

MALABAR REBELS IN DISORDERS

Serious Concern Felt in London Because of Home Rule Efforts

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Potentialities for disorders in India later in the Gandhi non-cooperative movement directed against the British government have evidenced themselves in the serious rebellion in Malabar, according to Anglo-Indian experts.

Gandhi of course has preached the doctrine of non-violence but many of his extreme followers have gone much further, notably, the experts here say, in the case of Malabar. There, it is claimed, the religious torch was used to start the conflagration, it being maintained that the Allies had done grave injury to the Khalifat in the Treaty of Sevres between the Allies and Turkey but observers here maintain that the seed was already sown by Gandhi's non-cooperative campaign.

The strength of the non-cooperative movement consists in the appeal it makes to the religious instincts of the masses who collect in vast numbers to pay Gandhi almost divine honors and whom they regard as the Mahatma, or worker of miracles, who will introduce the millennium, then none need toil, when there will be no taxes and when prices will fall to their pre-war level.

The masses are little concerned in political or constitutional reforms and the professedly non-violent character of the movement cannot always be maintained. There have been occasional outbreaks of rioting. Considering the size of India these outbreaks have been infrequent but are regarded as symptomatic of growing excitement.

The Hindu masses are not only tempered and their reverence for Gandhi is a steady factor. The Moslem excitement over the Khalifat question runs throughout the movement like a sinister threat and it is believed that if Gandhi's movement leads to violence it will be because he has been unable to restrain Mohammedan fanaticism, roused to fever heat by the threatened eclipse of Turkey.

It will be remembered that Indian Muslims have always insisted on a privileged position in politics on the ground of their religious kinship with the Turks, Afghans and other fighting Moslem people of Asia. The collapse of the temporal power of Islam is therefore viewed seriously by Indian Muslims who feel their claims to a privileged position are in danger of vanishing.

Since the Treaty of Sevres they have pinned their faith to the Turkish Nationalist government of Ankara which they hoped would become the center of a revival of the political prestige of Islam but the later Greek successes have destroyed this hope and a feeling of desperation seems growing which may prove too strong for the influence of Gandhi.

The Khalifat party, maintaining a separate entity within the ranks of non-cooperators now displays in its conferences an increasing violence of language, asserting its allegiance to Turkey and threatening a declaration of independence if the British government embarks upon hostilities against Ankara.

Signs are seen that members of the left wing of the Moslems are going too far for the majority of Hindus and the old jealousy between the two religions may possibly break out again. At a meeting of the working committee of the Indian National Congress this summer discussions broke out. The left wing Mohammedans and some Hindus were anxious to declare "civil disobedience," which means non-payment of taxes and passive resistance to certain laws. This

step might lead to serious disorder and Gandhi opposed it on the grounds that the country was not yet ready. He insisted that his latest plan, boycott of foreign cloth and the introduction of the old-fashioned spinning wheel into every Indian home, must first be carried out. He estimated that this would be accomplished by September 30 when he would be willing to declare civil disobedience if the government were unwilling to grant his three demands—redress of the Punjab grievances, restoration of Turkey to her pre-war position and complete home rule.

It is asserted here that the non-cooperation movement is based on emotion and that of the three grievances, the Punjab affair is not a living issue except on the platform, as it was settled in the first session of India's new Parliament. The fate of Turkey is a matter for the Allies and runs entirely counter to the principles of self-determination. It is claimed that the third, home rule, is being rapidly realized through powers now invested in local and central legislation with their overwhelming majorities.

Gandhi's movement is therefore said to depend purely on maintaining mass excitement at white heat to put pressure on the government. Sensational programs are put forward only to be scrapped when enthusiasm is worked up.

The moderates, who are busy with solid work in the new legislature, repealing repressive laws and becoming real rulers of the country, cannot exercise the same influence over the masses as the extremists with their appeal to mob passion. It is, however, confidently asserted that the success of reforms is rallying the educated classes to support of the British connection and that the wise statesmanship of Lord Reading is already producing an apparent effect. Possibilities of disorder do exist but beyond the shoals there is said to be clear water ahead.

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