

THANA GRASS FOR DROUGHT AREAS IN DECCAN

Bombay Government's Step to Aid Ryots

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.  
POONA, August 26.  
The Government of Bombay, after consultation with the Conservator of Forests, has decided to reserve several huge blocks of grass country in Thana district, covering almost one taluka, for the cutting of grass for despatch to the drought-stricken areas of the Deccan. These blocks as a general rule are auctioned, but this year it has been decided to forego the revenue thus raised and to arrange to have the grass sent to where it is most needed for supply to the cultivators whose cattle are on the verge of starvation.  
An additional amount of Rs. 35,000 has been made available by Government for the Ahmednagar District for advance to the cultivators for the purchase of fodder on the takavi system making a total of Rs. 50,000. A similar advance of Rs. 50,000 has been made to the Solapur District which is now being treated as a drought-stricken area.  
News from Satara indicates that the situation there is not so serious, but in the Khandala and Mar Talukas. There has been no relief whatever in the Deccan despite the fact that days are still cloudy and heavy rain always appears to be imminent. Bhor State is reported to have been very fortunate in securing good rains although not quite up to normal.

LAND REVENUE  
Land revenue in the Presidency does not become due until the beginning of November, but it has been the custom in past years for agriculturists to pay a portion of this revenue in advance. This year, however, in the drought areas no demands are being made at present.  
One or two fairly heavy falls of rain reported from Gujarat are hoped to have eased the situation, but no further falls have occurred since Friday last week, except in the form of very local showers. At

Despatch Of Grass From Thana

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.  
KALYAN, August 26.  
A huge quantity of grass, to be used as fodder, estimated to weigh two million pounds, will be sent from Thana District to the drought-stricken areas of Ahmednagar District.  
Khan Saheb Shaikh Yakub Vazir Mahamad, Collector of Thana, has already despatched grass weighing 5 lakhs of pounds to Ahmednagar District, and it is expected that an equal quantity of grass will be sent in a few days.  
Two officers of the Revenue Department have been deputed by the Collector to select the best quality of grass. A special officer is in charge of the despatch of fodder, which is being sent to various villages in Ahmednagar District by rail from Palghar.  
The grass is sold at 12 annas per 1,000 lbs.

FLOODS IN BURMA 5,000 Acres Of Paddy Fields Destroyed

RANGOON, August 26.  
Five thousand acres sown with paddy in Kyangin township are reported to have been destroyed by floods. The Sanywe river has risen rapidly, and a portion of Thonze town in Tharrawaddy is submerged. Cultivators in several villages in Tharraw town have been evacuated while Tharraw town is threatened with floods.  
(Other weather news on page 13.)

CHARING CROSS Complete Replanning Of Area Suggested

LONDON, August 26.  
Recommendations which will alter the face of a large section of West-Central London are contained in the report of the Traffic Advisory Committee on the old-standing controversy regarding the fate of the unsightly Charing Cross Railway Bridge and the awkward network of streets in the neighbourhood.  
The committee advise that Charing Cross Station be permitted to remain on the north side of the Thames, with a combined road and rail bridge leading to the south. In addition to adequate approaches, the committee recommend the complete replanning of the central area at a cost which is not estimated, but which would obviously be enormous.—Reuter.

London-Newcastle Service Speeded Up

RUGBY, August 25.  
Streamlined engines, specially designed for working fast, the "Silver Jubilee" service between London and Newcastle on the London North-Eastern Railway, have given a very satisfactory performance and the company now has 17 more engines of this type under construction at Doncaster works which will be used for the normal main line services.  
The "Silver Jubilee" train recently came near to breaking its remarkable record run of last September. Northbound it exceeded five times 100 miles per hour touching a maximum of 103 miles per hour. One stage of twenty miles was covered at an average of 98.4 miles per hour.—British Official Wirelless.

MAHARAJA OF MYSORE Enthusiastic Welcome At Budapest

BUDAPEST, August 25.  
The Maharaja of Mysore detrained here, and will stay here for two days.  
Newspapers devote long articles welcoming the Maharaja of Mysore. There have been large crowds outside the fashionable hotel where the Maharaja is occupying the royal suite used by King Edward on two occasions when he visited Budapest as the Prince of Wales. Photographers besiege the hotel and follow the Maharaja in motor car to places of interest visited. The Maharaja witnessed a performance of singing and dancing by Hungarian peasants in a theatre this evening.

British Exchequer Returns

RUGBY, August 25.  
The Exchequer returns show receipts from income tax in the week ended August 22, at £4,006,000, nearly £1,000,000 more than in the corresponding week in 1935. The total ordinary revenue amounts to £229,845,519 compared with £238,353,208 on the corresponding date last year. The total ordinary expenditure is £293,960,012 compared with £283,288,909 on the corresponding date of 1935.—British Official Wirelless.

AUSTRALIAN MILITIA

MELBOURNE, August 26.  
Australia's campaign to raise the country's "voluntary forces to the full peace-time establishment of 35,000 has been successful. Recruits exceeded the 8,000 extra sought by an additional 6,000, making the militia's full present strength 41,000.—Reuter.

A plea that women graduates should help to solve the problem of illiteracy among women was made by Dr. Miss Jerbanoo Mistri, President of the Bombay Presidency Women Graduates' Union, at the annual "at home" given to the new women graduates of Bombay Presidency. Dr. Miss Mistri, welcoming and congratulating the graduates, said that she still

Non-Intervention In Spain

TRIBUTES TO FRENCH EFFORTS

RUGBY, August 25.  
The negotiations for non-intervention in Spain, which successfully concluded with the adherence yesterday of Germany to the French proposals, was followed by the announcement that the embargo on the export of arms from Germany to Spain has been put into immediate effect.  
The British Foreign Secretary was officially informed of Germany's decision by the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, who called at the Foreign Office for that purpose.  
The Italian and Portuguese acceptance of the French proposals is made subject to the adherence of the other Powers concerned, and now it is assumed that these Powers will take action similar to that of Britain, France, Germany and Belgium.  
Russia's intention to impose an embargo was announced from Moscow yesterday, and the ring of non-intervention States is therefore complete. The highest praise is accorded in the Press here to the French Premier's initiative and the diligence with which he pursued the matter. The next step rests with M. Blum, and the newspapers assume that with the exchange of communications between the Powers recording the embargo decisions it will probably be considered necessary only to arrange for some form of central control to deal with any technical problems that may arise in the application of the decisions of the parties to non-intervention agreement.  
The possibility of an ad hoc committee being appointed for this purpose, or of handing it over to a committee of ambassadors in some European capital, is under examination in London and elsewhere.  
The number of persons who since the conflict began have been evacuated from Spain under the direction of the British Navy now totals 3,752. Of these 1,675 were British subjects and 2,077 were nationals of 43 foreign countries.—British Official Wirelless.

RUSSIAN AGREEMENT

It has been decided that the Viceroy will open the meeting of the Central Board of Irrigation on October 31 next in New Delhi. The Board will be concerned mostly with two problems, namely, the future of the Central Research Station and hydro-electric research.  
As regards the former, it has become very clear during the last year or two that the nature of the experiments that could be undertaken would have involved expenditure of such a degree that no province could be expected to shoulder the entire burden. Hence the necessity for a central research station, whose cost could be borne by the Central and Provincial Governments.  
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JAPANESE GUNBOAT SENT

A later message says:  
The Japanese gunboat HIRA has been sent from Ichang to Chungking, the capital of Szechwan. The Japanese Consul-General has called on the Governor or Szechwan and demanded the immediate suppression of "mob rule" in the province.  
The Japanese Consul-General in Nanking has announced his intention of making a vigorous protest to the Chinese Foreign Office in connection with the disturbances in Chengtu. Chengtu, which is in the province of Szechwan is about 260 north-west of Chungking.—Reuter.

SIR HENRY GIDNEY

CALCUTTA, August 26.  
Sir Henry Gidney, M.L.A., was elected President of the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association, Bengal Provincial Branch, at the annual general meeting, Lieut. Maguire having expressed a desire to be released from the office owing to ill-health. Sir Henry Gidney, who presided at the meeting at the request of Lt. Maguire, a appealed to members for their whole-hearted co-operation in resuscitating the Branch, which he said was his main purpose in accepting the presidency.

GRADUATES WORKING AS UNPAID CLERKS Poona City Municipality

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.  
POONA, August 25.  
That the Poona City Municipality has spent Rs. 58,418 in three years on the scheme of improving the banks of the river Mutha was the statement made by the Chief Officer, answering a question put at the ordinary general meeting held this evening. Mr. K. A. Bhagat, the president, was in the chair.  
Replying to questions about unpaid candidates working in the municipal offices, the Chief Officer stated that till June 1936, 60 unpaid candidates had been working in the office. Of these 35 were later employed. Of those who had received no payment at all the oldest had been working for two years. It was also stated that one graduate had been working as an unpaid clerk for two years and seven months and the only payment he had so far received was for 14 days.  
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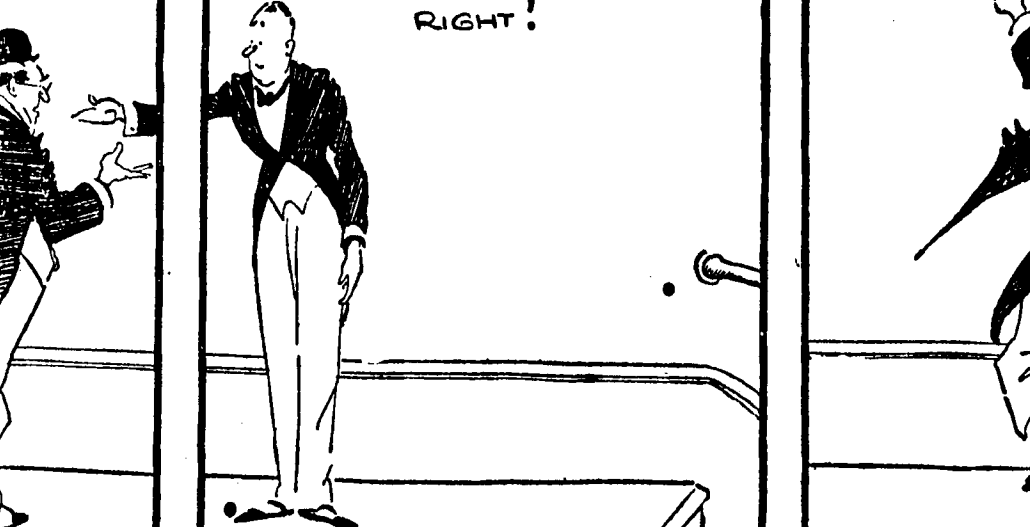
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Factories In Britain

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Last year 510 new factories employing nearly 50,000 people were opened in Great Britain and 192 were extended. Of the new factories, 213 employing 19,000 people were in Greater London.  
The Board of Trade survey of 1935 industrial development, in recording these figures, finds no evidence of drift to the south of England in the sense that the new factories there are the results of transfer from the north. The movement is shown to be in the opposite direction. Only one northern factory was transferred to the south while five southern factories were removed to northern England.—British Official Wirelless.

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MARTIAL LAW IN CHINESE TOWN

ANTI-JAPANESE RIOT SEQUEL

SHANGHAI, August 26.  
Martial law has been declared in Chengtu, Szechwan, as a sequel to disturbances in which two Japanese visitors were killed, one was seriously injured and one is missing. The victims were trapped in a hotel by a Chinese mob demonstrating against the establishment of a Japanese Consulate-General at Chengtu.  
Meanwhile, the Chinese authorities at Chungking have forbidden the new Consul-General to proceed to Chengtu.

1,200 Questions For Assembly

SIMLA, August 26.  
One thousand and two hundred questions, including over 1,000 for oral answer are stated to have already been given notice of by Members of the Legislative Assembly for the impending session. This means that the question hour will be booked practically throughout the session.  
Public interest in the proceedings of the Assembly is likely to increase, partly owing to the fact that the Viceroy will address the joint session for the first time, and partly because of the number of contentions measures coming up for debate.  
Accommodation in the general public gallery is 173 seats, while 61 seats for the ladies' gallery and 40 for distinguished visitors are also provided.  
Sir Leslie Hudson, Leader, and Mr. F. E. James, Chief Whip of the European Group, are already in Simla. Leaders of other parties are not expected till Sunday next.

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NORWAY WARNS M. TROTSKY No Political Controversy

OSLO, August 26.  
The Ministry of Justice has requested the Passport Office to ask M. Trotsky to agree, during the remainder of his stay in Norway, not to intervene in the political affairs of other countries but to confine himself to the writing of official treatises and not directed at other country.  
It is understood that the Chief of the State Police and eight officers visited M. Trotsky and conveyed the warning of the Ministry of Justice. The officers remained to watch the exile.—Reuter.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S PEACE PLAN?

World Conference If He is Re-elected  
NEW YORK, August 26.  
"A World Peace Conference," to which King Edward, M. Stalin, Herr Hitler, Signor Mussolini and the French President would be invited, is reported to have been planned by President Roosevelt if he is elected in November, according to the New York Times.  
Representatives of Japan, China and some other countries would also be asked to attend. It is understood that the idea was mentioned informally to a few intimate friends by President Roosevelt who emphasized, however, that such a conference would not be able to reach definite decisions.  
The President is quoted as saying that if he is elected, he believes he will be in the best position of any American president to promote the cause of world peace.—Reuter.

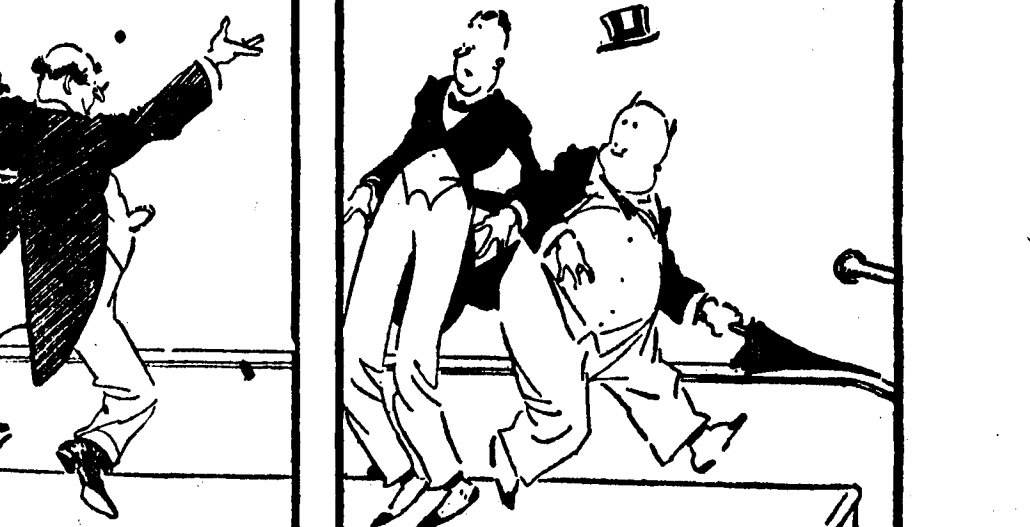
Mr. Richard Dermott Dead

LONDON, August 26.  
The death has occurred of Mr. Richard Dermott, ex-Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Madras and Southern Maharashtra Railway.—Reuter.

Sir Akbar Hydari's Grandson Dead

MYSORE, August 26.  
Masood, aged ten, grandson of Sir Akbar Hydari and son of Mr. Kamar Tayabji of Bombay, died of tuberculosis in a local sanatorium. He was buried in the Muslim burial ground. The boy's parents and Lady Hydari who had been here left this afternoon.  
A man who described himself as Private Glen Branden of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Fusilier B. Company, Delhi, was handed over on Wednesday by Mr. M. K. Jadhava, Sub-Divisional Magistrate of the Bhandari Prant of Thana District to two escorts to be taken to Deolai to be delivered to the 2nd Battalion of the Durhams Light Infantry at Deolai.

HE'S FULL OF PEP



More Chinese Cotton For Japan

BUMPER CROP EXPECTED

SIMLA, August 26.  
Mr. S. Okumara, leader of the Japanese textile delegation, who is assisting Mr. Yonezawa in connection with the Indo-Japanese trade negotiations, in a statement says:  
It is reported that owing to very favourable weather, coupled with a tremendous increase in acreage, China expects to have this autumn a bumper crop of 220 crore pounds, or 55 lakhs of bales, if rendered into 400-pound bales. This is an unprecedentedly big cotton crop for China, as she has never produced more than 40 lakhs of bales in the past. Of this large crop China is expected to consume 35 to 40 lakhs of bales, leaving an exportable surplus of 15 to 25 lakhs of bales. Japan is usually the best buyer of Chinese cotton, but owing to the quota system with India and partly owing to the high prices ruling in China, she has been obliged to pay more attention to Indian cotton in the last few years. It appears, however, that things are entirely different for the coming season, and it is anticipated that Japan will take at least five lakhs of bales of Chinese cotton.

ART EXHIBITION AWARD Poona "At Home"

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.  
POONA, August 25.  
The Hon. Mr. C. W. A. Turner, Home Member, Bombay Government and Sir A. M. K. Dehnavi, Minister for Local Self-Government, were 'At Home' on Monday night at the Council Hall in Poona on the occasion of the opening of the 12th Annual Poona Art Exhibition. Several hundred guests were invited and were received by the two hosts at the entrance.  
The Acting Governor of Bombay Sir Robert Bell, was shown round the exhibition by Major H. J. Rice. Discussion took place among the guests on the merits and demerits of many of the pictures and both Mr. Y. K. Shukla's picture in Indian style and Miss Marie Henderson's still life were critically inspected. The first named won the Society's Gold Medal for the best work in the exhibition and the second the Society's Silver Medal for the second best work. A number of sales is believed to have been effected and many of the pictures were well worth the prices put on them. On the other hand, one or two artists placed absurd reserves on their work, resulting in a good deal of adverse criticism of the paintings themselves. Visitors were highly amused over one or two of the obviously kindergarten efforts which appeared among better class pictures.  
The following is the list of awards:—  
MEDALS  
The Society's Gold Medal for the best work in the Exhibition:—Y. K. Shukla.  
The Society's Silver Medal and Prize Rs. 50 for the second best work in the Exhibition:—Miss Marie Henderson.  
OILS  
Portraiture and Figure Painting:—N. E. Puram and N. S. Bendre.  
Historical:—R. D. Ghoshalkar.  
Village Life:—F. K. Joseph.  
WATER COLOURS  
Portraiture and Figure Paintings:—D. Shankarrao.  
Village Life:—Asit Kumar Roy, Miss Marie Henderson and B. C. Dhanrajane.  
Landscape:—S. H. Godbole and Mrs. M. L. Dauban.  
Black and White:—B. G. Godbole.  
Pastels:—G. M. Soegaonkar.  
Posters:—J. B. Dixit.  
Photography:—R. P. Master and G. M. Shan.  
Sculpture and Modelling:—Miss Gilio Verpe and P. W. Keikar.  
Fancy Needlework and Embroidery:—Bai Bhanikatti Glasswalla and Mrs. S. Abhyankar.  
SPECIAL PRIZES  
Chief of Ichaikaraji Prize:—N. A. Dera.  
Raja of Aundh Prize:—R. V. Gaonkar.  
Lt.-Col. D. D. Khambatta Prize:—Miss Freya N. Shroff.  
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED  
Pictures, other than prize-winners by the following artists, were highly recommended:—N. S. Bendre, Miss Marie Henderson, N. A. Dera, M. G. Sampat, M. K. Parandekar, K. P. Rane, Y. K. Zanitay, Asit Kumar Roy, P. D. Dhoni, V. S. Gadgil, Major C. D. L. Gausson, V. A. Man, G. S. Haldankar, V. S. Gurjar, S. Z. Koptarkar, P. M. Phanse, S. J. Kharegat, F. D. Wadia, Mrs. Indrabai Pande, Prabhavati H. N. Nik, Mrs. Cuni H. N. Dalai.  
COMMEMORATED  
Mrs. Shanta Abhyankar, H. N. Malushte, S. L. Haldankar, Mrs. M. L. Dauban, N. A. Dera, N. S. Bendre, M. K. Parandekar, F. B. Yelavatti, S. H. Godbole, V. S. Gadgil, K. P. Rane, Y. K. Zanitay, Asit Kumar Roy, N. R. Sardesai, F. K. Joseph, A. R. Sardesai, V. N. Bhat, S. P. Bhide, D. V. Kari, H. K. Jadhav, V. G. Kulkarni and M. G. Sampat.

Sir E. Burdon Arrives In Bombay

Sir Ernest Burdon, Auditor-General to the Government of India, who is now on an inspection tour, arrived in Bombay from Poona on Wednesday. He is keenly interested in the activities of the Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Overseas). He will meet local officials of those organizations.  
As Chief Commissioner he will inspect the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Overseas) at the Lady Willington Building, Esplanade Maidan, on Sunday morning.

The District Magistrate of Thana has convicted Madhu Nanna Dheda and two others, Masoli, a village near Dahane, under the Indian Child Marriage Restraint Act. Madhu, the nine-year-old bridegroom's father has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 15. The father of the bride and the officiating priest have been sentenced each to pay a fine of Rs. 5.