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Prof. Yohan Masih Tells of Country's Troubles Before Rotary Club.

GHANDI A PROBLEM

India's stand as one man with the British empire at the time of war, was pointed out to the Rotary Club today by Professor Yohan Masih, acting principal of the Presbyterian Theological College at Indore, India.

As sufficient evidence that, while firebrand utterances were often made by native extremists, there was no prevalent feeling of disloyalty or secession throughout the great peninsula.

"As a subject nation, India is naturally inclined to be a trifle sensitive, but there is too great a feeling of thankfulness for the benefits she has enjoyed as a part of the British empire to allow any feeling of disloyalty or resentment," Professor Masih said.

What will be Gandhi's attitude on his release from his prison term, is a question which is causing much serious thought in India today, according to this highly-educated man, who is a native of India, a fully-ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church, and has filled the post of clerk of the General assembly in India.

"Followers of Gandhi today are not carrying out the program he drafted for them, yet they still admire him intensely as a man. Had Gandhi turned his great energy into other channels, he could have been a tremendous social force in India, but he was not meant for politics, as a man, there is no doubt of his great qualities, his sincerity and readiness for self-sacrifice."

Professor Masih briefly outlined the life of Gandhi, his education in England, his career as a great lawyer, his service in the war, when he enlisted as a stretcher-bearer, organized a South African Congress, and was a tremendous worker in the interests of recruiting. Continuing, Professor Masih told of the change which came over Gandhi following the war, when resentment at certain acts passed by the government, and which were misunderstood by the native population generally, aroused him to institute his campaign of complete non-cooperation, as a result of which he is now serving a prison term.

The three great parties which exist in India were mentioned by Professor Masih. It is estimated that only 6 per cent of the population are educated, yet 5 per cent of these are clamoring for rule. One of the parties wants home rule on Dominion lines, another section wants it on constitutional lines, and the remainder do not want it at all.

The unrest which prevailed previous to the war, he said, was still pronounced in India, yet there was no suggestion that it held any desire of secession from the British empire.

The Rotary Club decided to cancel the meeting on Dec. 24, and a special program, appropriate to the season will be prepared for Jan. 31.

POLICE HUNT FOR VICTIM'S CLOTHES

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We didn't even know they were left there.

"I remember if some man coming in and asking if he could leave a bundle for a short time, and I told him to put it behind the door. He did not say what was in it. If I had known it contained Campbell's clothes, it certainly would have been put away in the vault. The clothes should have never left the possession of crown authorities in my opinion. Our office has no official connection with the clothes at all."

"People were continually coming into our office and leaving parcels, so that no parcel was taken of this particular bundle. It might have been anything. We don't know anything about it."

Undertaker's Story.

It is known that crown authorities here have been endeavoring since the last Murrell trial to locate the clothing. Members of the grand jury including the foreman, Mr. McTaggart, were called long distance and asked to tell what they knew about the clothing.

Mr. Spennenberg, undertaker at Melbourne told The Advertiser a month ago that he brought the clothes to London and said he thought they had been left in the sheriff's office. The undertaker will also be interviewed by Constable Stringer as well as several members of the grand jury.

The fact that the clothes of Campbell as well as the fatal bullet could not be produced in court was not looked on with favor by the jury in the Murrell case. Dr. Wood, Moots Brydges, had the bullet in his possession for some time and stated it had been lost. He believed it had been taken to Buffalo and is still trying to locate it. It seems that the physician in making a call, lost the bullet out of a vest pocket and a youngster visiting in the house took it back to Buffalo with him.

FINES MAN TEN DOLLARS FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

David Gilmore, charged in police court today, with cruelty to animals, was fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Graydon. The charge was laid by Inspector George Tustin of the humane society.

Dr. Blackall, veterinary, stated the horse had a sore back and was not able to work.

"That horse was never fat," said Mr. Gilmore, "I didn't know how bad the horse was; my man was driving him."

LONDON MAY SUFFER BY C. N. R. TAX EXEMPTION

Decision by Toronto Judge May Have An Important Effect.

NO BUSINESS TAX

Commissioner Bennett Cannot See Why Express Business Should Be Exempt.

The judgment just handed down by a Toronto court that the C. N. R. Express Company need pay no business tax will no doubt have an influence upon a similar case now pending in the local courts.

Assessment Commissioner Bennett reminds today that the C. N. R. is appealing business tax by all municipalities in the province. The London case has been aired before Judge Talbot Macbeth, but judgment was reserved.

The C. N. R. express assessment in London is placed about \$30,000, the commissioner explains, but he fails to understand why the express department of the government should be exempt when private express companies are not.

The C. N. R. is perhaps the heaviest taxpayer in London, and if the courts should ever order total exemption it would mean a loss of many thousands of dollars to the community.

PREMIER BALDWIN WILL STICK TO SHIP

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hand, as strongly insist it is impossible that he remain a minister. It is evident the public must be content with a cabinet, a course to which Mr. Baldwin himself chooses to take the country into his confidence. The situation was discussed at several conferences over the week-end.

The Daily Mail asserts, and decided that the premier took such a course that if the premier took such a course they would publicly disassociate themselves from it, their view being that the circumstances demanded continuance of the Conservative government with a new premier.

This group, the newspaper adds, discussed a new cabinet alignment, and proposed Austen Chamberlain as premier, Lord Birkenhead as lord chancellor, and the Earl of Derby, or the Marquis of Salisbury as foreign secretary, with Sir Robert Borden, Sir John Simon and the Earl of Balfour in other prominent offices. They also, the newspaper states, sounded the Liberal leaders as to whether such a combination might rely on the complete neutrality of the Liberal party, resulting in turn tentative assurances they might.

Against this report may be set the emphatic editorial assertions of the Daily News and the Westminster Gazette, staunch supporters of Asquithian Liberalism, that on no account will the Liberal party assent to any sort of Conservative-Liberal coalition.

The Daily Chronicle, Lloyd George's newspaper champion, does not discuss this suggestion. The Conservative Morning Post scorns the idea of its party agreeing to co-operate with the Liberals, and says only that the Georgians desire such a coalition.

The suggestions that the Conservatives try to carry on under another premier are warmly opposed by the Times, which says the party should do its utmost to dissuade Mr. Baldwin from resigning either the party leadership or the premiership. The newspaper says his duty is to hold on until parliament meets, and there face inevitable defeat.

Only a handful of dissatisfied intrigues among Conservatives wish Mr. Baldwin's resignation, says the Morning Post, adding that it does not believe the party will forsake him because of his defeat at the polls.

In several quarters there is a growing expectation that the difficulty will be decided by Mr. Baldwin advising the King to invite Mr. MacDonald to form a cabinet. The prospect of this eventuality is discussed by many of the newspapers. It has often been said, apparently with inspiration from the Labor leaders, that they would refuse office until they had a majority large enough to enable them to defy opposition. Today's reports suggest that this attitude has been abandoned. Labor's newspaper, the Daily Herald, prints a significant editorial captioned "Why Not a Labor Government?" in which the expectation is expressed that the King will send for Mr. MacDonald.

In normal times, asserts the newspaper, the Labor party's leader would refuse, on the ground that an office without power is useless. Against this, the newspaper argues, the danger that the unemployed for whom Labor have great sympathy, might taunt the party leaders for shirking on the job if they declined office.

What Would Accept.

The Daily Herald hints rather plainly that if an offer is made Mr. MacDonald will accept. The belief that he will do so is also strong in other quarters, and the Labor newspapers, the Daily News, the Daily Chronicle and the Westminster Gazette, will urge him to take the premiership if offered. They also more than hint that the Liberals in such an event will give a helping hand toward carrying many measures of social reform which they are common to Labor and Liberalism, although they clearly are not prepared to lend any aid to the capital levy.

The Daily Express reports that the Labor executives will make important decisions at special meetings today and tomorrow.

The Bible on Hell.

An examination of every scripture text where the word "hell" is found, also the parables of "The Man and Lazarus," "Sheep and Goats" and "The Fire and Brimstone," 60 pages, 10c and 25c, post free. P. Fraser, 421 William St., Phone 72173.

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Chief Believes Electric Wiring May Have Started Millinery Blaze.

THOROUGH PROBE

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Judging from an inspection of the building this morning the heat must have been intense, the woodwork and the stock, away from where the fire was burning fiercely, being scorched and blistered.

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WINE KILLED AND FIVE INJURED IN RAILWAY SMASH

Acetylene Torches Used To Recover Bodies Following Crash At Forsyth, N. Y.

ENGINEER BLAMED

Associated Press Despatch.

Forsyth, N. Y., Dec. 9.—One car, an observation pullman, was telescoped and two others derailed when the last section of the westbound Twentieth Century Limited ran into the rear of two standing trains at 1:40 this morning, killing eight passengers and a Pullman porter.

The crushed car was canted sideways on the rails, and the side rippers of the other bodies came in contact against the street pullman ahead. The two leading pullmans left the track, one turning partly over.

All of the dead were taken from the rear car.

Farmers living nearby were the first to reach the wreck. They aided in taking out the bodies from the telescoped car and the more seriously injured from the two cars ahead.

Wrecking crews from Buffalo and Ashtabula, Ohio, recovered the last three bodies from the observation pullman after cutting through the bottom with acetylene torches.

Tracks Blocked.

All four tracks of the New York Central were blocked from the time of the wreck until after daylight. The splintered rear car was thrown at right angles across the right of way. The other two derailed cars were thrown off in either direction, one partly toppling over in a shallow ditch, the impact shattering windows and crushing the rear vestibule. The third car escaped serious injury and remained upright.

Most of the injuries were taken from the second car. Oil-soaked mattresses and bedding from pullman berths were fired and used as flares beside the right of way to guide the rescuers.

Trainmen of the rear train said the brakes had been applied before the collision. A heavy grade and the fact that the rear train had cut down the speed, it was said.

Forsyth is 75 miles west of Buffalo. Clothing of the occupants of the telescoped car was scattered, making identification difficult. The bodies were made up, and it was believed that most of the victims were asleep.

CUSTOMS APPOINTMENT PRAISED BY OFFICIALS

Placing of Officer at New York Was Petitioned by Board of Trade.

The appointment of a customs officer at New York to supervise transportation of commodities between Canadian provinces via the Panama Canal has long been desired by local and district manufacturers. Formerly it was necessary for Canadians to pay duty on Canadian goods under the old system. The new appointment obviates this condition.

At the last meeting of the Western Ontario boards a resolution was drawn up outlining the needs of industry in this respect. The boards recommended that: "Hon. Jacques Bureau, minister of customs, and the Dominion government be petitioned to authorize the appointment of a Canadian customs official at New York and that local members of the Dominion house be urged by the attorney general to co-operate in this effort to stimulate and maintain Canadian industry and offset the importation of foreign manufactured goods into the Dominion."

MILWAUKEE MAN ADMITS HE MURDERED HIS WIFE

Associated Press Despatch.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—E. Ray Tompkins, real estate dealer of Whitefish Bay and former member of the Milwaukee Normal School faculty, is in the county jail, formally charged with the murder of his wife, whose nude and headless body was found Saturday near Dongas Bay, eleven miles from Milwaukee.

Tompkins confessed that he strangled his wife until she became unconscious, placed her body in a bath tub and severed her head under a tap of running water, according to District Attorney George A. S. Shaughnessy. The police said Tompkins was found by detectives, hired by his wife, at an apartment with a woman said to have been a student of his at the normal school, where he taught for twelve years. A quarrel followed.

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SAVED BY A CHECK OR STANLEY'S LUCK

Alleged Vagrant From "Soo" Stars in Police Court Comedy.

Scene—Police court.

Props—Steen constables, standing at ease. Magistrate Graydon, sternly on the bench. Chief Birrell at the magistrate's elbow, prosecuting the prisoner, Stanley O'Reilly, who sits anxiously in the prisoner's box on a charge of vagrancy.

The Magistrate—What am I going to do with this young man? Has anything been heard from his relatives at the Soo?

Chief Birrell—Since the prisoner has been brought up from jail this morning your worship I am informed that a check has arrived for him.

Stanley O'Reilly—Thank heaven. (Business of cheery smile emulated by Chief Birrell and everyone else in court.)

Magistrate—You better not go running round the country or you will land in the reformatory. No work and no money will land you in jail.

The Prisoner—I'll go back to my brother in the Soo. That's where I want to be; right home in Saulte Marie.

Business of escorting to door. Grand fade out.

MURRELL'S MOTHER PAYS HIM A VISIT

But Guard Was Present During Interview on Saturday Afternoon.

Mrs. Murrell, mother of Sidney Murrell, was allowed to visit her son for half an hour in jail Saturday afternoon. It was the first time Mrs. Murrell had seen her boy since the October day on which the jury disagreed on his case.

Just before the trial Mrs. Murrell was allowed to see Sid, and she continually smiled at him in the courtroom. It was not till last week, however, that permission was received by Governor Byron Dawson of the county jail from the inspector of prisons, giving him authority to allow Mrs. Murrell to visit the jail.

"Mrs. Murrell stayed for half an hour and conversed with her son," said the governor today. "She seemed to be quite pleased. Naturally there was a guard present during the entire interview."

TILLSONBURG CITIZEN EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Dec. 10.—Death came with startling suddenness to Mr. Chancy Clark last evening while reposing on the couch reading the newspaper. He was in his usual health and his wife who was pursuing her household duties saw the newspaper drop followed by a low moan and a highly-respected citizen reached her husband's side.

He was a valued employee of the Maple Leaf Harvest Tool Company, Limited, and a highly-respected citizen of the town. He was a member of Otter Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 50, and a member of the local Baptist Church. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon at the new road cemetery for interment. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and one son at home.

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