

# INDIAN EMPIRE OF TO-DAY

## ASTONISHING FACTS REGARDING THAT GREAT COUNTRY.

Eighty Different Languages Spoken — All Known Religions are Represented.

Sir Andrew Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, has just issued a warning to the native Government about the violent speeches and writings of the Indian press. It is quite within the range of possibility that any day we may hear of another great mutiny in India. When we think of the enormous interests we have in the East, it is amazing that so little is known in England about that vast continent. Here are a few striking facts, says London Tit-Bits.

Shared by the 295,000,000 people there are at least a dozen families of languages. Somewhere about eighty different languages are spoken, of which there are twenty languages spoken by not less than 1,000,000 persons each. English is very widely understood, while Hindustani is

### THE PREVALENT LANGUAGE.

There is probably no religion which is not represented in India, from ancestor worship to Scotch Presbyterianism. Nearly three-fourths of the total population are followers of the Hindu religion, and these, together with Mohammedans, comprise nearly 92 per cent. of the whole. There are about 8,000,000 Christians. India possesses very few foreigners in proportion to its population. In fact the total number of persons residing there not born in India, including the French and Portuguese possessions, is only 682,000, and most of these were born in countries contiguous to India. The actual British-born population residing in India amounts to about 100,000; as already mentioned, the population of India is 295,000,000, so it will be seen that we rule India with a mere handful of men.

Actually the British Army in India numbers only about 73,000 men, but the Native Army numbers 147,000, in addition to which there are Imperial Service troops and also volunteers. The various feudatory and independent States of India have armies composed of 32,400 men, but the native chiefs loyally offer large sums of money towards the cost of

### IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

and the Indian Government are engaged upon training and equipping picked contingents of troops in certain States. In future the native chiefs will furnish contingents of troops fit to take their place in line with the regiments of the Indian Army, the special contingents being known as the Imperial Service troops. These troops number 147,000 men, including sappers and miners, camel and transport corps. In addition to this there are a number of war vessels belonging to the Indian Marine, including the Submarine Mining Flotilla.

Naturally the people of India are engaged in every imaginable kind of occupation, but by far the greater portion are occupied in agricultural pursuits, in which the vernacular and general labor followed by textile fabrics and dress.

The people are very imperfectly educated, although much progress is now being made in educational matters. Five Universities have been constituted with a number of affiliated colleges, and public instruction has been placed on

### A BROAD AND POPULAR BASIS.

With all this the proportion of the total population able to read and write is still very small. Taking the whole of British India into consideration, only about 23 per cent. of the boys of school-going age attend school, while there are only 2 1/2 per cent. in the case of girls.

As evidence of progress, there are 774 native papers published in India, these being printed in nineteen different languages. The vernacular press, with the largest circulation is the "Gurakhi" of Bombay, which has a circulation of about 5,000 copies, while the weekly with the largest circulation is "Basumati" of Calcutta, with an issue of 17,000. About 7,000 books are published in the Indian languages during the year.

### BARON ROTHSCHILD SUED.

#### Union Milkmen Assert in Court He Sells Without License.

A despatch from Paris says: A few years ago Baron Henri de Rothschild, who is a doctor of medicine, started in the most populous district of Paris a philanthropic dairy for the free supply of pure milk to poor people. The institution became well known, and large numbers of people of position paid for the milk and became customers of the dairy, which has now sixty-eight pure milk depots in Paris. Recently the Milk Dealers' Union sued Baron de Rothschild before the Tribunal of Commerce on the ground that under the pretence of a work of philanthropy he was carrying on illegal competition, the tradesmen being obliged to take out trade patents and pay taxes, which the baron as a philanthropist, escaped. The milkmen, therefore, petitioned the court to order the baron to remove from his shops inscriptions which tended to make the public believe the shops were benevolent institutions, whereas in reality they constituted a commercial undertaking. It was alleged that Baron de Rothschild, through agents, bought milk at wholesale prices and resold it at a large profit; that as a matter of fact, he only gave away \$140 worth of milk per annum; and that in order to injure the milk dealers he denounced a number of them for selling impure milk, and did them great harm, though the charges against them were dismissed. Judgment was postponed. The baron's counsel denied the assertion that his client's business was not a work of philanthropy.

# SAVED BY WIFE'S SPIRIT

## FOUND AN ENEMY HAD PLOTTED HIS DEATH.

C. H. Durward, a New Jersey Farmer, Had a Remarkable Warning From an Apparition.

That a whispered warning in the dark by the ghost of his dead wife saved him from death by assassination is the belief of Charles Henry Durward, a farmer living in the hills near Caldwell, New Jersey. His strange story is being used as a clue by the authorities. Durward says that late Monday night as he was driving home from Paterson his horse stopped in the road and began to tremble. In vain he urged the animal to proceed: It would not budge.

Suddenly the air grew oppressive and a faint light like distant heat lightning appeared. Then gradually amid the dim flushes a white figure assumed a vague form beside the wagon. Durward himself began to quake. He tried to get out of the buggy, but his limbs refused to obey his will. After an interval the apparition in white spoke in a whisper. He recognized in fear and trembling the voice of his dead wife.

### ENEMY HAD BEEN IN HOUSE.

Cold chills crept over Durward. Scarcely had the supernatural warning been uttered, when the ghost vanished. It took the farmer some time to recover his nerve, and then he found the horse would not take a step forward. He took off the harness, and after two hours' work brought the animal out of his chill and slowly proceeded homeward. Though badly scared he did not put much faith in the warning that had been whispered to him in such an uncanny way. So long had Durward been delayed by his adventure that it was daylight when he reached his farm house, which is in a lonely location.

### PISTOL FASTENED TO BUREAU.

A flash inside the room was accompanied by a loud report, and a bullet buried itself in the wall of the hallway opposite the door. Durward then ran into his room and found the bullet had come from a pistol fastened to the top of his bureau. The trigger had been connected with a string across the door. The shot would have struck him in the breast had he touched the string with his foot in entering the room.

### BACK TO DEVIL'S ISLE.

#### Eight Escaped French Convicts Will Be Returned.

Eight convicts who escaped last month from Cayenne, the French penal settlement known as Devil's Island, where Dreyfus was, are to be handed back to the French authorities after desperate adventures in British Guiana. They arrived off the coast of Essequibo, 400 miles from Cayenne, on November 3, utterly without food, and in a boat that was rapidly sinking. After a strenuous struggle they reached shore exhausted. Rendered desperate by hunger, they greatly alarmed the inhabitants of the township of Anna Regina, by a strong body of police took them into custody, subsequently releasing them on the understanding that they would at once leave the British colony.

### EXPLORING.

#### Do you expect to discover the North Pole?

"Not immediately," answered the Arctic explorer; "for the present I am content with discovering new methods of discovering the Pole."

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# COUNT'S DARING ESCAPE

## IMMURED IN ASYLUM ON ACCOUNT OF LOVE MATCH.

His Wife, Who Was a Washerwoman's Daughter, Bribed an Asylum Attendant.

Count Erasmus Erbach, a member of one of the most famous German families, and until recently heir to estates worth \$1,250,000 a year, has just made a dramatic escape from an asylum at Ahlweiler, Germany, and has disappeared.

The count was seized at Frankfurt-on-Main on Nov. 29, and forcibly carried off to the asylum, where he was placed under close guard.

His arrest was made on the application of his father and relatives, who declared that he was insane. The proof of this insanity lay in his romantic marriage with Dora Fische, the pretty daughter of a washerwoman. When the count refused to give up his wife, a SPECIAL TRIBUNAL.

### OFF ON MOTOR CAR.

The attendant supplied the count with a stout rope, and early one morning the count made use of the rope to lower himself from the window to the ground. The descent was extremely perilous, owing to the great height of the window, and the least slip would have caused the count to drop to certain death. Fortunately, no mishap occurred, and Count Erasmus got away without molestation to a spot where his wife was waiting with a powerful motor car.

### LITTLE GIRL'S FACE COVERED WITH ECZEMA.

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Mrs. Sparks: "Oh, that big dog isn't the one I lost, and advertised for. My Tommy Trudles: 'Yes, ma'am; your dog's inside this one.'"

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### FAMILY PRIDE.

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### STRANGE COINCIDENCE IS REVEALED IN INQUEST IN ENGLAND.

At an inquest on twin children, aged 18 months, at Stoke Newington, England, recently, it was stated that they died exactly at the same moment, the cause of death in each case being bronchitis and pneumonia.

### TWINS DIT AT SAME MOMENT.

G. Stevens, a medical man, stated that in all his forty years' experience he had never come across a similar case.

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# CATARRH OF HEAD

Which Peruna Relieved in a Short Time.



MISS SUSIE M. KINGSWORTH.

MISS SUSIE M. KINGSWORTH, 466 Quebec St., London, Ontario, writes:

"I began using Peruna last January, when I had such a bad cold, and I could not get anything to help me.

"My nose and head were all stopped up, so that I could hardly get my breath. I thought at times that I would smother, especially at night.

"I have no trouble with that now. The noise in my head has all disappeared.

"I know Peruna will do just what you say it does. I cannot praise Peruna too highly, as it has done so much for me. I hope my letter will reach other sufferers."

Mrs. S. J. Kounz, 1015 Sevel street, Nashville, Tenn., writes:

"I have had a very bad cough nearly all my life, and I am forty-five years old. I have taken almost every kind of cough medicine that has ever been made, but none did me much good. I would have spells of coughing that I thought I would cough myself to death. I took Peruna, and last winter and this winter I have had no cough and I know that Peruna cured me."

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Apply the manager, St. Catharines, or any Agent of Grand Trunk Railway System.

### MR. MEANLY: "IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY TOMORROW, MY DEAR, AND HERE'S A HALF A DOLLAR FOR YOU. YOU'D BETTER, PERHAPS, KEEP IT FOR YOU, BECAUSE IT'S MY BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH."

While more prevalent in winter, when sudden changes in the weather try the strongest constitutions, colds and coughs and ailments of the throat may occur in any season. At the first sign of derangement use Bickel's Anti-Congestion Syrup. Instant relief will be experienced, and use of the medicine until the cold disappears will protect the lungs from attack. For anyone with throat or chest weakness it cannot be surpassed.

### MR. JAWBACK: "LET'S CELEBRATE OUR GOLDEN WEDDING?"

Mr. Jawback: "How silly! We've only been married six years!" Mr. Jawback: "Is that all? How did I get it into my head it was fifty?"

### IF A DOG BITES YOU DON'T BE SCARED.

Baths the wound with cold water and cover it with a cloth in which Weaver's Ointment has been freely spread. The Ointment relieves the pain caused by the sting of insects.

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### MR. SLOWPACY: "I SHALL BRING YOU BACK THOSE DARK TROUSERS TO BE RECALLED."

Mr. Snp. You know I sit a good deal. Mr. Snp (tailor): "All right; and if you'll bring the bill I sent you six months ago, I will be please to receipt that also. You know I've stood a good deal."

### FOR THE OVERWORKED.—WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF DEPRESSED AND MELANCHOLY?

A disordered liver is one cause and a disordered stomach, and a disordered stomach means disturbance of the nervous system. This brings the whole body into subjection and the victim feels sick all over. Parmelec's Vegetable Pills are a recognized remedy in this state and relief will follow their use.

### A KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

"Don't talk like a fool, my dear," remonstrated Joblots to his wife. "I won't, Mr. Joblots, I won't," she answered. "People wouldn't know us apart if I did."

Whereupon Joblots suddenly remembered that he had an engagement down town.

### "WONDERFUL EYE THAT BOY OF MINE'S GOT," SAID THE PROUD FATHER.

"That so?" mechanically replied the man who was trying to get away. "You never saw such a sense of proportion," cried the proud father. "Pass that boy the cake-dish and he'll spot the biggest piece on it every time."

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### POOR CONSOLATION.

"The man who languishes in jail," remarked the home-grown philosopher, "has one consolation, at least."

"What's that?" queried the easy one.

"That he occupies a position from which most of the world is barred out," answered the philosophy dispenser.

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### JOHNSON (to wife): "WELL, MARIA, I'M GOING TO STAY AT HOME WITH YOU TO-DAY."

And help you to tidy up the house. I'll tack down the carpets and hang up the pictures to begin with." Mrs. J. (to the children): "Children, you may go over to grandma's, and stay all day."

(Aside) "I know my husband is a despot of the church, but for all that he's just as apt to hit his thumb with a hammer as any other man."

### WHERE WEAKNESS IS, DISEASE WILL SETTLE.—IT ONE SUFFERS FROM ANY ORGANIC WEAKNESS, INHIBITED OR CONTRACTED, THERE DISEASE WILL SETTLE WHEN IT ATTACKS THE BODY.

Therefore drive out the pains that beset you, do not let a cold or a cough harass you, and keep the respiratory organs in a good healthy condition. This you can do by using Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Prevention is the wisest course.

### TEACHER: "NOW, CHILDREN, REMEMBER THE TEXT, 'EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY, FOR TOMORROW YOU DIE.'"

Pupil: "Please, teacher, in our family we don't. We all take castor oil next day."

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### TIGER'S REFUGE IN TREE.

News of a tiger being brought in from a village about three miles from the capital, the Chief of the State went out with a party, says the Bombay Gazette. The guns were placed in trees and the tiger being driven out, the Maharaja wounded him in the jaw. The tiger thereupon sprang into a chila tree and, grasping the trunk with his fore paws and resting his hind legs on a branch, remained hidden in the foliage for five minutes. Then the dogs were let loose after the tiger. But he stuck to his seat and would not come down until the dogs, getting a scent of him, jumped up to catch his tail, which was just dangling over their heads. Down sprang the tiger on one of the faithful dogs, breaking his spinal cord and wounding another at the glands. But his onslaught brought on his own ruin through a deadly bullet of his Highness's new rifle.

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