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## INDIA IS ABSOLUTELY IMMUNE

Viewed from this distance, there is a great deal of smoke for a little flame in the threatened Bolshevik invasion of India.

Bolshevism is violent, turbulent and the native populations of India have a religious horror of all unseemly disturbances.

Bolshevism teaches the rule of the lowest class in the social state; to the peoples of India, such a rule would mean the damnation of all caste.

The customs, prejudices and superstitions of a people are not overthrown in a night.

A dozen revolutions among the upper classes might pass over India and leave the mass of its population undisturbed.

Whether the government were French, British or Russian would little concern the millions who are living, not for the present, but in preparation for the life to come.

The native peoples of India take their religion seriously.

Among some of the races there is no word in their tongue to express doubt or disbelief in religious dogmas.

But a hundred million would rise against the first attempt to disturb the established order, in religions and in government.

India will protect itself against any encroachments of the Bolsheviks.

The lower classes have no desire to take part in the temporal government of the country.

That is a question of caste; it is regulated by decrees whose origin is older than that of European civilization.

And it is well to remember that the native princes who rule the Indian states are most of them Oxford graduates. They possess culture, and they know what they would have to expect if the Bolsheviks came.

They are well satisfied with the support which they receive from the British government.

It has kept India at peace for a hundred years; it is a guarantee that none of the native tribes will attack any of the rest; it gives the tranquility which means more to the native of India than wealth or power.

Bolshevism means turmoil; and that is anathema in India.

United States its efforts to encourage immigration. What it wants

Canada is reported to be devoting almost exclusively to the most is farmers and farm laborers, while those in Great Britain who want to leave are chiefly city dwellers. The situation does not exactly help settle our agrarian problem, for we need all the good farmers we have—and millions more than we have.

A hospital in Salem with 100 rooms will not be too large. It will not be large enough for long. It is well that the plans are being laid by the authorities of the Salem Hospital to provide their proposed new building with that many rooms.

However, we still have Burleson.

The voters of this country have put a new broom on their shopping list for November, 1920.

The Salem building boom is growing more robust with each passing day; and spring is not here yet.

Where sits McGregor there is the head of the table. It was so at Princeton. It is so at Washington.

Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, died yesterday. He was not afraid of the greatest adventure of all.

There is nothing on the statute books to prevent any individual who does not like this country from moving on to some other land that is

more to his kidney, and that without unnecessary delay. Boats and trains are running nearly every day.

The debate on the peace treaty is still going on. "What readsst thou, Hamlet?" "Words, words, words."

Turks still murdering Armenians in droves. And the United States senate talks on and dawdles and dillydallies and disgusts the wide world.

Nine men have been elected to the presidency after their terms expired as members of the United States senate and one, Garfield, was nominated while senator-elect, before taking his seat. The other nine were Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, William Henry Har-

ison, Tyler, Pierce, Johnson and Benjamin Harrison. But the senate has been a closed door to the presidency as a direct entrance.



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There is an absence of up to date news from Doorn, Holland. Has Albert Sidney Burleson take charge of the Dutch mails? Would like to know if William is setting out his tulips this spring.—Exchange.

Mrs. Thorkildsen, wife of the "borax king," of Los Angeles, was yesterday granted a divorce and substantial alimony, after a sensational and smutty trial, in which the eternal "triangle" was prominent. It is a bad year for bad kings.

They think they have discovered oil in paying quantities at Lacomb, nine miles from Lebanon. Perhaps this will be the beginning of the oil development of the Willamette valley, which many enthusiastic people all over this section have been expecting.

The Democratic press finds fault with the action of Chairman Hays of the Republican National committee in selecting a committee of prominent Republicans representing the various states to formulate a tentative platform to be presented to the Chicago convention. It seems to be simply impossible to please those fellows.

## FORTY IMMORTALS.

Marshal Foch was already one of the immortals before he was elected to the French Academy. Off-hand can you sing the names of the other 39?

## NEEDS AN ISSUE.

Senator Johnson would be willing to pay a handsome price for a new issue that would take him somewhere. The League of Nations has put him out of business so far as the national conventions are concerned, and the anti-Jap crusade cuts no figure, except on the Pacific coast.

Twisting the lion's tail doesn't help any; neither has shaking hands with Germany become a popular sport. The senator has ambitions, but no platform that interests the masses.

As a feeler he will probably come out as opposed to universal military training.—Los Angeles Times.

He will never find an issue that will serve to give him greater prominence than his wonderful gift of gab has already brought him.

Johnson is a mere time server; and his vaulting ambition causes him to make an ass of himself in too many ways to deceive the people of this country who read and think for themselves.

Some of the people of California, who have seen Johnson put so many political schemes over, are unduly alarmed over the possible chances of Hiram cutting a large figure in national affairs.

They may as well possess themselves in peace and confidence. The country has the measure and number of Hiram.

## A YEAR OF REVOLUTION.

Both in and out of Germany there is much discussion as to the results of the first year of revolution in that country. The opinion is generally expressed that one of the most striking things is that most Germans continue blind to the fact that the old

## FUTURE DATES.

February 22, Sunday—Washington's birthday.  
February 22, Sunday—French government awards, through American legation, memorial certificates to relatives of soldiers who lost lives in war.

February 23, Monday—Federal inspection of Company M, National Guard of Oregon.  
February 25, Wednesday—High school alumni meet for organization.

February 25, Wednesday—Cherry City bakery to entertain Rotarians at banquet.  
September 27 to October 2.—Oregon State fair.

order has gone and cannot come back. One writer says that the middle classes hope and the Social Democrats fear that after a short period everything will be as it was before the might of Germany's military power was shattered. As was only to be expected, the results of the revolution have not been up to expectations.

They never are in one year. The people looked for too much. The chief benefit which has accrued to them is that they have got rid of the Hohenzollerns and have established a democratic republic in place of an autocracy.

It is also worthy of note that the soviet system has made little progress in Germany during the 15 months since the ex-kaiser fled from his beaten army and became a fugitive in Holland. The "common people" have shown no friendship toward the Russian system. There does not seem much fear that Bolshevism will make headway in Germany after peace is made with the reds. The Teutons would sooner have their Willies back than men of the Lenine and Trotzky stripe. The present form of government is still "weak on its pins." How long it will continue to prevail one cannot say. It is certain, however, that there can be no change without bloodshed. Many Germans undoubtedly would like to see the monarchy restored; but the Social Democrats who made the revolution in 1918 will have to be wiped out first. The royalists know that and are not prepared to plunge their country into civil war for the sake of the ex-kaiser or the former crown prince.

## FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT.

Representatives of the sane, sound, balanced citizenship of Minnesota gathered in Minneapolis yesterday, organized the Minnesota Sound Government Association.

And they did it to fight the threat aimed at the heart of the American system of political and industrial organization by the thinly-camouflaged socialism of the Townley Nonpartisan League.

In all the history of queer movements in this country there never was one like this of Townley's.

Its rank and file are farmers—the last element in the country likely to follow the will-o'-the-wisp of socialism.

Its leaders, its officers, its workers are socialists almost to a man; and its programme is state socialism, sugar-coated with populism.

If the people of Minnesota want to substitute a socialistic system for a capitalistic system that is their right. It is their interests that will be jeopardized, and it is their pocketbooks, their property interests and their homes that will suffer the penalties of failure.

But if the people of Minnesota do adopt a socialistic system they should do it with their eyes open. They should not be allowed to succumb to the blandishments of glib-tongued demagogues, bent on putting over socialism under another name.

It will be the function of the Sound Government association, we take it, to see to it that the issue is made clear; to see to it that if the people of Minnesota swallow Townleyism they swallow it in full knowledge of what it is, and not as a noxious dose sugar-coated with deceptive sweets; to see to it that if the people of Minnesota take this poison dose they take it knowing it to be poison, and not under the illusion that they are taking a wholesome tonic.—Duluth Herald.

## BIDDING FOR BRAINS.

One of the most remarkable propositions ever made by the government of a civilized people is that of Austria to a syndicate of American bus-

IN 1960



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the time and that the business is not just local travel, but is interstate and often transcontinental.

The books of the Bligh hotel for one day show guests from a dozen cities in Oregon, from four cities in California, from Chicago, from Kansas City and from Toronto. The hotel record of a few days ago showed that all the guests for one day had paid well over a thousand dollars in railroad fare alone, just for the privilege of being in Salem.

What is filling the hotels and bringing new residents to Salem and any of the visitors will tell you if you do not already know. Salem is on the biggest wave of prosperity that the wildest dreams can conjure up in the imagination and we might as well all get into the band wagon early.

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