

INDIA IS LOYAL TO A MAN

Bombay Editor in Address at Ottawa Refutes the Claims that India is in Revolt—Says India Knows Where Her Best Friends Are to be Found

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—It is no doubt existed in the minds of those inclined to believe reports from German sources as to the loyalty of the people of India, they must have been speedily and permanently dispelled by the words of Mr. Rostum Rostumjee, editor of the *Oriental Review*, Bombay, a noted Parsee scholar, publicist and journalist, who lectured on "India and the War" last week to the Canadian Club.

"Behind the serried ranks of the finest army in the world," said Mr. Rostumjee, "stands India, loyal to a man. Teutonic stratagem counted on revolt in India. But never did I fear for a moment such a dire calamity. He referred to the loyalty and sacrifice of Indian princes and peoples. He drew a striking contrast between the status of an Indian in Great Britain and the overseas dominions. But he was not without hope, and he believed that after the war a solution to this problem would be found.

As the war goes on Canada is becoming more and more a great partner in the great Imperial firm, said the speaker. The whole British Empire with one voice and one heart had cried out "give me liberty and honor or death." He was proud of this part his country was playing in this world crisis. His countrymen were fighting the battles of the weak nations of the earth in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Gallipoli, France, Flanders and in fact in almost every theatre of the war. Behind the serried ranks of the

finest army in the world stands India, loyal to a man. Two hundred and fifty thousand troops had been sent to all parts of the world from India and she could send out millions of men and tons of gold if Great Britain could only train her men and utilize their means and accept their sacrifices on the altar of duty and humanity. There was a corps of Parsee fighting with the Canadian and British in Flanders.

Teutonic stratagem counted on revolt in India. There were not wanting prophets in Canada and America who prophesied evils to arise. "Never did I fear for a moment such a dire calamity," said the lecturer, "dire to India herself rather than the British Empire." The Princes of India had never swerved from their loyalty from the British Crown since their power was consolidated in 1858. There were 700 Indian princes governing 65,000,000 people in India, there was a seething mass of two hundred million agriculturists who did not know and did not care who ruled them. There were seventy-two million Mohammedans, and not a single Mohammedan was found guilty of disloyalty to the British authorities. Sedition was confined to a microscopic minority. India was loyal.

Speaking of the civil rights of Indians, Mr. Rostumjee said that although he hailed from an independent state he was a citizen of the British Empire. If he went to Great Britain it would not be necessary for him to become naturalized in order to vote at municipal and parliamentary elections. He sat in the House of Commons and was a member of the India Council and entered British universities.

"But his rights in the overseas dominions is a different matter on which I shall not touch," the speaker continued. "A vast number of educated Indians fully realize the difficulties which confront British administrators of the colonies and they admit the impossibility of assimilating any large number of Indians with their different

Published Somewhere in France

The "Dead Horse Gazette" a Novel Publication—Its Aims and Objects—How its Derived its Original Name

(The Mearns Leader.)

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and our justification shall be the merry laugh and entertainment which heralds the breaking down of dull monotony and routine living. If we accomplish something of this nature we feel we shall have justified our existence. Altogether, life in the particular locality whence this initial issue of the "Gazette" emanates, has not been specially irksome or dangerous, and those of us who are destined to live through this war will cherish many pleasant memories of the days spent here. To those memories, we faint would hope, will be added our present effort at entertainment."

Poetry Grave and Gay.

The quality of the poetic contributions to the "Gazette" is of a very high order. The following is an in memoriam piece entitled "Somewhere in France":

"Somewhere in France!"
Speak soft the words. In fear they prod,
With grief renewed, some stricken heart,
That foretime centred all its hopes
On one who sleeps beneath the sod.

"Somewhere in France!"
Speak low the words. To you and I
They mean so much. Your friends
and mine
Lie there together, side by side
Under the vault of God's blue sky.

"Somewhere in France!"
Speak proud the words. Their glorious end
Kills vain regrets. The pain we feel
Is numbing, yet can never quench,
Our pride in those who called us
Friend!

To The Slacker.

Another excellent contribution is the following:—
Young sir, you often claim my thoughts,
When I have time for thinking:
I think of you, a young galoot,
From duty daily slinking.
I think I see you in the park,
Your socks and tie a-gleaming:
I see you saunter down the Mall
In new clothes, idly dreaming.
At office desk you make pretence
That you're my country serving,
I wish I had you near my hands—
You'd get your full deservin':
Our sisters spin, our men folk toil,
With patriot's firm endeavour:
But you—a sluggard all your days—
You idle on for ever!
Some day we'll meet, (May it be soon!
I'm keen to try your mettle):
So live your selfish life of ease
Till we our old scores settle!
Derivation of the Title.

It may be of interest to know how the "Gazette" came by its title, and the following is the explanation given by its editor:—"The derivation of the name of this little journal will be easily understood by the members of the Battalion. To friends outside the war zone, we must explain that "Dead Horse Corner" is a spot "somewhere in Flanders," where units of the Battalion have often been quartered. Owing to the exigencies of our present life, publishing days cannot easily be defined, but we hope to make the "Gazette" a regular feature of the social life of the Battalion. Items of interest will be welcome from any quarter. Our aim is to make the "Gazette" representative of all ranks in the Battalion.

The "Gazette's" staff is stated to consist of an editor, French editor, art editor, social service editor, and circulation manager. The offices are "somewhere in Flanders" (but are liable to be moved to Berlin at short notice).

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