

# INDIA, PRESSED BY HUNGER, ASKS FOR SELF-RULE

## Hindu Author and Lecturer Declares British Control Is Oppressive and Pleads Self Government.

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New York, March 20.—Hunger is the problem of the Hindu proletariat at present, according to Harendra-nath Maltra, a Hindu Brahmin, author and lecturer, who is now in New York City beginning a tour of the United States. Hunger is brought about by the slump in values of the work of a weaver, for instance, who toils in a native plant. "In a recent Indian uprising," said Mr. Maltra, as he is called here, "the direct cause was hunger. Weavers who used to get \$3 a month per family now are lucky if they can earn 18 shillings a month. This is, of course, not enough. They know that great monopolistic industries in the same lines exist in England at Manchester and Lancashire.

"I do not speak against England with hatred. It is wrong and futile to hate. But I would like to ask whether this disregard, added to other cruelties, is the reward India has for furnishing men and funds to carry on the war?"

### Neglects Native Industries.

"Whereas England has colonized it has either neglected native industries or put them down by lack of patronage. Where the Hindu goes gone he has always fostered the arts and crafts he has found in the new land.

"England wishes to perpetuate its rule and to exploit natives everywhere it goes.

"When the Aryans came into India 4,000 years ago there was fighting among the natives in their old civilization and culture, classes were established. The Brahmins were the priests and teachers. To protect them while at their duties a warrior class was formed called the Kshatriya, and traders, corresponding to the great artisan class, were named Vaisyas.

"And from these same Aryans have descended the Celts, Slavs, Latins, Greeks and Saxons.

"But the Brahmins, the high caste people, do not live having one another. The western division is terrible. Our class division is based on responsibility. Renunciation is our ideal. Brahmins renounce so they can accept the highest positions.

"Ireland must have its own government according to the wishes of its people. India must be allowed to be ruled by its own people, too.

"India wants to render service to humanity. Why should we not be allowed to do that work in our own way? We appeal to America in this respect. We entered the war to destroy the military spirit of Germany. How far we have done that I do not know.

### England Takes Egypt.

"Everywhere we see the stronger grabbing the weaker. Before the war there was no protectorate over Egypt by England. But it gradually entered and proclaimed a protectorate over that country.

"If war was declared on the policy that smaller nations should not be invaded, what has happened to that idea now?"

"India helped Great Britain in its hour of need. Indian princes fought. But when we ask for our rights, they are far from getting anything of the sort.

"In Delhi, in the Punjab, when there was recent trouble, men in aeroplanes fired with machine guns on the natives. It was therefore, they were harmless. And British soldiers flogged natives mercilessly.

# HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE---

## MUST EVER AGREE WITH IRATE GUEST

### Should Possess Diplomacy Exerted by Foreign Ambassador.

In an argument between a hotel clerk and a guest, the guest is always right.

This premise is supposed to be permanently graven in the minds of the men behind desks in all hostleries. It is a matter of business policy.

Therefore the successful hotel clerk must be possessed of a brand of diplomacy nearly equal to that of any foreign ambassador. If possible he must avert all arguments by agreeing with irate guests, no matter what their complaint.

### An Average Education.

The hotel clerk need have only an average education. But he must have unusual qualifications in other lines. He should be pre-eminently neat about his person. He must be able to meet the great variety of types included in the traveling public and give each individual the details of service that appeal most strongly to his own particular tastes.

He must be jovial, without infringing upon the taste of the guest by becoming too intimate and must be even-tempered enough to receive complaints without resenting them.

The hotel clerk should have a good memory for faces and names. The average guest, whether drummer or farmer, likes to hear his name spoken pleasantly by the clerk when he walks up to the desk to register and appreciates being assigned a room of his choice without being questioned about it.

### Vary According to Size.

The duties of a hotel clerk vary according to the size of the hotel and the number of clerks employed. Larger hotels have two or three clerks behind the desk.

The room clerk is the chief clerk. He greets the guests when they approach the desk, has them register and then assigns them to a room. He must have the floor plan of the hotel in mind, know by its number whether a room is double or single and with or without bath and be able to tell by a glance at his cards which rooms are occupied and which are available. The room clerk receives all complaints and has general oversight of the details of service and the work of the other clerks.

The key clerk is the first assistant to the room clerk. He has direct charge of the keys and must cultivate a memory for faces to be enabled to pass them to guests without asking them their number each time they call at the desk. He is responsible for guarding against the passing of keys to persons not entitled to them.

### Memory for Names.

The mail clerk has supervision of all mail which comes to guests. This must be distributed to the various boxes, or filed to await the arrival of guests who have not yet checked in.

His memory for names assists him in his work. His other functions are to assist the chief clerk in the general desk work.

In smaller hotels, when only one clerk is employed, he must attend to all these duties, key and mail clerk. Often he plays the part of the bellhop, too.

Many clerks have the additional duties of cashier and bookkeeper.

## The Hotel Clerk?



when special persons are not engaged for this work. Room accounts become complicated when telephone, laundry and other items are considered and a knowledge of bookkeeping is essential.

### Superintendent of Service.

Larger hotels employ a superintendent of service to relieve the clerk of some of his responsibility. In other houses, however, the clerk must hire or discharge the bellboys and supervise their work. He acts as a buffer between the guests and the manager by receiving their complaints and satisfying them with diplomatic explanations until he can "pass the buck" to the manager.

The hotel clerk has a wide opportunity for the study of human traits and characteristics. He comes into contact with nearly every conceivable type of person and must meet them with varying tactics to insure their satisfaction.

Fifty per cent of the average hotel's patronage is comprised of "regulars" according to a clerk who has been behind the desk in Omaha for a quarter century. These are permanent guests of the house or traveling salesmen who return at regular periods during their trips through their territory.

### Brevity of Welcome.

The "regular" wants brevity in the cordial welcome extended to him.

### College Girls Work During Help Shortage

South Hadley, Mass., March 20.—When the cooks walk out of the kitchen at Mount Holyoke college the college girls walk in. That is what happened when the cook at Woodbridge hall quit her job.

Many of the girls are helping earn their way through college by working as waitresses and dishwashers. The girls were cleaning their own rooms, because of the shortage of female help, caused by the demands of nearby factories. Girls recently shingled the Episcopal home when men could not be obtained.

The volunteers who meet these emergencies are unpaid, but what they save the college is going toward its \$3,000,000 endowment.

still others like warm friendliness. Like the bartenders of olden days, the average hotel clerk looks prosperous and usually wears diamonds. The clerks say that this is because such an appearance is a requisite, almost an essential, not because their salaries are particularly lucrative.

### Often Becomes Manager.

The beginner's salary exceeds that usually offered a new clerk in a retail establishment, but it is stated that there is not the opportunity for advancement unless he acquires capital and is efficient enough to accept the responsibilities of a manager.

According to old-timers in the service, by the time a hotel clerk has mastered details sufficiently to be rated as a first-class clerk he can usually do much better financially in other lines of work.

After he has learned to respect the temperament of the theatrical stars, who demand that nothing disturb the peace and quiet of their room until noon each day; to meet celebrities of national reputation and make them appreciate the atmosphere and service of the establishment without offending them by too cordial treatment, and to receive the newly wedded couple and see that all details leading to their comfort and happiness are provided without rudely dispelling the trance which seems to segregate them from the rest of the world, the hotel clerk is usually versatile enough to make a success of anything.

### Diamond Ring Opens Door To Course in Cookery

Manhattan, Kan., March 20.—A diamond ring and a wedding date, set for the near future, appear to be the only prerequisites for enrollment in the "diamond ring" course, taught in the Kansas State Agricultural college here.

Forty girls are taking the diamond ring work, which is really the modern term for the three-months' housekeeping course. Twenty of the girls are wearing diamond rings on the third fingers of their left hands.

## Thirteenth French Woman Gets License as Aviatrice

Paris, March 20.—Mme. Gaby Morlays, the talented actress of the Theater Antoine, will within a few days receive her certificate as pilot, permitting her to indulge her hobby of flying.

This brings the number of certificated women pilots in France to 13.

Mme. Adrienne Bolland, who recently qualified to pilot an airplane, holds the 13th certificate issued to women by the Aero club; Mme. Helene Dutrieu, the first qualified

woman pilot has renounced aviation and now owns a motor car business. Baroness de Laroche, the second woman holder of an aeronaut's certificate, was killed. Mile. Jean Hervey is reported to be a chief pilot at an American aviation school. The other nine women pilots are never heard of now, having abandoned the air for more prosaic pursuits on mother earth.

### To Decide Tug-of-War Title

New York, March 20.—The national championship tournament to decide the tug-of-war title will be held here today at the Twenty-second Regiment armory.

## Mouth Organ Playing Becoming a Lost Art

Columbus, O., March 20.—What happened to the once popular mouth organ?

Local dealers in musical instruments say mouth harp playing is apt to become a lost art.

These merchants declare that boys don't "take to it" like their fathers did when little chaps. It may be, too, that the comparatively prohibitive prices today have something to do with it. The best harmonicas sell for from \$1 to \$4. The price used to be a quarter.

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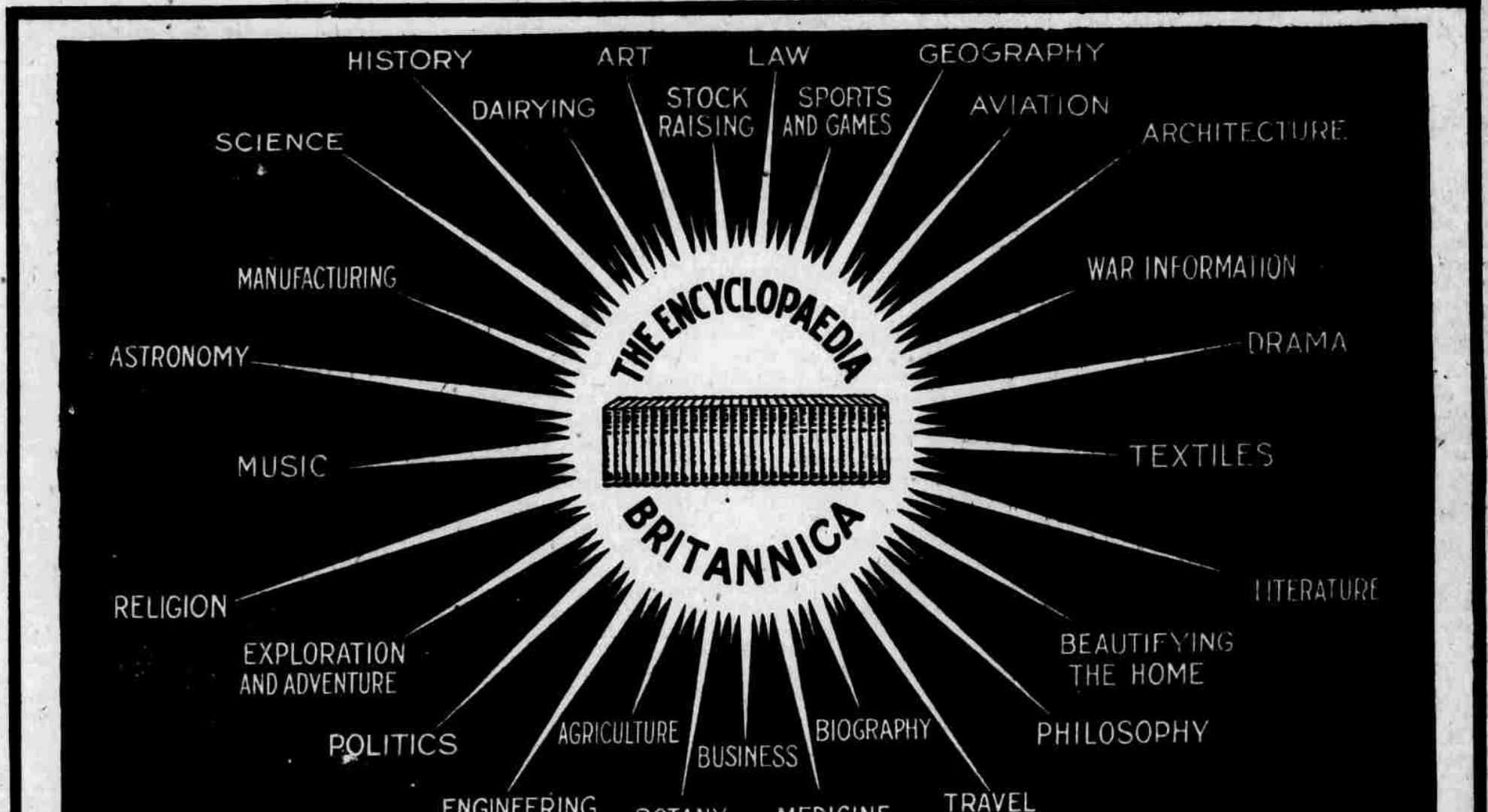
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## Blending Will Bring True Americanization

Boston, March 20.—Blending, smelting, is what will bring true Americanization, according to Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard.

"This country never was a melting pot. No country ever could be or ought to want to be," he maintained.