

BRAHMINS CHOOSE COURTESY IN INDIA

Anti-Foreign Agitation Is Due Largely to Activities of Their Class.

LOSS OF POWER IS SPUR

Influence Which They Formerly Wielded Has Been Largely Done Away With Under Rule of British.

BY FRICIVAL LONDON.

SIMLA, India, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The anti-foreign movement was originally conceived and organized, and is now being carried out, by the Brahmins in no part of the country, north, south east or west, have the Mohammedans had part or lot with the agitators. The vast majority of the content to allow their acquiescence to be assumed, rightly or wrongly.

The country districts are entirely unaffected. Religion so far plays an insignificant part in the agitation. It is not necessary to labor over the vital differences which are to be noticed at first glance, between the present dispute and that which preceded the Indian Mutiny of 1857. The two great creeds joined forces for a moment in a manner that was as remarkable as it was unexpected.

Long indeed, this unnatural alliance could not last, but even this momentary rapprochement for a common purpose has formed the text of many who wished to prove that there must have been good grounds for the joint action of these eternal enemies. In 1857, the religious superstitions of both Islam and Hinduism were played upon with unflinching assiduity, and throughout Hindustan all creeds in town and country alike, were stirred up by the wandering mystics and bhairavs, whose co-operation, in spite of reckless mis-statements, has been conspicuously absent from the present movement.

Brahmin's Activities Twofold.

But, it may be demurred, if religion plays little or no part in the present agitation, how comes it that the Brahmins are at the root of it all? The answer to this, the religious functions of the Brahmin, though inherent in his caste, are not, and never have been, the most important or respected attributes of the class. The moral supremacy enjoyed by the Brahmins is based upon and enforced by their control of the religious office. Indispensable, it is quite another thing to assume that when the political leaders of the Brahmins wish to agitate for reforms they necessarily look behind them to the ecclesiastical organization of their order.

If nothing else could be cited in proof of this, the religious offices of Benares, Puri, Srirangam (Trichinopoly) and other places of pilgrimage or religious authority in India, not even a passing glimpse of the action of the priests of Kailash Temple, in Calcutta—the "Smiths" of Eastern Bengal—in publicly disowning and denouncing the agitation, has a significance that the most versatile of Bengalis is put to it to explain away.

Gulf Widens Daily.

The truth is that between the highly educated and mentally brilliant Brahmin of political life and his religious brother, a deep chasm has opened. The serious part of it is that the old weapon of superstition seems to have broken in the hands of the priest, and there is no class of Brahmin so despised and socially degraded in the case as he who ministers at any, but especially at a great center of public worship, or performs religious offices, even in private, except in the exclusive circle of a private house, of which the owner is at the lowest a member of the Vaisya caste.

As a matter of fact, the leading Brahmins of Bengal or Poonah, the centers of disaffection, have never had any connection whatever with the performance of any religious function. In that they are strictly within their rights. The supremacy of the Brahmin was due from the first to the fact that scholarship was their especial privilege, and, as a consequence, the ecclesiastical and ecclesiastical influences have gone hand in hand. Especially was this bound to be the case in India, where, until recently, the vast majority of the population, as much by common belief of laymen that they were ignorant of the all-necessary formulae as by the determined and unyielding imposed by the popular hierarchy. But the priesthood has generally found the monopoly of scholarship to be a doubtful advantage, and India is no exception to the rule. Today the cleverest among this clever race have chosen politics rather than religion as a field for their energies, and we shall make a serious mistake if we do not separate the ecclesiastical aspect of Brahminism from their political activities.

Why Brahmins Are Angry.

The true causes of the Brahmin agitation are to be found in the fact that before the English administration of Bengal and other parts of India, the Brahmin was all-important in civil as well as religious affairs. The vast advantage of education conferred upon him made his services indispensable. Whatever the nominal sovereignty of the state, it was the Brahmin viewpoint that actually governed, even in Mohammedan courts, and this double advantage made it impossible for any one of a lower caste to rise to any position of real importance in the administration of India. The great weapon in the hands of the Brahmins, the power of decision in all matters touching caste, was used relentlessly against adventurers, both civil and religious. There were, of course, exceptions. Low-caste men succeeded both in directing an administration and in founding new cults. But these did but emphasize the fact that the Brahmins rule the natives of India, body and soul alike. The incoming of the English altered all this.

Probably none of the many conquerors of India has ever treated the Brahmins with the iron-handed justice which they have experienced at the hands of the English. By them the service of the state was thrown open to every man, high or low, and the knell of Brahmin preponderance was sounded. At first the ancient tradition of education gave the Brahmins an advantage, but this has vanished with the spread of education, and the ancient ruling class of India has had to come down into the arena and struggle with the schooled Vaisya or Sudra for the prize of official life. On the whole, he has done extremely well and creditably.

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BUY SPURIOUS PAINTINGS

Old Bunco Game Revived in Paris With New Feature.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Trade in spurious paintings, which seemed to have been almost extinct for some time, is reviving, judging from the number of cases brought to the notice of the judicial authorities. The producers of spurious works no longer confine their efforts to painting oil on canvas, but are now turning to the public; they have the audacity to copy the signatures of living painters of renown, and sell these works at a high price as authentic.

Some time ago a Parisian fancier purchased a painting from a dealer which represented a picturesque scene in one of the streets of Montmartre, and was on seeing it, expressed a doubt as to its being a genuine work of that painter. An expert was consulted, and a photograph of the painting sent to M. Claude Monet, who was at Venice. He replied by return of post that he had not painted the picture.

The dealer was lodged against the dealer, who gave the name of the person from whom he had acquired the painting, and who in turn said that he had purchased it at a public sale, and that the same magistrate who is inquiring into this case has received the complaint of another collector, who paid \$500 for a spurious Charles Jacques.

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In addition to the 288,000,000 feet of timber that was sold at an aggregate price of \$250,000, the Department issued free permits for cutting 120,000,000 feet of timber for domestic purposes. This amounted to a donation to the people of practically \$120,000 worth of timber.

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English A. A. A.'s Effort at Self-Vindication Receives No Notice.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The belated efforts of the English Amateur Athletic Association to vindicate its character for fair play and intelligence in the conduct of the Olympic games is magnificently ignored by the bulk of the London newspapers. There is very natural, a feeling of indignation in the minds of the English sportsmen who have heard of that orgy of mud and blasphemous British Olympic games.

The A. A. A., having done very ineffectively with some of the American competitors, says that the Americans were the only foreigners to protest against the unfairness of the English committee of honor. This statement is directly the reverse of the truth, for the most part, different times French protests, German protests, Italian protests and Scandinavian protests.

The high and mighty attitude of the bunglers who, contrary to precedent, took into their own sole control the management of the contests instead of having the chair, said the American sportsmen, created the worst possible impression among all the competitors.

The best proof of this is the indisputable fact that if it were proposed to hold the Olympic contests under the same management again, it is doubtful if any single country who has experience of the Stadium officials at Shepherd's Bush would enter.

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LARGE MEETING AT VALE

Development League Favors Proposed Government Irrigation Project in Malheur County.

Dr. McClure Talks.

JOURNEY PROVED "FROST"

MEMBER OF TRAVELING PARTY WANTS MONEY BACK.

Caught Cold, Rode in Open Carriages, No Place to Sleep Are Reasons for Suit.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Allured by advertisements, a Frenchman, fond of traveling, paid \$500 to join a personally conducted party to Norway and Spitzbergen, to see the midnight sun. But when he got there he was disappointed. To begin with he had been promised sport with "curious game," such as polar bear, reindeer and walrus, and the only creatures to be shot at were seagulls, and the captain of the steamer forbade the sportsman potting at them.

In Spitzbergen "ice cliffs and blue sea" were nowhere to be seen, and, worst of all, when the midnight sun should have made his appearance pitch dark reigned instead, owing to the fog. In Norway the party was shown nothing at all, and the reason proved to be that the guide and interpreter did not know a single word of Norwegian. Although it was snowing hard, open carriages only were provided, and the unhappy traveler caught cold.

At length, when the party got back to Stockholm, civilization and comfortable hotels, the latter were all full, because the national congress was in session, and the entire party of excursionists had to be accommodated in one bedroom, the guide arranging that they should sleep in the one bed, "two and about for one hour each." This was the last straw for the traveler, who has brought an action against the tourist agency which arranged the expedition, claiming \$500 damages. The agency retorts that it cannot be held responsible for fog or a medical congress.

NOW PORTLAND DISTRICT

Senate Changes Name of Willamette Customs in Rose City's Honor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Senate yesterday passed a bill changing the name of the Willamette customs district to Portland customs district. A similar bill passed the Senate at the last session, but erroneously described the boundary of the district, and it was necessary to pass it again in correct form. The bill makes no other changes in existing conditions.

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ment is marked. The principal project being boosted is the Government Malheur irrigation scheme. Mr. Turney declared that the continuation of the Harriman road from Vale to Coos Bay would open up a territory which would produce freight sufficient to pay dividends the first year, and that the resources of the country never had been properly laid before the railroad men.

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