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POPULATION OF INDIA RETURNED AS 315,000,000

Total Increase of Population in Thirty-Nine Years Has Been Fifty Millions

London, June 10.—There are more than 17,000 widows in India aged five and under.

Such is one of the striking facts recorded in a Blue-book, just published, containing a general report on the census of India in 1911. Of some 800,000 widows of under twenty, more than 94,000 are aged between five and ten.

The population is returned as 315,256,296—more than the whole population of Europe without Russia. In the last thirty-nine years there has been an increase in the population of some fifty millions.

Several curious marriage customs are noticed. Here are two:

A third marriage is regarded as unlucky, and when a man has lost two wives and contemplates a third matrimonial venture, he often goes through a mock wedding with a sheep, a pigeon or a plant, so that his next wife may be his fourth and not his third.

In one part of India if an astrologer predicts that a man will have two wives this is taken to mean that his first wife will die—polygamy not being practiced.

If his wife falls sick he therefore goes through a mock marriage with a plantain tree, which is then destroyed. It is believed that this is a fulfillment of the prophecy, and that the real wife will then recover.

Dealing with the question of child marriage, the report says that many law castes are so much in favor of the practice that parents who do not give their children in marriage at an early age find it hard to do afterwards, the idea being that the delay must be due to some mental or physical defect.

Was Aeroplane Exploded by Sparks

Claim is Made That Sparks From Stations Exploded Gasoline Tank of British Plane

London, June 10.—Serious danger to aeroplanists through the explosion of their gasoline tanks by sparks from wireless stations is shown by an accident believed to be due to that cause, which resulted in the death of Commander Arthur Rice and Lieut. Creswell of Southampton.

The two naval officers were flying in a seaplane from Calshot. When over Southampton the aviators dropped toward the water. As they did so an explosion wrecked their machine and both men were thrown into the bay.

Rice was found strapped to his seat. He was dead and bruises on his body showed that he had been severely injured before he was drowned. Creswell was missing, but his body was found later.

Investigation led to the belief that a spark caused by wireless waves had ignited the gasoline and resulted in the explosion that wrecked the machine.

Would Amend The B.N.A. Act

So As to Give Western Canada More Senators—Way Kept Open for Newfoundland

Ottawa, June 12.—The address to the King asking for amendments in the British North American Act to permit of an increase in the Western senatorial representation and to secure for Prince Edward Island four members in the Canadian Commons, has been moved by Premier Borden.

Mr. Borden, after explaining that the way was left open for the inclusion of Newfoundland in the Dominion, said it was desirable that any approaches to such a union should be made by the Colony itself.

BALKAN COUNTRIES STILL TORN BY BITTER RELIGIOUS STRIFE; MURDER AND RAPINE RAMPANT

Famine and Death Still Stalk Unchecked Throughout the Whole Land.

WAR CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN NOMINAL TIME OF PEACE.

Eighty Thousand Jews Are Leaving Salonika in Abject Terror.

CHRISTIAN AND MUSSULMAN

Ply the Sword and the Torch on All Their Religious Opponents.

London, June 10.—The troubles of Mexico and Ulster have wholly overshadowed public interest in the Near East during recent months. But the formal ending of the Balkan War has brought no rest to that long-suffering region. Thrace, Macedonia and Albania are boiling with racial and religious strife. Stories of fighting, of persecution and of massacres come to the London papers from many correspondents, and are printed in small type with little comment. Europe has come to accept these conditions as a matter of course.

The changes of boundaries and of sovereignty which resulted from the peace treaties, and the launching of Albania as an autonomous State, are responsible for the new era of struggle and butchery. Every Power concerned in the new allotments is trying to impress not only its laws but its own State religion upon those who have become its subjects, if the current historians are to be believed.

Foreible "Conversions." Foreible "conversions" by wholesale seem the order of the day. Between the Christian and the Mussulman dispensations, between Greeks, Turks, Bulgarians, Roumanians, Serbians and Albanians, there is little choice of standards of civilization. Much of the information comes from Athens, which presents events only from the standpoint of Greek interests; much is disseminated by the Newspapers of Vienna, which is a fountain of canards.

The Turkish Government is determined to drive the whole Greek population from Thrace, according to accounts from Greek sources. It has organized a campaign of oppression which is making life impossible for people of Greek affiliations in the country about Kirk Killise, Lulu Burg, as all the land which Bulgaria conquered in the first war and lost through the final treaty. By Greeks is meant the adherents of the Greek Church, since nationality is recognized as following religion rather than blood in those regions.

Life Intolerable. The Greeks are pictured as having as desperate times in Thrace under the rod of the Young Turks as the Bulgarians had in Macedonia under Abdul Hamid. The methods of terrorism are the same. Irregular troops, who get their living by loot, and bands of so-called brigands, all supposed to be acting under inspiration from Constantinople, are overrunning the country. Burning villages light the sky, as during the days of war; cattle and sheep are driven away; pillage and ravishing go on. Life is made so intolerable that Greek inhabitants are glad to escape to the coast with what bundles they can carry on their backs. Athens reports that 25,000 refugees have arrived at Salonika by ships, and that 15,000 more are waiting on the coast to get away.

Turkish Diplomacy. The head of the Greek Church at Constantinople persuaded the British Ambassador to remonstrate with the sublime Porte, and orders were telegraphed to the local governors to repatriate all refugees. Truth says that these orders were meant only for the Ambassador's benefit, and that the Governors were given the word secretly to disregard them. That was a familiar stratagem of the old Turkish diplomacy, when pressure from the Powers became too acute to be ignored.

The Greek Government, on its part, does not lack enterprise at oppression, if witness from non-Greek sources be credited. Restrictive laws against the Jews in Salonika have been made so strong that 80,000 are leaving that once prosperous port.

Russia to Spend \$3,760,000,000 On Armaments Within The Next 5 Years --Army and Navy Budget For This Year Is \$500,000,000.

St. Petersburg, June 10.—The Minister of Finance has informed the budget committee of the Duma that Russia, within the next five years, must spend \$3,760,000,000 for the army and navy.

The budget for the current year for the army and navy amounts to nearly \$500,000,000. Excluding the cost of strategic railways the Empire has spent \$2,580,000,000 in the last six years and lately proposed enormous increases in order to meet the German growth of armaments.

Troublesome Honeymoon. Meanwhile the new ruler of Albania, Prince William of Wied, who bears the title Mpret, is having a troublesome honeymoon with his domain. Civil war, which customarily is the chief industry of that more than half-barbarous principality, is proceeding as usual.

The Greeks claim 400,000 adherents out of the 500,000 inhabitants of the southern portion of the new Albania. These people of Epirus known as Epitotes refuse allegiance to the Mpret. Peirce fighting has been going on about Koritza, and the rebellion is said to be led by officers from the Greek army. The Epitotes have the advantage of an organized army, possessed of some artillery.

Apart from a small force of gendarmes, some 1,500 or 2,000, the Albanians rely upon volunteers recruited from the Southern Albanians clan. No attempt to mobilize them has been made and they scatter along the front, fighting in the old free and easy way, dear to their hearts, but making the advance of a regular force an easy task.

Famine and Death. The Greek Government disavows responsibility for the Greek officers who have cast their fortunes with their friends, but the feud is a religious one—Mussulman against Christian—and the animosity is far fiercer than in any mere political war. The worst tale of atrocity which the near East has yielded in many days came from this field.

The bodies of 200 Albanian Mussulmans were reported to have been found in a church at Corda all crucified alive. Women and children were among them. So many stories of similar strife come from prejudiced sources that this has been taken as a great exaggeration at the worst.

One fact stands above impeachment. Famine prevails throughout the Balkan peninsula, as it has intermittently for many years. The war for civilization proclaimed by the Balkan League has wrought no cure of the old racial feuds; only new phases of the same diseases.

S.S. Charterhouse leaves to-morrow for Checutimi.

APPEAL FALLS ON DEAF EARS

Newspapers Won't Agree To McKenna's Suggestion That They Ignore The Militants.

London, June 12.—Home Secretary McKenna's appeal to the newspapers to suppress reports of outrages in order not to play into the militants' hands by advertising them, will likely fall on deaf ears.

The morning papers comment in a tone of intense dissatisfaction on the inadequacy of McKenna's proposals for the suppression of militancy, and point out the evils likely to follow such an agreement among the newspapers.

Newfoundlander's Suggestion. This statement was made to the Victoria Times by Capt. W. H. Whiteley, one of the Victoria pilots, who sailed on the St. Lawrence for a number of years before coming to this coast. The captain is a strong advocate of the installation of wireless on all vessels, and he considers Marconi's invention the greatest aid to safe navigation and preservation of life at sea if properly used.

"According to the rule of the road you are not allowed to give in a fog, without a vessel is visible, a passing signal as to how you are directing your course," continued the captain. "By the use of wireless this could be overcome. The master of a ship could direct a vessel, whose whistle he heard but could not see, whether he was directing his course to starboard or to port. The rule of the road says that you must navigate your ship with caution in a fog, but when you first hear a whistle you cannot tell whether the ship is crossing your bows, approaching head-on or steaming with you."

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Alsatian Lands Many Survivors

At Liverpool and Piltful Scenes Are Enacted at the Docks.

Liverpool, June 11.—Piltful scenes were enacted here to-day, when the steamer Alsatian, having aboard 126 members of the crew and 47 passengers, survivors of the ill-fated steam-ship Empress of Ireland, arrived.

Pathetic scenes followed the reunions between members of the families of the survivors. During the rush of women to clasp their loved ones, many fainted.

The bodies of nine of the dead from the wreck were also aboard the Alsatian.

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VICTORIA PILOT, WHO HAILS FROM THIS COUNTRY, ARGUES FOR WIRELESS ON EVERY SHIP

Capt. W. H. Whiteley Expresses The Opinion That Every Steamer Should Be So Equipped

MASTERS WOULD THUS GET DEFINITE INFORMATION

As to the Course of Ships in Their Neighborhood and Could Avert Collisions.

LESSONS OF RECENT DISASTERS

Both Empress of Ireland and Nid. Sealing Tragedies Show Necessity of Wireless

"With the facilities which we have at our disposal to-day an accident of the nature of that in which the Empress of Ireland and Stordstad were involved, one would think, could have been avoided. If the Stordstad had carried wireless telegraphy she could have communicated her course to the Empress of Ireland and the Empress in turn could have informed the master of the collier how she was steering. I think that wireless should be used when vessels are crossing or meeting head-on in a fog to tell the direction of the courses."

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ADMIRAL STATES THAT BATTLESHIPS ARE NOW USELESS

In Building Them the Government Is Spending Money on Ships That Cannot Fight

USEFULNESS IS NULLIFIED BY SUBMARINE CRAFT

Sir Peter Scott Says That They Cannot in War Be Used in Harbor Or on the High Seas

London, June 10.—The day of the battleship is past, according to Admiral Sir Peter Scott, inventor of gun carriages and other appliances, who, in a letter to The Times declares it is time to stop building all warships which are not submersible.

All that has been done to increase the effectiveness of guns has been practically nullified by the advent of submarines, says Admiral Scott. All other types of vessels must soon become obsolete he says, because they will never be safe either at sea or in the harbor from attacks by submarines.

Admiral Scott further declares that the Government is now wasting money building ships that will not be able to fight. He urges the construction of a fleet of submarines and air craft, and also a few fast cruisers, providing a safe place can be found for them in time of war.

Amending Bill To Be Introduced

Into the Commons Before Lords Are Through With the Main Measure.

London, June 11.—Premier Asquith announced to-day his intention of introducing the promised bill to amend the Irish Home Rule Bill before any further progress is made in the House of Lords with the second reading of the main measure.

Unionists have thus won the day with their insistent demand that he would take this action.

Causes Much Comment. The announcement in the Commons by Asquith that the Amending Bill will be introduced before the Home Rule Bill is introduced in the House of Lords is taken to indicate the abandonment of any hope for a compromise at this stage.

It is expected that the Home Rule Bill will be taken up in the Lords during the week beginning June 29. A definite statement is expected from the Marquis of Crewe on Monday.

Lloyd George has definitely informed one of the Nationalist leaders that the Amending Bill will be confined to the Government's offer of temporary exclusion to Ulster by county voting.

Prince Of Wales At Public Function

Heir to the Throne Makes First Official Appearance at a Banquet.

London, June 11.—The Prince of Wales attended his first official banquet last night, when he went as the guest at the annual dinner of the Officers of His Majesty's Yacht Club at the Hotel Metropole.

The young Prince sat between Commodore J. R. C. Nicholson, who presided, and Admiral Seymour. He was in evening dress, with the ribbon and garter.

As is customary on these occasions, there were no speeches, the only toast being the King.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council takes place this afternoon at 3.30.

S.S. Meadowfield has finished discharging at Botwood. She will be ready to leave next Tuesday.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate N. W. and North winds, local showers, but mostly fair and cool to-day and on Saturday.

Suffragettes Give Much Trouble To British Public and Authorities

MILITANTS ARE STUMBLING-BLOCK

Government Refuses Entertain Suggestion That Militants Should Eat Or Die.

London, June 11.—Some significant indications are visible of a possible change of policy on the part of the Government with regard to the suffragette question.

Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a meeting of the Women's Liberal Association, declared that only the militant campaign stood in the way of women getting the vote.

According to statements in the Liberal papers this morning, Home Secretary McKenna will make a statement in the Commons of the Government's views, but will suggest no new legislation on the subject.

Refuse to Consider It. It is understood that the Cabinet has refused to consider all suggestions for legislation to identify prison authorities in case of death by hunger-striking women prisoners, on the ground that such action would only lead to an increase in militancy, and possibly to attacks on life.

According to the police view, there are not more than thirty women actually engaged in incendiarism and destruction of property.

EXPLODED BOMB IN WESTMINSTER

Instrument of Destruction Placed Near Coronation Chair But Did Little Damage To It.

London, June 12.—Militant suffragettes staged one of the most dramatic acts of their campaign this afternoon, when they exploded a bomb in Westminster Abbey at the very moment when the Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, was delivering an optimistic speech in the Commons nearly regarding the Government's dealing with 'wild women.'

Did Little Damage. The bomb was placed beside the famous Coronation chair in Edward the Confessor's Chapel, and although it did little damage like previous attempts at destruction of the same kind, its report penetrated to the Chamber of the House, interrupting McKenna's oration and bringing some of the members of the street to learn what was the cause of the noise.

No arrests were made. McKenna stated that practically no change would be made by the Government in dealing with the suffragettes.

S.S. Digby leaves again to-morrow afternoon.

WOULD DEPORT THE MILITANTS

But the Governm't Won't Agree—Labor Member Defends The Suffragettes.

London, June 12.—Discussing the militant campaign of the suffragettes in the House of Commons, Lord Cecil suggested deportation for the offenders.

Home Secretary McKenna dismissed the suggestion of deportation as impracticable and declared that to let them commit suicide by starving in jail would likely arouse sympathy with them. He appealed to the newspapers to kill the agitation by ceasing to give them the advertisement which they fed them upon.

James Kier Hardie, Socialist and Independent Labor member, denounced police interference with the procession under the leadership of Sylvia Pankhurst, which sought to see the Premier and declared it was perfectly constitutional and that Miss Pankhurst should not have been arrested.

Sir Arthur Markham, Liberal, said that the suggestion that there would be a reaction in the country if hunger-strikers were permitted to die, was a piece of sloppy sentimentalism.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

WIRELESS HAS 6,000 LIVES TO ITS CREDIT

First Came Into Practical Use As a Marine Life-Saver Five Years Ago

WHEN IT WAS EMPLOYED IN THE REPUBLIC DISASTER

Long Roll of Employment in Various Big Disasters Since That Time

Wireless telegraphy, which has been the means of salvation in the hour of gravest danger to thousands of helpless victims in disasters at sea, and which flickered out the sturdy "S.O.S." that brought succor to the Empress of Ireland, again has proved itself the Nemesis of death on the ocean.

Statisticians who have been busy chalking up and adding the human credit marks that wireless has earned, say that probably 6,000 persons owe their lives to the fact that a wireless station was near them in some disaster.

First Use. Wireless telegraphy came into practical use in 1909. The steamship Republic, threatening 1,500 lives in a head-on collision with the Florida, that year gave it its first real sea try-out. All on board were saved.

The Alaska was the next. In mid-ocean with not another smoke stack in sight flames burst out. The wireless operator, unmindful of his danger, kept clicking and clicking and just as the boat was going down, help arrived and the 123 passengers aboard were saved.

Saved by "S. O. S." Then came the Kentucky in 1910. In the same year nineteen were saved on the Koenig Louise. Death was cheated in the instance of the burning freighter, Templemore, when all on board, fifty-four, were saved.

Following close on this record, the Lexington was caught in a hurricane unprepared. All were saved by the help the "S.O.S." summoned. The Njobe, wrecked off Cape Sable, filled in the intermission until the great sea disaster to the Titanic claimed world attention by the unparalleled summoning of assistance from many different sources.

VISITING NEWFOUNDLAND

Miss Curley, of the Daily Post business department, leaves to-night by the steamer Bruce for a vacation in Newfoundland. For the greater part of her sojourn in the ancient colony she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Whelan, at Grand River. —Sydney Post.