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**Change of Policy  
in Indian Affairs**

**POLITICAL CIRCLES IN ENGLAND  
STIRRED BY RETIREMENT.**

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The retirement of the Earl of Reading from the viceroyalty and governor-generalship of India, might be interpreted as forecasting a change of policy in the administration of the Indian Empire.

The Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in a speech last July in the House of Lords, declared: "Great Britain no longer talks of holding the gorgeous east in fee, but asks India to march side by side with us in fruitful, harmonious partnership which might create the greatest and proudest days of Indian history."

The government, however, failed to make known decision regarding the revision of the Act of 1919 for the government of India, and which brought about the coming to England on leave of absence—a most unusual procedure—of the Viceroy of India.

Political circles in Britain were deeply stirred by the news of the return on leave of the Earl of Reading last month, and it was said that he would discuss with the Earl of Birkenhead the proposed executive reforms in India. The Viceroy at that time was quoted as saying:

"The time for the revision of the constitution of India has not yet arrived."

Little further was heard about Britain's intentions as regards Indian reforms until the present announcement of the retirement of the Earl of Reading, who is one of Britain's most distinguished statesmen, having served the Crown previously as solicitor general, attorney general, Lord Chief Justice of England, President of the Anglo-French Loan Mission to the United States, High Commissioner and special ambassador to the United States. The first attorney general to become member of the cabinet in 1912. His rise to legal fame was meteoric. As Rufus Daniel Isaacs, the son of a Jewish merchant of London, he studied law at University College and in Brussels and Hanover. He became a bencher of the middle temple in 1904, and attorney general in 1910. He was created Viscount in 1916 and elevated to the Earldom in 1917. Previously to his being made a Peer he represented Reading as a Liberal member of Parliament.

The Right Hon. Frederick Lindley Wood, the new Viceroy of India, a Conservative, is only 44 years of age, but has been in the political arena since 1910, beginning with his election to the House of Commons. He was appointed parliamentary under-secretary for the colonies in 1921, president of the Board of Education in 1922 and has held the post of minister of agriculture since last November. His wife is Lady Dorothy, daughter of the Earl of Onslow. He is the only surviving son and heir of the Viscount of Halifax.

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**Strongest Man Dead**

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CHAINS WITH HIS FINGERS.**

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**Damascus Ruins  
Hide Many Bodies**

**British Consul Orders His Nationals  
To Leave City.**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29.—Enormous numbers of bodies are believed still to be buried beneath the ruins of Damascus. Jamal Rashid, secretary of the Palestine Arab Congress stated Wednesday, but he said there was no means of establishing how many had been killed during the rioting and French bombardment of the city.

"The situation is critical," he said. "The British Consul has ordered his nationals to leave Damascus."

"Winter is setting in and the conditions of the homeless inhabitants is most pitiful. The French are forcing back fugitives who endeavour to leave the city."

"Many young men of Damascus, their occupations now closed to them

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**Fads and Fashions**

The French models sponsor the princess silhouette. For youthful figures, belero and coat effects are good. The redingote and surplice front find favor in the mode. Fur trimming is used in long lines and small patches. A frock of bright blue silk-crope is embroidered in silver.

The coat may be made on straight, daped, or princess lines. A long plume may fall from the side of a small velvet hat. Coats are not so often full as they are cleverly cut to flare. As to fur coats—gray squirrel and caracul are both excellent. Very graceful is the circular skirt that bells out at the hem.

The waistline is usually merely suggested. Sports clothes generally keep to straight lines. Many of the new collars are much lighter in effect. A new idea is launched in the use of plaits in velvet.

Variegated embroidery is used on an envelope purse of silvered kid. Silks and Georgettes should be chosen for the fared silhouette.

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