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THE CALL TO PEACE

The Call of the horrors of the last war to the generation now growing up is more or less like the contemplation of horrors of the Crimean War to older people.

world is educated. The religious communities in Europe have still a powerful hold over educational organisations. The Lateran Treaty has strengthened the patronage of the Church of Rome over the schools of Italy, even though Signor Mussolini's Government enforces a doctrine of patriotism that is hardly in conformity with Roman teaching.

It is the easiest thing in the world to admit poisonous teaching into the schools. Before the war the German authorities knew very well how to corrupt culture for the sake of a new patriotism.

The tragic death of Iraq Premier Sir Abdul Muhsin Beg-as-Sa'dun, the loss which that country can ill-afford to sustain.

There appears elsewhere in our columns to-day an appreciation of Sir Frederick Gauntlett's work as member, and finally head, of the Accounts and Audit Department of the Government of India.

Three aspects of Sir Frederick's career were singled out by Mr. Burdon for special appreciation. They were his single-hearted devotion and constancy to service in his Department; he laboured in it for 22 years except for a period of special service at the British Admiralty during the Great War.

ing thought which Sir Frederick can carry away with him must be the recollection that the Public Accounts Committee of the Indian Legislature generously thanked him for this in a formal resolution.

"It is always better to be silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt about." That is good advice but not appropriate for all occasions; even the strongest and most silent man must sometimes speak.

OBITER DICTA. "Intelligence is the capacity to discern the essential and reject everything else."—Mr. Krishnamurti.

"The Greeks worshipped physical fitness, the Victorians respectability and the peagee, the die-hards worship authority, and modern woman worships the self-made man!"—Miss Rosita Forbes.

CALCUTTA LETTER EXTREMIST BLUFF AND BLUSTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) CALCUTTA, November 12.

As regards the power of adaptability to his immediate environment the successful politician must perform a feat many of the qualities of the chameleon. At Delhi, Mr. J. M. Sengupta, Swarajist leader in the Bengal Legislative Council, signed the leaders' manifesto, indicating readiness to co-operate with Government.

NEW MINISTERS? Not unnaturally, in view of the improved political situation, the question is being canvassed: "Will it be possible, at long last, with or without Swarajist support, to form a Ministry capable of surviving more than six months?"

THE ARMISTICE DINNER. Although the main burden of the speeches at the Armistice Day Dinner in Calcutta was the defence of the Empire against external aggression and the valour displayed by all who responded to the call of duty in 1914-18, there were one or two references to the problems of peace which may be quoted with advantage.

FIRST CONTRACT. After that auspicious start, the ambition was to get to Petrograd, and this was realised when in 1893 or thereabouts I signed my first contract with the Marinsky Opera Co. of Petrograd, i.e. the old Imperial Opera Co.

IS A FINANCIAL CRISIS APPROACHING? THE POSITION OF BRITISH BANKS.

(By SIR GEORGE PAISH, the famous British Economist.)

It has been my privilege and duty for a considerable period to have had to examine the national position and the policy that is needed to bring our country out of very great difficulties. Britain survived a period of great difficulty during the Great War, but we have not yet got out of the period of great difficulties which has resulted from the war.

MONEY SHORT. The supply of this money is totally inadequate for the needs of the situation. That is why bankers have been called upon to meet a very large demand for their money.

U. S. PROSPERITY TO END? The world to-day is preparing for business. I have no doubt our own country has selling agents and other agents trying to get trade.

CURRENT TOPICS.

J. L. GARVIN.

Mr. George, ex-Premier, and Others Honour Mr. Garvin for Remaining in the Editorial Chair of the "Observer" for Twenty-one Years—Scotland and a Saint's Day.

To have been Editor of the Observer for twenty-one years and yet survive is an accomplishment that no Englishman who reads the newspapers would discountenance.

ONE IN AUTHORITY.

How well we know Mr. Garvin's phrases! The Parliament Act... Irish Home Rule... Dominion Status... Whither and Why?... The Old Order... The New Order...

A DINNER.

Mr. Garvin's "coming of age" was—needless to say—commemorated with a dinner. Many distinguished people were present, including Mr. George, who has been fervently condemned, and as fervently praised, by Mr. Garvin in the past.

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER.

It is expected that the Rt. Hon. J. H. Whitley, Chairman of the Labour Commission, and ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, will attend the St. Andrew's Day Celebration Dinner to be held in the Town Hall, Bombay, on Saturday, November 30.

A RECREATION HUT.

There are in Bombay large numbers of working girls, and it is surprising to find that in such a city no effort has been made to provide a recreational rest-hut, where they may spend their occasional long week-ends and holidays out of the noise and dirt of the town.

RAISING FUNDS.

If any persons would care to send subscriptions towards the cost of the hut to the Girls' Work Secretary, Y. W. C. A., Mayo Road they would be very gratefully received, and the donor would have the satisfaction of knowing that he or she has helped on a very deserving enterprise.

THE LEAD.

The preacher had been doing his stuff for nigh on to two hours, and the length of the sermon and dryness of the subject was beginning to tell on the congregation.

THE TALE END.

She: "We have been married a week and you come home as late as this." He: "Yes, my love, it took me all that time to tell the fellows at the club how happy I am."—EVENING STANDARD, Madrid.

MY EARLY DAYS IN PRE-WAR RUSSIA. FAMOUS SINGER'S CAREER.

(By FEODOR CHALIAPIN, the world-famous Russian singer in an interview.)

It is well said that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. While this may not be entirely true, it is true to a degree that many people sometimes find rather surprising, and sometimes annoying.

AMAZING EXPERIENCE.

Since then I have visited most countries, and sung in many languages, but naturally, I think that there is no language like Russian for me. Singing in my native tongue I can give of my best.

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