punished. It affects him in his trade and his business and particularly in his dealings with Government officials. In the case of any extension of the present powers, it ought to be ac-companied with the right of appeal against the order to the High Court.

ON behalf of the Conference of representative members iof the different communities of Calcutta, held at the Rooms of the British Indian Association on the 25th instant, the following representation has been submitted to Government on the Sedition Bill by its President, Sir Maharaja Jotindra Mohun

I have the honour to inform you that, at the nvitation of the Committee of the British Indian Association, a Conference of representa tive members of the different communities of Calcutta was held at the Rooms of the British Indian Association on the 25th instant, to consider and discuss the proposed amend-ments in the Criminal Procedure Code and in the Penal Co e. All the different communities were represented at the Conference, the undersigned was voted to the chair, and it was unanimously resolved to submit two representations for the consideration of Governmentone relating to the Penal Code, and the other to the Criminal Procedure Code.

2. Taking the proposed amendments in the Penal Code first, and dealing with the amendment of section 124A, the Conference is bound to bring to the notice of Government the fact that the proposed amendment has created such an amount of consternation in the minds of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in India as has not been known in this country for very many years in connection with any measure of Government. Unless, therefore, there is the most imperative necessity for a change in the law, the Conference respectfully submits, no change ought to be effected in it.

3. The Conference would beg leave to re-

mind the Government that in the original draft of the Indian Penal Code, the Indian Law Commissioners had inserted a section, substantially to the effect of the present section 124A, as enacted in 1870; that exception was taken to that section by a large portion of the public as being vague and indefinite and calculated to bring persons under the section for mere vague words spoken at random and that the Indian Law Commissioners defended the section by pointing out that "as in the Digest of the English Criminal Law Commissioners, it is laid down that words spoken shall not be deemed to constitute an overt act of any treason, unless they be words of advice, direction or persuasion tending to effectuate some traitorous act or design, so here (meaning the section under consideration) must be understood that the significant words are advice, direction or persuasion, tending to excite the people, to whem they are adressed, to a degree of disaffection incompatible with a

disposition to render obedience to the lawful

authority of the Government against unlawful

attempts to subvert or resist that authority, and spoken under circumstances from which the speaker must have known it to be likely that the words spoken by him would cause such excitement." The Conference understands that it is the desire of Government to make the Indian law relating to sedition run in the same lines as the English law on the same subject. But it is not satisfied that the proposed section is really a reproduction of the English law. For, according to that law, "an intention that Her Majesty has been misled or mistaken in her meajects to attempt by lawful means the alteration of any matter in Church or State by law established, or to point out, in order to their removal, matters which are producing or have a tendency to produce feelngs of hatred or ill-will between classes of Her Majesty's subjects, is not a seditious intention." And this provision in the English law safeguards all public speakers and writers. This safeguard, the Conference apprehends, is may further be observed that the circumstances of Great Britain are different from the circumstances of this country, and many statesmen, both in England and in India, have pointed out, on various occasions, that any

particular law that exists in England, is not

necessarily applicable to the circumstances of

this country.

4. Besides the objections to the proposed dification of section 124A, as now proposed, is of a kind which is calculated rather to Statement of Objects and Reasons is directed defeat the object in view, namely, the removal of vagueness and uncertainty from the existing law. Explanation I of the proposed section is so worded as to add to, rather than diminish, the defect complained of. If met by Cleaving out the words objected to, and inserting the words "false" before jstatements and "having reason to believe them to be false" instead of the words left out; pally to the different interpretations which and this seems all that can be required. The introduction of the words "likely to cause" expression "disaffection." Explanation I expression "disaffection." Explanation I proving the absence of evil intent, is without mits that it will be opposed to all notions of justice to place all such feelings in the same category. The proposed section also intro-The time has not come for making the terms of the truth, penal in this country.

The new clause proposed to be added to sec. 108 of the Criminal Procedure, confers powers upon Magistra es in this country which it would be very dangerous to entrust them with, and the proposed section also introduced two new expressions, namely, "hatred" and "contempt", which have not been defined at all. The absence of any clear definition of these new expressions referred to, cannot their new expressions are the proposed section also introduced to the proposed section also int

vention of offences. The power of binding down raise such disturbances in it or create such the Sardar's food.

passive resistance to it, as may lead to its subversion. If this be so, the Conference would respectfully suggest to Government whether is the present section 124A is to be changed at all, a change to the effect formulated at the foot of this paragraph may not answer all that the Government seek to effect :-

"Whoever by words either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representations or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring H r Majesty into hatred or contempt. or excites or attempts to excite feelings of disloyalty towards Her Majesty, or excites or attempts to excite, against the constitution of the British Indian Government established by law, feelings of disloyalty tending to create a disposition not to obey the lawful authority of Government or support such authority against unlawful attempts to subvert or resist it, or a disposition to subvert or resist it, or a disposition to subvert or resist the Government or excites or attempts to excite Her. Majesty's subjects to attempt otherwise than by lawful means the alteration of any matter in State by law established, shall be punished with imprisonment to which fine may be added, or with

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6. To summarize the views, above expressed. the Conference believes that the proposed change in the substantive law is not needed in the circumstances of the country, and it would respectfully ask Government not to proceed further with it. If, however, any change is to be made at all, it would ask the Government to make the change in the lines above indicated. But the Conference would respectfully point out that the present opportunity ought to be availed of, to remove from the section the punishment of transportation and to reduce the term of imprisonment from 10 to 2 years, as is the law in England.

7. The only respect in which the present section 124A may be said to be defective—if it is defective at all—is that full effect is not given in the Explanation appended to it, to what the Law Commissioners deemed was necessary for the protection of the public. But the omission, if any, was made up by the emphatic statement of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, the then Law Member of His Excellency's Council, in one of the various discussions on his Bill, to the effect that, "nothing could be farther from the wish of the Government of India than to check, in the least degree, any criticism of their measures, however severe and hostile, nay, however disingenuous, unfair and ill-informed it might be. So long as a writer or speaker, neither directly nor indirectly, suggested or intended to produce the use of force, he did not fall within this section." Since 1870 there have been only a few prosecutions under section 124A, and, so far as the Conference is aware, there has not been any failure of justice in connection with them. The necessity, therefore, for a change in the law, much less any imperative necessity, is not apparent to the

8 The unsettled state of the country sixty years ago, might have, to some extent, justified the Indian Law Commissioners in providing for such an extreme measure as banishment for life in the Draft Code of 1837; but in retaining this provision in the Code of 1870. Sir James Fitzjames Stephen had unfortunately overlooked the fact that the settled state of the country in his day did not warrant the provision of such a severe punishment for the offence in question. Since then the administration of the country has made further progress, and the arguments for the retention of the provision have been

505 of the Penal Code, the Conference apprehends that it would, if passed, seriously inter-fere with the freedom of public speakers and writers, by throwing on accused persons the onus of proving that their intention was such as not to bring them within the purview of this section. It appears to the Conference that the proposed changes are of a far-reaching charac-Under the existing law, it is necessary that the statement, rumour or report must be false, and false to the knowledge of the circulator or publisher, and no conviction can be obtained under it unless the false statement or report is circulated or published with intent to cause the effect mentioned in the section. The proposed amendment does not require that the statement, rumour or report should be false, and it makes the circulation of it punishable if it is likely to cause the effect mentioned in the proposed section; so that, a person may be punished under the proposed section for publishing a perfectly true statement without any intent to cause the effect mentioned in the section, unless he is able to prove the absence of such intention.

10. In conclusion, the Conference craves and upright administration. Nor can it be gainsaid for a moment that the Native Press has often been instrumental in bringing to light many instances of official injustice and, by securing their reparation, has contributed to the contentment and happiness of the people. warrant a complete reversal of the liberal and enlightened policy which has so long been persuaded, it is to be presumed not without advantage, in relation to the Native Press of

Natu has been removed from the Bombay House of Correction to Thana Jail. Along with him has been sent the Brahmin convict cook, who was brought from Yerrowda Jail to cook

SIR. A. MACKENZIE AND THE PLAGUE RULES

AT the Bankipur Conference, on Tuesday last, week His Honour the L'eutenant-Governor of Bengal said: - I was sorry to hear of the panic and alarm that has come over you on account of the publication of the plague rules. I have to tell you, and through you the public at large, that there is no cause for such alarm. The plague is only confined to the Bombay Presidency, and it has been stamped out of Hurdwar and Punjab by timely precautions; it is hundreds of miles from us in Bengal, and there intervene between us here and Bombay the North-West Provinces and the Central Provinces as buffer States, and every precaution is being taken there to guard against the coming in of the plague. We may therefore hope that the plague will never come here, and say, that any repetition of their offence, will be very severely dealt with.

The only thing we have yet come to know for certain is that the very houses, floors and walls are poisoned when a plague case occurs there. You can destroy the cholera bacilli by putting in disinfectants in the cholera evacuations, but not so the plague germs. They live in dust, in clothes and in everything. The only known remedy, is to segregate people from in-fected houses, and though the plague is not

the plague rules. I have thought on making such concessions as ought reason-lably to satisfy you. My proposals have given satisfaction to the people of Mozafferpur, Motihari and Arrah, where I have been. I propose to divide municipal towns into small, wards of 300 houses, with a 'rais' at the head and a mohurir to be paid by the municipality to work under him. It will be the municipality to work under him. It will be the duty of this rais to give information of any suspected case to the Medical Committee, which will consist of the Health Officer, a Hindu or Mussalman doctor, not necessarily a Government servant, and a lady doctor. The members of the Medical Committee, on receiving such information, will then go and examine for themselves whether it is a real case of plague.

But the rais need not give information with people, residents in the town. The information wanted is with regard to Marwaris and such ike people who have come from the infected listricts and have fever attended with glandular

cough and cold. trust it will not, that in houses with extensive compounds, where detached buildings are available, they may be used as hospitals for the plague-stricken of the family, and the other members will be permitted to go there if they wishes of the plague-stricken or the members of his family. All that we shall require is that the Medical Committee shall inspect the place to satisfy itself that it is a proper place and properly kept, and that outsiders don't enter the compound. They may also use any garden-house where they have any, or make emporary houses within the compound.

With regard to the respectable poor, we shall provide by our rules for hospitals and segregation houses of classes and communities.

These places are to be built at their own expense, and kept under the same safeguards as hospitals in private houses. The treatment may be of any kind, the patients or their people may choose.

The strictest regard shall be paid to the

With regard to the poor, public hospitals shall he provided, where they shall be better looked after than in their own houses, and there shall be no restrictions to the members of their family visiting them either by night or day.

In all cases their houses and properties shall be strictly guarded by the police under the orders of the Magistrate and strict regard shall be paid to "purda" system even in public

All these proposals shall be embodied in the new set of rules which Mr. Risley is bringing out. These concessions I make in the hope that it will satisfy all, and if the "rais" do their duty, no stringent orders shall be necessary.

The speech throughout was beautifully rendered in Urdu by Maulvi Syed Mohamed

Khan Bahadur, Deputy Magistrate of Patna.

A COMPLAINT was received by the Madras eave to make a few observations of a general Police on the 25th ult. from a rative character. While it must always be prepared | Christian woman in Black town, alleging that which may be deemed necessary for the maintenance of internal peace and order, it must respectfully remind Government that the liberty of the Press in India has been regarded by a long succession of both Anglo-Indian and Indian statesmen as a useful safety-valve, which is calculated to the content of the pression of the pression of both and statesmen as a useful safety-valve, which is calculated to the content of the pression a useful safety-valve, which is calculated to The question of the girl's age being referred do more good than harm to an enlightened to the medical authorities for opinion, it was found she was about sixteen, and therefore a major.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint the Right Honorable Sir George Faudel Faudel-Phillips, Bart, Lord Mayor of the City of London, to be a Knight With all its defects, it is a mirror reflecting the thoughts and wishes of the people, from which an eulightened administration cannot fail to derive much benefit and advantage. The Conference would, therefore, earnestly appeal to Government to consider whether the circumstances of the case account for the Indian decoration bestowed on him. The late Lord Mayor, however, had an opportunity of rendering a very eminent valuable service to India during his tenure of office. The Mansion House Indian Famine Fund was opened by him, and the sum of near THE reader is aware that Mr. Hari Chandra Ratu has been removed from the Bombay of India, passed through his hands. Sir George Faudel-Phillips administered this enormous fund with examplary economy and was prompt in sending remittances to the Central Committee in Calcutta.

IT is estimated that eleven lakhs of persons were present at the Magh Mela at Allahabad on the day of the solar eclipse. With the plague, if not in our midst, at least at our doors, there was naturally some anxiety in regard to such a huge congregation; but not a single case of infectious disease of any kind appeared.

REPORTS received from the Nazim of the Khan of Kelat up to the 22nd instant stated that no fighting had so far occurred in the KejValley The Nazim is named Udho Das, a Hindu offi-cial of the Government in Baluchistan, whose services were lent to the Khan some time ago. Colonel Mayne's column is believed to be making good progress on its march to the Nazim's

SULTAN ALI and Fatch Ali, sons of Shah Ma hummad, Zaildar of Doga in the Gujrat Dis-trict, who assaulted Lala Wazir Chand Khushbash hope that the plague will never come here, and so your alarm is needless. I have come to have been convicted and sentenced by the Disknow of some disloyal and designing men, who have contributed to create this alarm, and I say, that any repetition of their offence, will be the same Zaildar have been let off for want of

AT Amritsar on Wednesday, a Sikh, naik of the 23rd Pioneers, obtaining his rifle from the guard room, shot his sweet-heart through the heart afterwards committing suicide. The girl was dressed in her best and was lying on the polo ground immediately behind the regimen-tal lines. After shooting the girl, the naik lay here, you ought to be prepared for timely precautions.

I have received memorials from people here and from the other districts of Behar against the plague rules. I have thought on the plague rules and from the other districts of Behar against the plague rules. I have thought on the plague rules and from the other districts of Behar against the plague rules. I have thought on the plague rules are received memorials from people here and from the other districts of Behar against the plague rules. I have thought on the received memorials from people here and putting the girl, the naik lay breast, pulled the trigger with his toe, sending the bullet through his heart. It is supposed the girl acquiesced in the act, preferring death at the hands of her lover to returning the right have been been and putting the right against his breast, pulled the trigger with his toe, sending the bullet through his heart. It is supposed the girl acquiesced in the act, preferring death at the hands of her lover to returning the right has breast his breast, pulled the trigger with his toe, sending the bullet through his heart. It is supposed the girl acquiesced in the act, preferring death at the hands of her lover to returning the right has been appeared for timely precautions.

IN GUNNER PIPER'S case, the evidence of Dr. McConaghy went to show that rour pieces of lead and three pieces of non-metallic substance were found on deceased's body. Piper was committed to take his trial at the next Cr.minal Sessions of the Bombay High Court which commenced on Wedn sday.

A NASIK correspondent wires the particulars of a regrettable riot at Sinnar, 17 miles from the town, in which human lives were lost and the police had to open fire on the mob. A segregation camp had been established in the village, owing to the prevalence of plague in the neighbourbood, with quarantine sheds, At eight in the evening on the 7th instant, the inmates of the plague camp rose en masse regard to all cases of fever, nor with regard to against the authorities and commenced rioting In a short while, the sheds were demolished and the officials attacked with fury. The apothe cary in charge, in going to pacify the rioters lost his life, while a constable who went to his to the cleansing of their privies, drains, and sandashes (well privies) wherever they exist. White-washing of the exterior of the houses does no good; white-washing of the interior, when people continue to live in them. causes when people continue to live in them, causes rough and cold.

Post Office, and after wrecking it, burnt the plague camp and Dr. Gwyther's tent to the ground. The whole available police force was rought out to quell the rising, but the mob did not disperse till the police had opened fire. These are the meagre details to hand. Re-inforcements have been sent to Sinnar from Nasik The cause of the disturbance is, howlike. The treatment may be of any kind— ever, not yet known, although it is regarded Allopathic, Vaidya or Hakimi—according to the in the locality as the most serious that has

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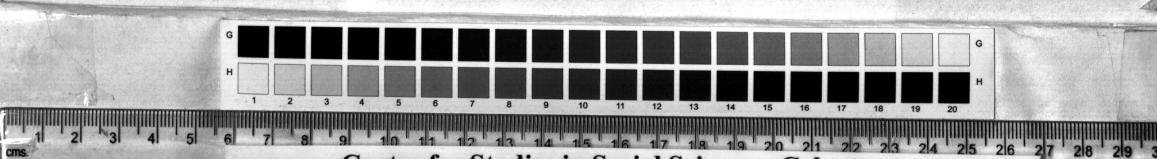
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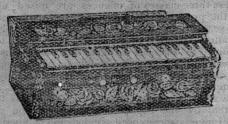
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