

Religion Soul of Indian Life

Every Proposed All-India Movement Has Broken on Rock of Religious Antagonism.

FORCE IN EVERYDAY AFFAIRS

Tangled Threads of Numerous Religions Are Entwined With Every Fiber of India's Life—Temple Grounds Public Forum.

Washington.—"India and her problems and movements cannot be understood unless something is known of the tangled threads of numerous religions that are entwined with every fiber of her life," says a bulletin issued from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society. "Religious antagonism has heretofore been the rock upon which every proposed all-India movement has broken up," continues the bulletin, "although the recently imprisoned leader, Gandhi, has been able, in a measure, to enlist followers from some of the most divergent of India's 'jarring creeds.'"

"Religion is the soul of Indian life, the spice in an otherwise unendurable existence. To the Hindu, Mohammedan or Sikh, religion is by no means nominal but is an actual force in everyday affairs. Religious festivals mark the changes of the year. The temple grounds are the meeting places of the people and the forums of public opinion."

"Asceticism is both subjectively and objectively attractive and holy men abound from the Himalayas, beloved by Kim's guru, to the tropical sea beside which Dravidian temples raise their gopurams and Christian churches show their spires."

"Probably nowhere is religion used with more profitable results by charlatans and impostors than in India. So great a virtue is charity that the very mountebank is considered a public benefactor. The Moslem mendicant often lends real dignity to the dignified word 'fakir.' But many 'holy men' are more fakir than fakir."

"Religion a Coat of Many Colors." "Nowhere else have men, through religion, so detached themselves from the passions and frivolities of worldly life. Nowhere has religion so seasoned unmitigated misery. Nowhere has religion been the cloak for more blatant beggary and disgusting deception. Nowhere is religion a more potent political factor."

"More than two-thirds of the people of India are Hindus. Modern Hinduism grew out of Brahmanism, and is still called by that name. The earlier belief was in one omnipotent but impersonal Being, whose personal manifestations were Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the preserver; and Shiva, the destroyer and reproducer. Brahma has few followers. Vishnu is worshipped by millions, upon whose foreheads is painted a device called the namam consisting of a vertical red line inside a U-shaped figure in white clay. But the favorite god of many Hindus is Shiva."

"When Buddha gained followers in India, the Brahmans accepted Buddha as the ninth incarnation of Vishnu and by this compromise they so ennobled the gentle faith of the Buddhists that they drove Buddhism into Ceylon, Burma and the Far East, so that the religion of the Hindu, modified by the teachings of Buddha, pervades India from Benares to Conjeevaram and from Kumbakonam to Allahabad."

"When the various Mohammedan conquerors poured in over the northern passes they brought their religion with them, so that India has more Mohammedans than Turkey ever ruled and the assemblage of 'the faithful' in the great mosque of Delhi forms one of the largest congregations of the

followers of Mohammed to be found anywhere.

"The Sikhs broke away from the orthodox Hindu faith under the leadership of Nanak, who was born in the Punjab, near Amritsar, the capital city of the Sikhs, in 1469. Sikh means disciple and these schismatics once worshipped their gurus, or teachers, but later transferred their devotion to the Granth, or holy book, which proclaims their faith and principles. The Sikhs abolished caste, that curse and blessing of Hindu society, and their militant ardor has given them a standing out of all proportion to their membership of 3,000,000."

"India has nearly 4,000,000 Christians, mostly found in Madras presidency and on the Travancore coast. "From Peshawar to Cape Comorin, India contains many Animists among the hill tribes and aboriginal races and even the Buddhists of Burma hold to some Animistic beliefs, whose influence is felt throughout the land."

"Two of the most interesting but numerically unimportant religious groups are the Jains and the Parsis. The Jains form a monastic group rather than a religion, agree with the Hindus in many principles, ascribe a soul to every animal however small and seek to secure release from the bonds of transmigration. According to their belief, only the monks can attain Nirvana. Their homes for decrepit animals are world famous."

"The Parsis are descendants of the fire worshippers who were expelled from the region of Baku on the Caspian sea by the Mohammedan conquests. These people dominate the business life of Bombay."

Probe Secrets of Ocean Depths

Explorers May Find New Field of Endeavor in the Unknown Sea Bottom.

U. S. NAVY PERFECTS DEVICE

Instrument Will Measure Depths of Water by Sound Waves Instead of Tedious Process of Lowering Sounding Lines.

Washington.—Explorers and geographers who have been signaling for new lands to conquer may find their best field of endeavor, paradoxically, in the sea. Now that the United States navy has perfected a device for measuring the depths of water by sound waves without going through the tedious process of lowering sounding lines it should be possible to add greatly to the relatively little we know about the under-water portion of the earth. The importance of this little explored region is brought out in the following bulletin issued from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society:

"When it is realized that nearly three-fourths of the surface of the globe consists of water it is rather remarkable how little we know of the vast surface of the solid sphere which lies under this screen of liquid. The greater portions of our continents are mapped even to the smallest details, and our harbors and the shallow waters close off shore are fairly well charted; but once the edges of the continental shelves are passed the features of the sea bottom are represented only by a few somewhat

"WILD MAN" IS ARRESTED



The "wild man," who claims he is Roy Hecox, was arrested by the Bucks county (Pennsylvania) authorities as a suspect for the murder of a constable committed 22 years ago. The man says he is a member of the church that is opposed to shaving, hence the long beard. He seems to be a man of education, while the mountaineer accused of the crime more than a score of years ago could only speak broken English, and was quite without education.

Asleep, Dies in Flooded Creek. Clinton, Iowa.—Bert Root, an aged resident, drowned here in a small creek, its waters swollen by the back water from the Mississippi river. It is believed that he walked into the creek while sleep-walking.

NEBRASKA NEWS IN CONCISE FORM

State Occurrences of Importance Boiled to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

Work has begun on the Dix city water system. Craig will celebrate July 4th on an elaborate scale.

Nearly 300 persons were converted at the revival just closed at Fairbury. A fire of unknown origin destroyed the farmers Union elevator at Elk Creek.

Mrs. Nancy Garloch is dead at Bladen, at the age of 100 years and three months.

Arrangements have been completed for a chautauqua in Wymore July 30 to August 3.

Fairbury will begin at once the construction of a large amount of paving and sewerage.

Property damage from the windstorm in the Lexington vicinity will reach above \$100,000.

Perry L. Shields has been appointed postmaster at Walton, to replace E. R. Linderman, resigned.

Randolph has installed a new electric fire siren to replace the old and inadequate fire bell.

Pressley Glenn, a Hebron boy, was seriously injured when he dived from a high bank into the river.

Mrs. Eva McClelland, of Beaver City, was elected grand matron of the O. E. S. at its recent session at Omaha.

Arrangements have been completed by the Fremont Commercial club for a series of concerts during the summer.

A new school building, to cost \$70,000, is being erected at Ohiovia. The latest equipment will be installed.

The North Platte graduation class year consists of forty-nine students, the largest in the local school's history.

Holdrege has won the undisputed baseball championship of southwestern Nebraska by defeating Orleans high, 15 to 6.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pirnie of Weisart was badly hurt when he was accidentally knocked down and run over by a truck.

About 90 acres of pasture land was burned over in the Ansley neighborhood, the result of a picnic camp fire getting beyond control.

The 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoefling, of Wymore, while playing, fell and broke his right arm and dislocated it at the elbow.

Miss Amy Stevens, superintendent of the state home for dependent children, at Lincoln, has tendered her resignation to the state board of control.

Plans have been perfected for the new country club building at Aurora, and the contract will be let soon. The new grounds lie just east of the city.

A shortage of qualified teachers exists in all departments in Nebraska, according to E. H. Hosman, secretary of the Nebraska Teachers' association.

Edwin Walter, said to be the first male white child born in Otoe county, is dead at his home at McCook. He had spent his entire life in Nebraska.

The school district of Tilden in Madison and Antelope counties voted bonds of \$9,000 to erect a school house. There were 278 votes for and 134 against.

Permits for building in Grand Island, numbering thirty-one and aggregating an estimated volume of \$82,130, were issued by the city clerk during the month of April.

The superintendent of public schools at Fremont has issued an order forbidding girl students over twelve years old from rolling their stockings and having their knees exposed.

The little four year old daughter of Homer Horn was burned to death in a fire which destroyed a barn on the Horn farm, four miles from Fullerton. A younger child escaped.

An unoccupied brick house at Nebraska City owned by Calvin Chapman was badly damaged by fire. Evidence of incendiarism, firemen said, was found in nearly every room.

The records in the office of the county treasurer of Jefferson county show that \$80,000 was collected in the first ten days of May. This is an increase over the same ten days in 1921.

Fire Chief Whiteside of Beatrice sustained a broken rib and severe bruises when he fell thru a floor while fighting a fire that partially destroyed the home of Mrs. Anna Lenz.

Mrs. Jean Whitney of Norfolk, daughter of the late Isaac Powers, once attorney general of Nebraska and a member of the constitutional convention of 1876, will file as a republican candidate for state representative from the Norfolk district.

The seventh annual spelling contest of the Richardson county schools was held at Falls City with an attendance of over seven hundred. One hundred fifty contestants were present from over the county.

Fruit prospects in Washington county are the most promising in years, according to orchardists.

Pavement of the Lincoln highway from the Douglas county line to Fremont this summer is a probability. Efforts are being made at present to "put across" the project.

Omaha is to have a new \$100,000 hospital for its colored population. Articles of incorporation have been filed for the association which has undertaken the erection.

The past year was the heaviest in the history of the State Children's Home society, the organization having given care, aid and attention to 1,046 children, during that period, as against 704 last year.

Corn is up in many fields in Dodge county. Conditions have been ideal for spring growing.

Rev. E. M. Johnson of Beatrice, for several years traveling evangelist for the Christian church, has accepted a pastorate at Fremont.

Beatrice will construct a tourist camp at Chautauqua park in that place that it is claimed will equal any similar grounds in the state.

Bonds for \$50,000 to continue paving at North Platte carried at special election 3 to 1, and several more of the residence streets will now be paved.

Falls City will observe Memorial day by dedicating one of the parks to the memory of the local boys who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war.

Veral, 8 year old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas of Chester, is dead as the result of a wound from a 32 caliber revolver, received while romping with some playmates.

According to announcement from state headquarters, the American legion has requested the privilege of caring for the graves of both confederate and union soldiers, beginning with the coming Memorial day.

Mistakes in identity made by bandit-victims and police resulted in the slaying of Patrick J. Lavelle, pioneer resident and candidate for sheriff, and shooting of Police Officer George Stevens during a running gun battle at Omaha.

The Cooper Mill and Light company at Humboldt was completely destroyed when fire broke out in the coal bin. The loss, it is estimated, will exceed \$50,000. The blaze is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

A consignment of 15 head of Hereford cattle was taken to the South Omaha market by Ira S. Rice of Concord, who received the top price of the day, 8.50 a hundred, for cattle of their weight, which was an average of 1,244 pounds.

Representative farmers from all parts of the state, under the direction of the Nebraska farm bureau federation, have organized a wool pool to be immediately put into effect to handle the 1922 wool crop produced in this state.

Lester Smith of York, Neb., won the state high school oratorical contest at Scotts Bluffs, with the oration, "Spartacus to the Gladiators." Don Campbell of Stamford won second place, his oration being "Regulus to the Romans."

The farmers' national grain dealers association, in convention at Omaha, refused to accept the sales plan of the U. S. grain growers, inc., but authorized their executive board to continue conferences on the subject with the grain growers.

The diamond jubilee celebration of the German Lutherans of Johnson and adjoining counties, held in Tecumseh last week, was largely attended. It was a celebration of the establishment of the Missouri synod. Many churches were represented.

The termination of fifty years of service by Mrs. Martha Milbourn, oldest living resident of the Elm Creek community, was celebrated at the Methodist church with a banquet followed by a reception in the auditorium of the church.

Injuries of Raymond Conner, world war veteran, who fell from a telephone pole at Beatrice some months ago, resulted in paralyzing him from the waist down. He will be crippled for life, according to a professional opinion of one of the attaches of a hospital at Rochester, Minn.

H. C. McKenzie of New York, tax expert of the America Farm Bureau federation, has agreed to come to the state during the summer to make a study of tax matters, according to announcement made by the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation.

Kearney has started a war to exterminate rats. The chamber of commerce has put a premium of ten cents on every rat tail brought in and as a side line five mice are fixed as the equal of one rat. Special prizes are also awarded for the record catches during the drive.

As a precaution against a fuel famine Nebraska public utility companies have laid in more than \$3,000,000 worth of storage coal and fuel oil. Standing orders for all coal that is available at market prices are being taken by the electric and gas companies. This information is gathered from a survey made by the Nebraska Committee on Public Utility Information, which also reports that but one utility in state, the Fairmont municipal plant, has been forced to cut out service to patrons on account of the coal strike.

Seven-three dairy herds in Nebraska, with a total of 1,425 animals, and 95 herds of beef cattle, with a total of 3,107 animals, have been accredited thus far this year, according to a report made by the secretary of the state department of agriculture. Of the dairy herds, 951 are listed as purebred and 474 grade, while 2,333 animals in the beef class are quoted as purebred and 554 grade.

John Trauernicht, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Trauernicht of Beatrice, was quite seriously injured when the motorcycle he was driving collided with a Ford.

Sparks from finger nails created by friction with clothing in a centrifugal wringer, ignited gas fumes arising from a cleaning and pressing machine and caused a fire with a loss estimated at \$3,500 in a Lincoln cleaning establishment.

J. H. Dickenson, a Pawnee county farmer, is the owner of a hen, which disappointed in the dream of a family of her own, is now contentedly caring for a litter of little pigs.

The contract for the new \$22,500 Christian church at Aurora has been let. The basement has been built and in use for ten years.

"ON EASY STREET"

Women "Farmerettes" Make Money in Western Canada.

Many Are Taking Advantage of the Opportunity Offered by the Fertile Land and Fine Climate.

In many parts of Western Canada are to be found women owning and running farms for themselves, and what is more, making them pay. May Hazlett, an English girl, who lived on a farm in the Touchwood hills, in Saskatchewan, for the past four years, looking after her stock and cultivating her land, is one of these. The farm was originally her brother's homestead, at which time Miss Hazlett was a stenographer. Her brother was killed while fighting with the Canadian forces at Vimy Ridge. Neighbors advised Miss Hazlett to sell the farm, but she decided that she was tired of the "eternal pounding" and became a farmerette.

Mrs. Mary J. Blackburn, a pioneer woman farmer of Alberta, has just added 100 acres to her farm near Hardisty. Coming from Eastern Canada, Mrs. Blackburn homesteaded a quarter section in 1902. She had two Holstein heifers, a bull, and \$17 in cash. She lived in a tent the first summer and in a sod shack in the winter. Her first crop put her, as she tells the story, "on Easy street." In ten years she had a herd of 60 pure-bred Holstein cattle and was operating a prosperous dairy. A fine residence has supplanted the sod hut. "I milked my cows, raised my cattle, cut hay and stacked it all by myself," said Mrs. Blackburn. "I started on bare prairie with no money, and made good. I worked hard, but the experience was wonderful."

It has generally been conceded that farming is a man's job. It has long been considered that a woman's place on the farm was in the house, with a few attendant duties, looking after the chickens and the garden. But times are changing.

Demonstrative of the present feminine initiative, there are two young ladies farming extensively and with good profit too, in Western Canada. Some years ago a family located a 100-acre farm in the Oak Lake district, Manitoba. Later the father died, leaving his two daughters and aged wife a mortgaged quarter section. Instead of selling the effects and moving to town to take employment, the girls decided to work the place.

While the mother looked after the household duties the daughters did the farm work. They did the plowing, harrowing, seeding, haying, harvesting, stocking, feeding and other farm operations. Except at threshing time, the getting out of wood, the help of man was never sought. Instead of a 160-acre place, with seven horses and ten cattle, which they started with, they have a 1,120-acre farm, twenty-five head of heavy horses and nearly a hundred head of cattle, mostly pure-breeds. Their farm buildings, equipment and well-kept fields would be objects of pride to the owners in any country.

Their accomplishment has not only been profitable but pleasant, and they have enjoyed every home advantage. They are two entertaining and bright girls, and have all the feminine charm of womanhood. Their manlike occupation has not given them a masculine character or appearance, as some of the older generations might imagine. Their gallant struggle for success signifies the truth in the oft-repeated maxim of Western Canada, "A little assistance and the soil, with its natural richness and God's sunshine will soon pay for the land itself."

If you wish to learn more of what Western Canada can do, write for a copy of "Canada West" which will be mailed to you free by your nearest Canadian government agent.—Advertisement.

If you love your friend you will laugh at his joke whether it is funny or not.

Why She Changed:

"I have always used the cheaper baking powders, supposing them just as good as Royal but I invested in a can of Royal Baking Powder and now find all my baking so much improved that I will use no other kind."

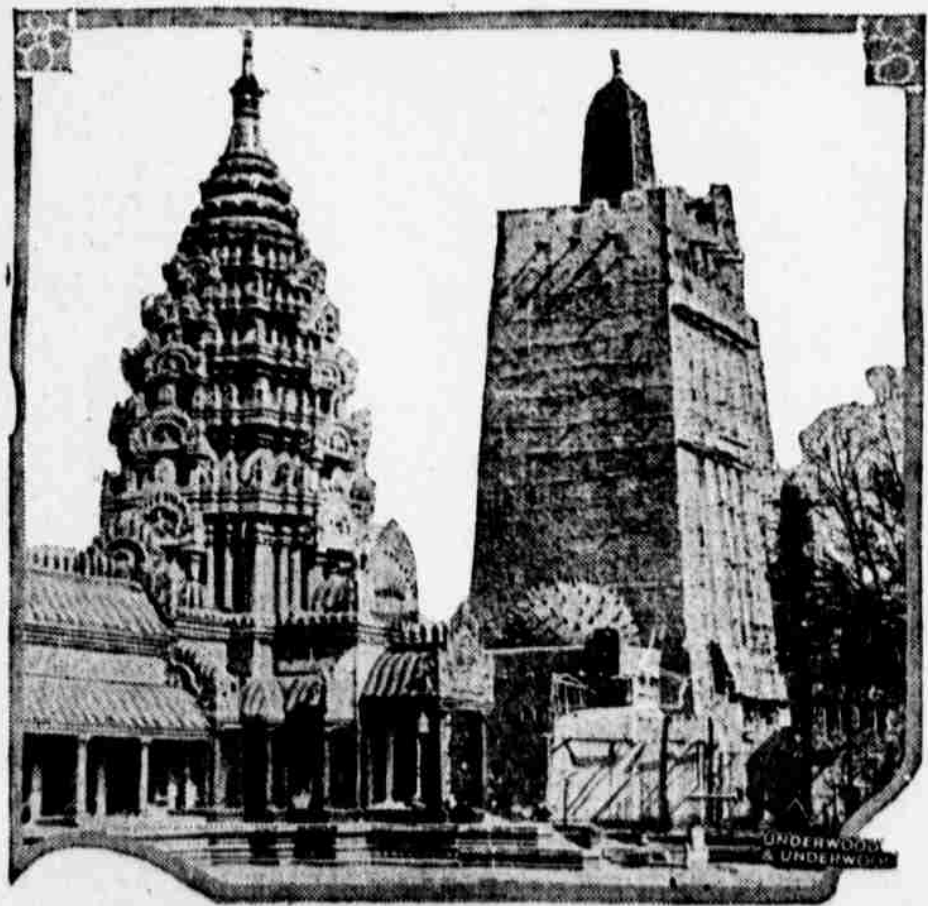
Miss C. L. B.

ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure

Contains No Alum Leaves No Bitter Taste

Send for New Royal Cook Book — It's FREE. Royal Baking Powder Co., 126 William St., New York

In French Colonial Exposition



A view of the recently completed French West African building and the Indo-Chinese temple, part of the French Colonial exposition soon to open its doors in Marseilles.