

STEPS TO CRUSH OUT ALL SEDITION

British Government Seems to
Be Worried Over Condi-
tions in India.

SPEECH IS CURTAILED.

MEN TALKING AGAINST BRITISH
RULE ARE JAILED—NEWS OF
INTEREST BY PALLADIUM'S
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

By William True Hawthorne.

London, Oct. 31.—The British government is not willing to admit that it is seriously worried over the unrest in India, but evidences are not lacking that it is taking every possible step to crush out the spirit of sedition. For example, a Reuter dispatch from Allahabad conveys the intelligence that Motilal Varma, a native Indian leader, has just been sentenced to five years three charges of sedition, the sentences to run concurrently. He had previously been sentenced to five years transportation on the same charge. Going to Hong Kong, he continued his seditious teachings to Indians residing there, whereupon he was carried back to India and the imprisonment sentence imposed.

Freedom of speech is one of the things your Englishman most highly cherishes, and the fiction has been maintained that free speech extended to all British possessions. In order to maintain the theory, the sedition laws have not been rigorously enforced in India until lately, but now men are not only being sent to prison because they dare speak against the continuance of British rule, but newspapers published in the vernacular are suppressed for chiding of the government.

In view of this new "heavy hand" policy in India, it will be more or less difficult for the British government to convince the world that it is not uneasy over the spirit of revolution which is spreading throughout its far eastern empire.

British Awaken.

The American housewife has long been familiar with the convenience of shopping by telephone, but the discovery would seem to have just been made in London. The next issue of the London telephone directory is to contain for the first time a classified business directory of telephone numbers, such as the telephone directory of every fair-sized American city contains, and the London newspapers are making a great-to-do over it. The large London shops are organizing departments for handling telephoned orders (such as every large American department store has), and the newspapers are devoting much space to educating English women up to the advantages of buying by telephone. They treat the subject as if another Columbus had discovered another America.

Wilkinson Fathers "Change."

A good deal of attention has been given the fact that through the death of Benjamin Kennedy, Horace Wilkinson becomes "father" of the London Stock Exchange. Mr. Wilkinson has been a member of the exchange for sixty-seven years and is still actively engaged in the brokerage business.

Mr. Wilkinson, however, is much more interesting as a collector of curios than he is as a stock broker. He has one of the finest collections in the world, but his particular prize is the mummified head of Oliver Cromwell. The discovery of this curious relic, which is thoroughly authenticated, was made many years ago, and Mr. Wilkinson is said to have parted with several hundred thousand dollars in order to become its possessor.

Memorial to Dickens.

The Dickens Fellowship has undertaken the project of purchasing the so-called "Bleak House" at Broadstairs and converting it into a permanent memorial to the great writer. There is some question as to whether the acquisition of house property is within the province of the Fellowship, but the chief objection is that the house came by its present fame through something of a fraud.

It is true that Dickens lived in this house for a couple of years and did some of his most notable work there—but he did not write "Bleak House" while living there, nor did it figure in any way in that story. Dickens knew the property as "Fort House." The name "Bleak House" was given it by the tenant who succeeded Dickens. If the Fellowship should acquire the

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property and retain the name "Bleak House" it would be countenancing the fraud, harmless though it may be, and should restore the name "Fort House," the place would cease to be associated in the popular mind with Dickens and his works. The Fellowship, therefore, is having a hard time making up its mind. Unless it steps and saves the house, it will be razed to the ground at an early day and a market house erected on the site.

Change in Battleships.

From naval sources the intelligence comes that there will be some striking changes in the new British battleships soon to be laid down at Portsmouth. The aim of British naval designers is to get rid of "top hamper." They have achieved a great deal in vessels of the Dreadnought type, but still the ideal ship of war has not been attained. This ideal is a ship that could go into action with no deck structures other than the gun shields. At present funnels are necessary, but perfection of the suction gas engine, it is hoped, will do away with them. Some other important changes are contemplated and the drawings for the new ships will be awaited with much curiosity by naval experts the world over.

Three Nations Sued.

All Europe is interested in legal action begun by Mme. Cotton a French lady, to recover something like four million dollars, with interest compounded at three per cent, for something over a hundred years. Defendants to the suit are the Austrian Empire, Republic of France and the Kingdom of Italy.

Mme. Cotton is the authentic representative of a financier who, two hundred and fifty years ago advanced the Zecca bank of Venice a sum of gold equal to four million dollars. The bank paid interest on the money for more than a century, but finally there was a quarrel among the heirs and interest payments were stopped. When Napoleon Bonaparte captured Venice, under orders from the Directory, he got cash from the bank and took it to France, where it has since been held by the French government. Italy and Austria are cited in the suit because each in turn has owned Venice and been responsible for her debts. Twenty years ago the French chamber of deputies passed a bill authorizing payment to Mme. Cotton, but the measure was nullified by the exchequer. Now she brings suit and lawyers believe she has good prospects of recovering the enormous sum she demands.

America Steals Actors.

Dramatic writers for the London papers have discovered a new American invasion about which they are complaining bitterly. They charge that American theatrical managers keep constantly in England agents on the lookout for promising talent, and that as soon as an actor shows promise he is carried off to the United States by the lure of gold.

They admit that America sends her greatest stars to England, but it is asserted that as they only come for short visits they do not make up for the permanent loss of the best English talent. It is recognized that the remedy lies in paying more money to English actors at home, but instead of doing this the English managers fill their places with inferior and even cheaper talent, and the result is that the English stage is gradually deteriorating.

**CONGRESSMEN ALL
"HAVE FIGHTS AT HOME"**

Excuse for Not Traveling Since
Passes Are Withdrawn.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Speaking of the fact that members of congress do not travel as much as they did in the days of railroad passes recalls that both the campaign committees have found this cause of complaint. This is the first presidential campaign since the anti-pass law became operative. Formerly members of congress were very willing to take the stump outside their own districts and the most they ever asked was that their hotel bills be paid. Now they ask railroad fare as well, and some of them have even demanded that they be paid for their time.

Others who did not quite have the nerve to ask that their railroad fare be paid have declined invitations to go on speaking tours on the ground that they had "hard fights" at home. As some of these excuses have come from districts that are absolutely safe for the member making them, the managers of the speakers' bureaus have to charge up the reluctance of orators to the fact that they no longer can ride on passes. The assertion is made that fewer members of congress are taking part in the campaign this year than ever before.

INVADES CONVENT YARD.

Tramp Creates Consternation Among
Nuns.

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 31.—George Carter, a hobo, in some inexplicable manner, managed to get inside the high walls of the Notre Dame convent of this city, and the unexpected sight of a villainous looking individual on the premises caused a panic among the pretty boarders and nuns. Carter conducted himself in a shocking manner, and an appeal for help was sent over the telephone. In Justice Dougherty's court an hour later he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail.

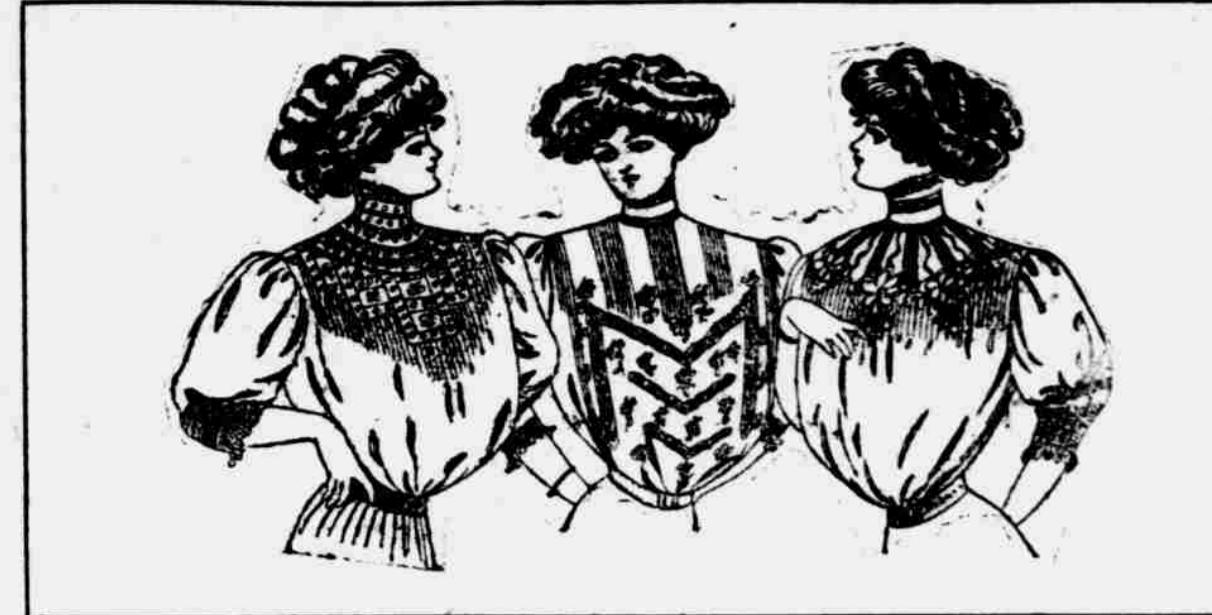
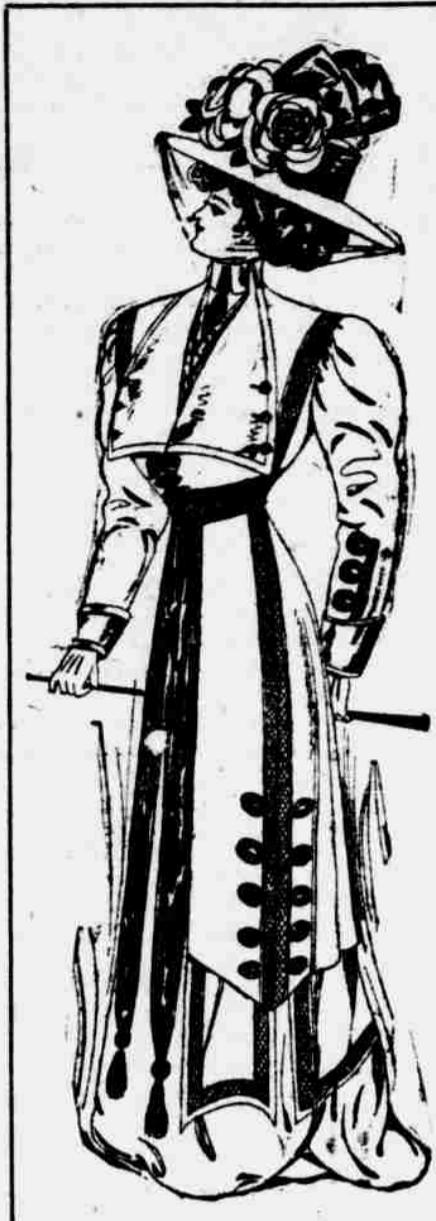
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