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(Continued from page 2) that circumstances left him free to form a judgment for himself the common sense and sense of justice of even the uneducated easy. However much he reprocabinet at Constantinople, he canlims did not wish this war; they they are in the unfortunate posiexcept by recognizing their diffious way in which they have met it. troops, start an armed rising and When the war approaches an end murder Europeans. The details we shall do well to defer, in any are public property and need not that is not yet. In the meantime States of America, where revoluthe correct weight, sanitary hand let us at least acknowledge that ling and good service. Can you during the fifteen months of war the loyalty of Indian Mohamme- and economic grievances of Indidans, severely taxed as it has been, has stood the strain well. The Amir of Afghanistan has honourably made good his assurances of neutrality, the leaders of the community in India have steadfastly supported the Government has been repudiated by all the reand done their best to prevent and allay religious excitement. and Muslim regiments of the Indian Army have faithfully and gladly discharged their duty to of India Act was seen again after

> war to create disorder and to at- ed to cast a slur on the honour of tack the established government the Indian people as a whole. in India. But we shall refer to P. O. Box 1252. 2 these events no further than

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ence to them might lead the reader to suppose that they had not been taken into account. In the spring of the year there occurred in some districts of the Western Punjab widespread disorder, which took the form of dacoities committed by large gangs, chiefly against money-lenders and other * wealthy persons. Primarily these outbreaks were occasioned by economic pressure, but they were accentuated by religious animosities. The offenders were for the most part Mohammedan cultivators and the victims. Hindu bankers or landlords. The gravity of the disorder lay not in any conscious direction against the State. but in the likelihood of its encouraging other forms of crime. Mohammedan sufficed to keep Meanwhile in Bengal the secret him quiet. This does not mean societies of revolutionaries, whose that he is either indifferent or aim is to displace British governbates the action of the corrupt some success their attacks on perment by force, continued with sons and property with the object 333 Water St., St. John's. not contemplate unmoved the of securing arms and money threatened downfall of the king- Primarily their object is political dom of Turkey. The Indian Mus- but it is possible that in areas where detection is so difficult would gladly have prevented it crime is now being pursued parthad it been in their power; but ly for the sake of its material rewards. But in this case also there Englishmen and advanced Indian tion of having to stand by sadly seems no evidence to connect the and await the result in silence. offences immediately with the war. No doubt the prolongation of the On the other hand, the judgment war will try their endurance. With in the recent Lahore conspiracy the best will in the world we are trial has disclosed the existence of equally powerless to help them, a highly organized attempt to culty and the patient and courage- the war in order to suborn Indian seize the opportunity afforded by

tionary theories have wrough with some success on the social an emigrants. The noteworthy feature is not that the attempt was made, but that it broke to pieces against the fidelity of the peasantry of Northern India, and that the design of the conspirators putable Indian Press. What oc curred in March when the Punjab and Bengal dacoities necessitated the passing of the Defence the Lahore disclosures. The lead-It is a matter of public know- ers of Indian opinion are painted ledge that attempts have been at the revelations, and are anximade during the period of the ous that they should not be deem-

The real crux and interest of the necessary to set them in their just situation in India, however, is con-

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educated classes which is normally disposed to be critical of British rule. Here, as has been said we are on controversial ground. leaders naturally do not see eye to eye in many political questions. The Indian asks, if not actually for self-government, at least for a larger share in the government of his country, and is inclined to regard the Englishman as false to his own political ideals if he hesitates to concede it. The English man, as a matter of mere theory way possible, to their wishes in be recited. It will suffice to say position, and feels embarrassed by long waits for papers you need that the origin of the plot lies far when called on to do so. Where the that the origin of the Western when called on to do so. Where in a hurry and serious losses of Holy Places. But the time for from India itself, in the Western he differs is in his view of existing and serious losses of ng facts, and of the possibility of mmediately translating theory into practice. Between the enthusiasm born of new endeavour and the caution bred by experience and responsibility lies a wide field of debatable territory, which this is not the occasion to explore. Love of country and the desire to achieve full nationhood are among the noblest impulses that can move a people. But a sense of the sanctity of trusteeship and the desire to maintain the standards which a man thinks highest are not ignoble motives either. The Explesion was

solved by ignoring it or talking round it. But for all things there are times and seasons, and when a nation is engaged in serious war it is not the time to attempt to probe to the bottom the questions! on which men feel most deeply. As in England a truce has been deliberately called to those discus- or Austrian spy who caused an explos sions which divide men into camps, ion on board the battleship Leonardo so has it been in India. Differences are far more profound than home, but for the time being the same treatment has been applied. Men are trying to forget their differences in the face of a great emergency, and to look upon those with whom they may normally disagree simply as helpers to a supreme end. It is in this riew that we should regard the atitude of the Indian leaders. They have told us themselves what their feelings are. In the debate which took place in the Viceroy's Legislative Council shortly after war was declared speaker after speaker declared his conviction that England's quarrel was a just one. and that she was fighting for civilization and liberty. The defence of treaty obligations and of small nations appealed to them most forcibly. "He who dies on the side of Britain dies a martyr to the cause of humanity, peace, and Backline. He had gone home on foot civilization." "Triumph means the erty and justice that men have cess will be on our side, as it is barbarism, but moral detestation were in the cart were found and all losely allied with these feelings their part as his subjects in so and responsibility go together, Regiment.

triumph of every principle of libheld dear in the past." "There is not a shadow of doubt that sucrighteous." These are the utterances of conviction. They express not merely abhorrence of military of the principles that inspire it. is a sense of personal loyalty to the King and pride in playing self-restraint from causing the will be Evensong. Government embarrassment, ever so far as in them lay they have as- morrow evening. sisted to prosecute the war suc-

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FOUND DYING ANIMAL.

Yesterday morning the caretaker at Bowring Park found a pony attached to a cart down over a declivity where it had rolled in the darkness of Saturday night after it had wandered into the Park grounds. The animal was perishing, after its night struggling, tangled up as it was with the traces, and the police wer 'phoned for. It was owned by a man named Clarke, of the Goulds Road under the influence of drink and remembered that when he started for home he left the fit out by a house which he entered on the Mount Pearl there to the railway track and went without injury until it came to the Park. A number of parcels which were intact

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOTES.

On Tuesday next, at 7.30 a.m., a high an enterprise. They rejoice Confirmation Service will be held by that India has had its chance of His Lordship Bishop Jones. The action on the world-wide stage. rite will be administered to a class They have recognized that burden of young men from the Newfoundland

and have acclaimed their share of At St. Thomas the services for All the burden in the hope that it will Saints Day will be:-Holy Communhelp them to their share of the re- ion at 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer at 11, Capt. Thomas Doyle, the wellsponsibility. Since the war began followed by Holy Communion and known Northern pilot, who piloted they have refrained with laudable Intercessions. At 5.30 p.m. there

Good-bby Dolly Gray. cessfully. It is not easy to see what more they could have done, Dolly's father owned a mule: and it is certain that they might Gray was Dolly's name, easily have done less. It behoves Pete, the mule, has always been those who may not always agree | Sleepy-like and tame. with them to recognize that they One day Dolly took a pin, have discharged their part well, Stuck old Pete in play, and to imitate them in refraining At the funeral they sang, Goodby, Dolly Gray."

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> of her own stock, France owes the winning back of one of her villages A meeting of the Importers' Assoc- from the enemy who had defiled it for iation will be held Wednesday or two years. 'Little, alas! of the vil-Thursday to decide whether the lage remains, but the winning of its stores will open Monday night next, ruins was a magnificent piece of galas had been intended, or whether lantry, and the incident is one which they will be kept closed for a further should fill Canada with pride and sat-

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