

World Affairs

NEW RIVAL TO COTTON

What Synthetic Fibre Means to Lancashire

Staple cotton, which for nearly 200 years has reigned supreme as the raw material from which the best and cheapest clothing can be produced, is now being seriously challenged by the synthetic staple known as staple fibre, produced, like paper, from wood. Artificial silk, or rayon, itself is, of course, a synthetic material. But staple fibre is an even more remarkable achievement than rayon, says the *Evening Chronicle*, Manchester of July 22. In the laboratories, where chemists and other experts are searching anxiously for something really new, the new product is admitted to be what is claimed for it—a distinctly new textile fibre.

The Lancashire spinner, conservative as usual, admits there may be something in the claim. He is prepared to commend the new raw material for its spinning properties, agreeing that in that respect it "spins like wool" and thus completes that staple fibre can do so much to take the place of cotton, but needs to be convinced that the world's population, equally conservative in its ideas, will use the material woven from staple fibre.

Experts who know what they are talking about say that there is little doubt as to this, and that it is only a matter of time before staple fibre makes a serious assault on the supremacy of cotton as the raw material which provides the fabric to clothe humanity.

It is not claimed, of course, that Great Britain is alone in this development of the new staple fibre. The United States, Japan, and other countries are already in the field. But it is certain that this country is well in the forefront with this new development, and perhaps it is in directions such as this that the cotton trade of Lancashire, aided by research, may retain or increase its present quantity of business.

THE SWASTIKA IN RUMANIA

German Minority

The progressive Rumanian public opinion is at a loss to understand the extreme short-sightedness of the German minority in eagerly adopting the rule of the Nazi tyrants, instead of trying to integrate themselves within the framework of the democratic Rumanian state. And yet, the Germans have every reason to follow a more positive policy towards their country of adoption.

In the provinces of Transylvania and Banat alone, the Germans have invested more than seven billion lei—almost a third of the Rumanian State budget for a whole year! Similarly strong is their position in the banking-branch. The German banks accepted for safe keeping 24 billions last year in Transylvania and 1 1/2 billions in the Banat.

According to Rumanian statistics, the amount of German savings has increased forty-fold against the pre-war figures. In spite of their state-denying attitude, the Rumanian Government showed themselves very generous in helping the Germans to keep up their numerous schools and cultural institutions. Why then this attitude, both stupid and dangerous to their own best interests? asks the *Advertiser*.

COOKS AT SHRINE OF ST. MARTHA

Patron Saint of Kitchen

PARIS, July 29.

Cooks from all parts of France, but above all from Provence, crowded the shrine of St. Martha at Tarascon yesterday, where the Saint is said to be buried. She is the patron saint of the kitchen—and at Tarascon, mysteriously enough, also the slayer of a dragon, the Tarasque.

Whether French cooking owes its quality to St. Martha's choice of French soil for her burial place, or whether she chose France for her old age because the Gauls had already distinguished themselves as cooks, history does not relate.

At all events, British visitors to France can comfort themselves that her blessing has been asked on their talents by French cooks in the usual fashion, so that the meals served during the summer holidays in France this year ought to achieve their usual high standard.

ANTI-NOISE ORDERS IN PARIS

Loud-Speaker Nuisance

PARIS.

Motor-drivers, motor-cyclists, dust-men, street singers, wireless enthusiasts, and noise-makers generally have been warned by the Minister of the Interior that he intends to make Paris a more silent city.

Motorists are forbidden to sound their horns between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Dustmen have been told that silence is golden. Wireless enthusiasts are advised by the police that they must either shut their windows or moderate their loud-speakers.

Special squads of anti-noise police are being mobilized in all the bigger French towns to enforce the new regulations.

1,120,000 More Air Letters

EMPIRE MAIL INCREASE

LONDON.

Evidence of the increasing popularity of Empire air mail services from Britain is provided by the fact that in the quarter ended June 30 last letter mails alone were higher by 82 per cent. (in weight) on the corresponding period of last year.

It is estimated that 1,120,000 more letters were sent away by air mail on all services than in the same quarter of 1934. The quarter's figures are:

Empire services—June quarter 1934 lb. 30,600; June quarter 1935 lb. 55,700; Increase 82%.

European services—June quarter 1934 lb. 23,700; June quarter 1935 lb. 36,600; Increase 54%.

Total for all services—June quarter 1934 lb. 61,300; June quarter 1935 lb. 98,800; Increase 61%.

The weight of parcel mail sent by air increased, from lb. 42,700 to lb. 47,400.

"UNIVERSITY IN AIR"

Chinese Scholar's Scheme

CALCUTTA, August 14.

Possessed with a burning ambition to educate his fellow countrymen, a young Chinese scholar, Mr. I. J. Chang, is now in Calcutta on his way to Santiniketan to see Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore. Mr. Chang is the organizer of remarkable wireless educational scheme in Shanghai which he calls his "University in Air."

For some time past Mr. Chang, who received his education at the Harvard University of America, has been giving instruction to about 1,000 Chinese students through microphone talks at a Shanghai wireless station. By this means those who can afford to buy a radio set can learn and study, while the poorer classes have found avenues of learning through sets installed in public halls and under the auspices of social organisations like the Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

He has, furthermore, made arrangements by which students can, by telephone or by correspondence to the broadcasting station, ask questions regarding the talks they have been listening to. These are replied to immediately.

He is now anxious to broaden the scope of his talks by broadcasting every day for two hours records of lectures on educational, philosophical and scientific subjects by experts from all quarters of the globe. These records will be translated into Chinese before being broadcast.

"I feel," said Mr. Chang, "that an attempt should be made all over the world to get these records translated into the various languages. Thus, by means of radio, an unique international institute for advancing the cause of science and culture can be brought into existence."—*Associated Press*.

INDIAN AUDIT SERVICE

Appointment and Transfers

NEW DELHI, August 17.

Sir Ernest Burdon, Auditor-General, India, will return from leave early in October next. Mr. A. C. Badenoch, officiating Auditor-General, India, will then revert as Deputy Auditor-General, India, and Mr. B. N. Mitra, officiating Deputy Auditor-General, India, will be posted as Director of Railway Audit.

Mr. B. Nehru, who is at present officiating as Director of Railway Audit, will be posted as officiating Chief Auditor, North-Western Railway. The services of Mr. F. W. Wilby, officiating Chief Auditor, North-Western Railway, will be placed at the disposal of the Financial Commissioner of Railways.

On return from leave next October, Mr. A. C. Gupta will be posted as Accountant-General, United Provinces, and Mr. W. J. Jones, officiating Accountant-General, United Provinces, will be posted as officiating Accountant-General, Bihar and Orissa vice Mr. M. A. Hafeez, who will proceed on eight months' leave.

Mr. J. W. Edden, who returns from leave next November, will be posted as Accountant-General, Burma, and Mr. S. C. Dass Gupta, officiating Accountant-General, Burma, will be posted as officiating Chief Auditor, Railway Clearing Accounts Office, vice Mr. T. R. V. Sarma, who will go on leave.

On return from leave in September next, Mr. B. K. Chatterjee will be posted as Comptroller, Assam. The services of Mr. S. C. Gupta, officiating Comptroller, Assam, will be placed at the disposal of the Financial Commissioner of Railways.

India Army Orders

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

SIMLA, August 14.

The following appointments have been approved:

Colonel F. D. G. Howell, D.S.O., M.C., K.B.S., British Service, Deputy Director of Medical Services, to be officiating Director of Medical Services in India, vice Major-General F. F. Martin, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., K.H.S., British Service relieved.

Colonel A. C. Amy, D.S.O., M.D., British Service, Deputy Director of Hygiene and Pathology, Army Headquarters, to be officiating Deputy Director of Medical Services, Army Headquarters in addition to his other duties, vice Colonel F. D. G. Howell, D.S.O., M.C., K.B.S., British Service, appointed officiating Director of Medical Services in India.

Major C. M. Paton, 2nd Bn., The Essex Regiment, to be officiating D.A.Q.M.G., Army Headquarters, vice Captain A. G. Miller, Royal Artillery, on leave.

Major G. F. Bunbury, 20th Lancers, D.A.Q.M.G., Madras District, to be Brigade Major, 3rd (Meerut) Cavalry Brigade, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. D. Vaughan, M.C., 2nd Royal Lancers (Gardner's Horse) vacated.

Captain D.R.F.R. Bateman, 1st Bn. (D.A.Q.M.G.), Baluch Regiment, to be D.A.Q.M.G., Madras District, vice Major G. F. Bunbury, 20th Lancers, appointed Brigade Major, 3rd (Meerut) Cavalry Brigade.

Instructional Establishments—Major J. D. Fraser, D.S.O., 13th B. Co. Lancers, to be offg. Instructor Class "B", Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, vice Major R. E. Le Fleming, M.C., 1st Bn., 4th Bombay Grenadiers on leave.

Captain N. D. Wingrove, 1st Bn., 10th Gurkha Rifles, to be offg. Quartermaster, Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, vice Major (Commsy.) T. H. E. Woods, I.A.O.C. on leave.

Captain R. W. H. Cooper, 2nd Bn., The South Staffordshire Regiment, to be offg. Instructor Class "C", Ahmednagar Wing, Small Arms School, India, vice Lieutenant H. R. R. Conder, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, on leave.

Theft of Temple Jewels in S. India

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ELLORE, August 17.

The Raja of Kalahasti, trustee of the famous Varadaraja Temple, Kalahasti, has reported to the police the theft of temple jewels worth about Rs. 3,000.

Another theft of temple jewels is reported from the ancient temple of Siva at Chebrole, known as the place of a thousand temples. The devotees were shocked to find the idol unrooted and lying on the ground, shorn of all its ornaments.

The police are investigating. The orthodox believe that the incidents are ominous.

Military Training for Hindus

Plans to Start Education Society

"It is wrong to think that there is no dash or fight in the Hindu. Many foreign historians have praised the courage and fighting spirit of Hindus. It is, therefore, only training that is required to make them soldierly," said Dr. B. S. Moonje in the course of a lecture on "Hindus and Military Training" at the Swastik League, Girgaum Back Road, Bombay, on Sunday evening.

Dr. Moonje continued: "My ambition is to start a military school intended to be an attempt, however rudimentary, to remove the present defects, to make the children of the soil play their part bravely in the battlefield and to infuse British virtues in them, without Anglicizing them. In fact, it will strengthen Hinduism."

At the outset, Dr. Moonje explained that though the subject of the evening appeared to have a communal character superficially, it was really not so. It was essentially a national subject.

LACK OF FIGHTING SPIRIT

He then referred to the fighting spirit of Hindus in the pre-Buddhist period and contrasted it with the spirit in the post-Buddhist era. He attributed the lack of fight in the community to the preaching of Buddhism which believed in peace and non-killing.

That change of mentality on the outlook of life, Dr. Moonje said, was solely responsible for the numerous foreign invasions of India.

With a population of seven crores, Muslims in India would be able to supply a crore of soldiers to defend the country. That number would represent the entire able-bodied male population, excluding children and old men. This could be possible because there were no castes among Muslims, and every man could become a soldier. Could Hindus, with a population of 26 crores, give their proportionate quota of three crores of soldiers, asked the lecturer. It was in order to make it possible for Hindus to supply that number of soldiers that he was now trying to train the youth.

WHAT "SHASTRAS" SAY

Dr. Moonje quoted from the *Shastras*, and said that it was incorrect to think that only Kshatriyas should take part in warfare. According to the *Shastras*, every man, irrespective of caste, was required to wield the sword at a time of emergency.

The lecturer then accented the need of what great thinkers and leading statesmen of the world thought of war and peace. According to some of them, continued peace would lead to stagnation, while war served as a great stimulant for youth.

The Great War, he said, had changed the whole trend of world thought. Youth, he added, should have the ambition of conquest and at the same time be endowed with the powers of eloquence and diplomacy. Every boy should be given physical and military training.

Dr. Moonje has a scheme for starting a central Hindu military education society. He has submitted the draft scheme for approval to some enthusiasts and hopes to get the society registered in the course of the week. The training centre will be at Nasik.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM ANDAMANS

MADRAS, August 18.

The Chief Commissioner of the Andamans and Nicobar Islands has reported to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, the escape of a Burman Buddhist convict named Meung Po Kywe (29), who had been undergoing imprisonment in the Andamans from February, 1929, being sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment by the Sessions Judge of Tharavaddy on charges of attempting to commit dacoity and grievous hurt. Meung Po Kywe escaped from the Andamans on May 6 of this year.

The orders of the Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling, regulating the visits of Hindu youths other than hillmen between the ages of 14 and 25 to Darjeeling, came in force on Thursday. Hindus of this age, who are ordinarily resident in the district of Darjeeling, are advised for their own convenience and in order to avoid misunderstanding to provide themselves with identity cards by applying at the police stations at Siliguri, Toosta Bridge, Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong. Youths who have already taken identity cards will have to renew them.

HOW COINS WERE MINTED

Vigil Over House

Counterfeiting Case Evidence

The story of the despatch of parts of machinery intended for counterfeiting coins from Delhi to Bombay, the erection of the machinery in a bungalow in an isolated part of the city, and the actual process of minting coins carried out secretly in a room while a constant vigil was kept over it was described in the evidence of Sardarilal Nandlal, the approver in the Mahim counterfeiting case, before Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, at the Dadar Court, Bombay, on Saturday.

In this case Fazli Ahmad Kulaisi, charged with conducting a factory to counterfeit coins at Cadell Road, Mahim. The place was raided by the Bombay C. I. D. in June last.

The approver in further examination stated that in March last he and the accused stayed in Delhi and booked parts of machinery intended to counterfeit coins from New Delhi to Dadar. The following day they started for Bombay. Arriving in the city on March 13 they stayed in a hotel at Dhobi Talao. A search for a bungalow to house the counterfeiting factory then started, a bungalow at Mahim being eventually selected.

CONVERSATION IN FRENCH

Witness and the accused called at the residence of the landlord at Girgaum to fix up the rent of the bungalow. There the accused had a conversation in French with the son of the landlord. He learnt later that the accused during the conversation said the bungalow would be used to manufacture drugs such as quinine tablets. The machinery arrived in parts from Delhi and Sialkot, and was set up in the bungalow. A dice hearing the impress of Queen Victoria on one side was fixed to one of the machines.

Proceeding the witness said 50 tolas of silver was purchased from Jhaveri Bazaar, after converting the metal into bar silver it was put on the machines to make plates of the thickness of a rupee. The actual process of minting rupee coins was done, the witness said, by the accused secretly in a room, while he was asked to keep a watch over the bungalow. Witness said he suspected that the real reason why he was kept out of the room was that the accused did not want him to learn the actual process of minting. On one occasion about 70 coins looking exactly like rupees were minted, and these were brushed with sawdust to give them old appearance.

HOW COINS WERE USED

Describing how the spurious coins were disposed of witness said the accused passed off the counterfeit coins to shopkeepers by purchasing articles such as cigarettes and obtaining the balance in genuine coins. He visited numerous shops on this mission, and all the genuine coins thus collected were used for their expenses.

Witness then described the raid on the place. "I became very apprehensive" he said, "because of the way in which the accused went on manufacturing and disposing of coins, and because it appeared to me that the chances of our arrest were not at all remote." On June 3 he called at the C. I. D. office. As it was a public holiday the office was closed. He then called on the Police Commissioner and related the facts before him. The place was then raided by Rao Sahab Wode of the C. I. D. This concluded the evidence of the approver. The case was adjourned to Monday.

BUDDHA GAYA BILL

Burman M. L. A.'s Now Free to Introduce It

NEW DELHI, August 17.

Burman members of the Assembly are now free to introduce in the Assembly the Buddha Gaya Temple Bill.

To this effect Bhai Parmanand, who was chairman of the Buddha Gaya Temple Committee appointed by the Hindu Mahasabha session of Cawnpore has sent a telegram to U. Thier Maug and other Burman members of the Central Legislature.

The text of the message says: "You gave, in order that an amicable settlement might be arrived at in respect of the management of the Buddha Gaya Temple, the promise that you would not introduce the Buddha Gaya Bill until the decision of the Committee. Shri Jagatguru Shankaracharya of Puri, on behalf of Sanatanists and the Mahant of the Temple at Gaya, appears to be in an uncompromising mood, and therefore you are free to introduce your Bill."

Viceroy's Quake Relief Fund

NOV OVER 34 LAKHS

SIMLA, August 14.

Further donations to the "Viceroy's Earthquake Relief Fund" are detailed below. Those who desire to contribute to the Fund should send their donations to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy.

Amount already announced: 43-11-0 and Rs. 33,79,267-2-10. Thro. the Hon'y. Treasurer, Quetta E. R. Fund, 3rd, West Godavari District. Further Donations) Rs. 2,405-7-3 as below:—

Mr. K. Ch. Narayanaraj; Rs. 125, Mr. C. H. L. Devaji Rs. 100, Mr. M. Lakshminathraju Rs. 75, Mr. T. A. A. Rampushikararam Garu and Mr. V. Chitra Narayana Garu Rs. 75, Mr. K. Subbaraju Rs. 50, Mr. Vanakatakrishnanaraju Rs. 50; Mr. Vandanapur Lakshmayya Garu Rs. 50, President, Panchayat Board, Toluru Rs. 60, President Panchayat Board, Andalur Rs. 60, Other donations Rs. 1,769-7-3; Thro. the Hon'y. Treasurer, Quetta E. R. Fund, (West Godavari) Further Collections, Rs. 992-4 as below:—Zamindar of Yadavole Rs. 115, Mr. China Appala Rajanna Garu Rs. 60, Mr. Appala Rajanna Garu Rs. 50, Mr. Lakshmayya Garu Rs. 50, Mr. Chandrayya Garu Rs. 50, Mr. Rukkiyaya Garu Rs. 50, Mr. Ramabrahman Garu Rs. 50, President, Panchayat Board, Bhtalmungur Rs. 50, Other donations Rs. 628-4; Thro. the Tehsildar, Nellore Rs. 258-8; Thro. the Treasury officer, Madras Rs. 505 as below:—Secy. Q.E.R. Fund, St. Thomas Mt. Rs. 126-6; The Treasurer, Q.E.R. Fund, Sriperumbudur Rs. 135, Mr. A. H. Southern, Sub-Collector, Chingleput Rs. 62-8; The Tehsildar, Sridapat Rs. 49-4; Other donations Rs. 111-2-4; The Jeurur Taluqa Court and its subjects Rs. 500-5-6; European and Indian Establishment of Ordnance Depot, Lahore Cantt. Rs. 468-8; Thro. Mr. R. V. Narasimham, S.D.O., Sitamarhi, East Khandesh Rs. 854 as below:—Raja Girish Nandan Singh of Shoochar Rs. 105, Mr. Lalbehari Jha Rs. 101, Kumar Kalka Nandan Singh of Sheohar Rs. 75, Other donations Rs. 72; The Kurnool Municipal Council Rs. 200; The Public of Vaisa State Rs. 254; Thro. Mr. C. J. Wz. Little, Deputy Commr., Jubbulpore, Rs. 213-8 as below:—Messrs. The Perfect Pottery Co. Ltd. Rs. 201; Other donations Rs. 12-8; The Municipal Council, Dindigul Municipality, Madura Rs. 200; Thro. Muhammad Amamullah Saheb, Deputy Tehsildar, Pithapuram East Godavari Rs. 118-8; Thro. Mr. P. Kama-aju Naidu Garu, Tahsildar, Chodavaram (Vizag. Dist.) Rs. 136-12; Thro. the Collector of Kolaba, Alibab, Rs. 117-8 as below:—Mr. Y. R. Parbia Rs. 61, Other donations Rs. 66-8; Thro. the Collector of East Khandesh Rs. 118-8; Mr. Kehr Singh, Penang Rs. 100; Sub-Postmaster and Staff of Mount Road Post Office, Madras Rs. 81; Delhi Football Association, New Delhi Rs. 75; D. A. V. High School, Meerut Rs. 61-6-9; Thro. the Imperial Bank, Madura, Rs. 60 as below:—Rao Sahib A. S. Iqbal, Nizam Chettiar Ayl. Rs. 60, Other donations Rs. 10; Thro. K. B. Shaikh Mohammad Mussana Saheb, District Magistrate, Jaunpur (U. P.), Rs. 56; Smaller donations Rs. 451-8-6; Total Rs. 6,076-11-4; Grand Total 43-11-0 and Rs. 33,88,043-14-2.

Further List

SIMLA, August 15.

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Officers and staff of G. I. P. Ry., Bombay Rs. 12,742-3; H. H. the Maharaja of Banwarra State (lat instal.) Rs. 1,145; Thro. the Dy. Commr., Rajahmundry Rs. 125; Mr. K. S. Gh. Venkat. A. Khair, Rs. 50; Other donations Rs. 25; Thro. Jt. Secy. and Tehsildar, Q. E. R. Fund Committee Perivakulam, Madura Rs. 113; Thro. the Dy. Commr., Chanda (4th instalment) Rs. 100; Rana Vidya-dhar Singh of Kumar Rain (Punjab) Rs. 10; Staff of the Arabaz Division R.F. Office, Akyab Rs. 83-14; The Sub-ordinate Judges and their staff of the HUBLI COURT, Dharwar District Rs. 77-4; The Punjab Club, Calcutta Rs. 60-4; Staff of the Chhatgargh Postal Division, Raipur Rs. 67-4; Nabha Estate (Tantana, Assm. Siml) (Thro. Hon'y. Secy. Rs. 50; Alandur Panobayyat Board, Madras Rs. 50; South African Red Cross Society (Local sympathisers) 25-4; Smaller donations Rs. 302-12.

Total 43-11-0 and Rs. 18,125-13-9. Grand Total 43-11-0 and Rs. 34,00,169-11-11.

Babu Ramanand Chatterjee has agreed to preside over the second All-India Hindu Youth Conference to be held in Lahore in November.

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