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INDIA AND THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

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that circumstances left him free to form a judgment for himself, the common sense and sense of justice of even the uneducated Mohammedan sufficed to keep him quiet. This does not mean that he is either indifferent or easy. However much he reproaches the action of the corrupt cabinet at Constantinople, he cannot contemplate, unmoved the threatened downfall of the kingdom of Turkey. The Indian Muslims did not wish this war; they would gladly have prevented it had it been in their power; but they are in the unfortunate position of having to stand by sadly and await the result in silence. No doubt the prolongation of the war will try their endurance. With the best will in the world we are equally powerless to help them, except by recognizing their difficulty and the patient and courageous way in which they have met it. When the war approaches an end we shall do well to defer, in any way possible, to their wishes in respect of the Khalifate and the Holy Places. But the time for that is not yet. In the meantime let us at least acknowledge that during the fifteen months of war the loyalty of Indian Mohammedans, 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 and done their best to prevent and allay religious excitement, and Muslim regiments of the Indian Army have faithfully and gladly discharged their duty to their King.

It is a matter of public knowledge that attempts have been made during the period of the war to create disorder and to attack the established government in India. But we shall refer to these events no further than is necessary to set them in their just proportion, less to omit all refer-

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. Meanwhile in Bengal the secret societies of revolutionaries, whose aim is to displace British government by force, continued with some success their attacks on persons and property with the object of securing arms and money. Primarily their object is political but it is possible that in areas where detection is so difficult crime is now being pursued partly for the sake of its material rewards. But in this case also there seems no evidence to connect the offences immediately with the war. On the other hand, the judgment in the recent Lahore conspiracy trial has disclosed the existence of a highly organized attempt to seize the opportunity afforded by the war in order to suborn Indian troops, start an armed rising and murder Europeans. The details are public property and need not be recited. It will suffice to say that the origin of the plot lies far from India itself, in the Western States of America, where revolutionary theories have wrought with some success on the social and economic grievances of Indian emigrants. The noteworthy feature is not that the attempt was made, but that it broke its pieces against the fidelity of the peasantry of Northern India, and that the design of the conspirator has been repudiated by all the reputable Indian Press. What occurred in March when the Punjab and Bengal dacoities necessitated the passing of the Defence of India Act was seen again after the Lahore disclosures. The leaders of Indian opinion are painted at the revelations, and are anxious that they should not be deemed to cast a slur on the honour of the Indian people as a whole.

The real crux and interest of the situation in India, however, is concerned with that section of the

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Explosion was Caused by Spy

ROME, Oct. 16.—The Italian government issued a proclamation to-day offering a reward of 20,000 lire (\$20,000) for information which will result in the conviction of the German or Austrian spy who caused an explosion on board the battleship *Leonardo da Vinci*. The Dreadnought was sent to the bottom by an explosion while at anchor in Taranto harbor on Sept. 12 last. The commission appointed to enquire into the disaster has reported that the explosion was undoubtedly the result of design, and was caused by a spy on board the vessel. Three hundred lives were lost on the battleship.

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 were phoned for. It was owned by a man named Clarke, of the Goulds Road Backline. He had gone home on foot under the influence of drink and remembered that when he started for home he left the bit out by a house which he entered on the Mount Pearl Road. The animal wandered from there to the railway track and went over culverts and other obstacles without injury until it came to the Park. A number of parcels which were in the cart were found and all were intact.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOTES.

On Tuesday next, at 7.30 a.m., a Confirmation Service will be held by His Lordship Bishop Jones. The rite will be administered to a class of young men from the Newfoundland Regiment.
At St. Thomas the services for All Saints Day will be:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer at 11. Intercessions. At 5.30 p.m. there will be Evensong.

The Prospero left Change Islands at 9 a.m. to-day, and is due here to-morrow evening.

Good-bye Dolly Gray.
Dolly's father owned a mule. Gray was Dolly's name. Pete, the mule, has always been Sleepy-like and tame. One day Dolly took a pin. Stuck old Pete in play. At the funeral they sang, "Good-bye, Dolly Gray."

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CANT SHIP PROPS. BRAVE FRENCH-CANADIANS.

Capt. Thomas Doyle, the well-known Northern pilot, who piloted the *Karsjord* out of Gambo for Barry Roads, laden with pit props Saturday, arrived here by train last night. Owning to the shortage of tonnage thousands of cords of pit props which are at Gambo, Alexander Bay, Port Blandford and other places North cannot be shipped this season.

A meeting of the Importers' Association will be held Wednesday or two years. Little, alas! of the vit Thursday to decide whether the luge 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 satisfaction.

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