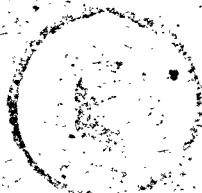


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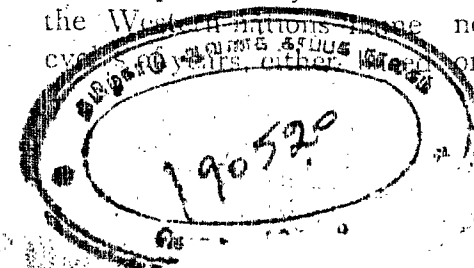
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**The Lunar Year Ananda.
1914 & 1915 A.D.**

THE cyclic lunar year generally commences about the latter part of March and is named after certain forces or energies which are generated during that year and which give the particular year a certain stamp or mould in the production of natural phenomena. We have referred slightly to this subject of cyclic names bestowed on the 60 years in some issues of our previous years. While the Western nations have no any month in the Gregorian calendar. No recurrence of any

the movements of the Sun or that of the Moon, and are apparently without rhyme or reason with reference to the commencement of their new year, the Eastern nations, specially the Aryans of India, had identified from time immemorial the commencement or close of a solar or lunar year with certain appearances of natural phenomena about which no mistake could ever be made even by the ordinary intellects. Take for instance the first of January or the first of any month in the Gregorian calendar. No recurrence of any



phenomenon is identified, the position of the planet is forgotten, we forget any particular day, week-day by chance or by the date of documents, there is no hope of its correctness being ascertained. The dates of the different parts of the Gregorian Calendar are based on the outcome of astronomical power and conventional method. There is nothing there to recommend it beyond that some man in power said "let such a day be the first of January to mark a new year" and it became so by the political power he possessed at the time of its installation. Full Moons and new Moons (*Purnimas and Amavasyas*) cannot be called into existence by any natural aberrations of a category or the dictatorial powers of a Nero. They are regular natural phenomena, which have been brought into existence by the Almighty Power and which are perhaps alterable only through His omnipotent decree. The Hindu Maharishis gave 60 lunar years to a cycle and the names are curiously indicative of the energies which are called into existence by the first entre of the Moon or lunar day after Amavasya in the solar month of Meena or Pisces. Generally the lunation takes place in the last constellation of the Zodiac Rāvatī, but it also occurs in the 26th constellation Oottarabhadra and the Chāndramana or the lunar year may commence before 2 or 3 weeks for the completion of natural phenomena and

pletion of the sidereal year which forces. The next new cycle of closes with the entre of the Sun into Aswini and Mesha. In the first year *Prabhava* which means such cases the month is called the first cause by which the subsequent phenomena may be known or that which generates or that in which phenomena are generated (*See canto III. st. 365. Amara Kosa*). *Vibhava* is the good karma or work. A few instances may be quoted here for explaining what we mean by the names of lunar cyclic years. Every cycle of 60 years, contains a grand collection of various forces, which are adjusted and distributed in a certain order, during each year of the cycle and which give that year a particular name indicative of the phenomena which they produce during that year among the three grand kingdoms of nature viz., mineral, vegetable and animal.

The last year of the Hindu cycle of 60 years is named *Akshaya* or *Kshaya*, which means destruction, *Kshī* = *Kshayā* that which destroys or erases. This indicates that all the forms of energies which have been working during the last cycle of 60 years have been destroyed or suppressed and that they close their career, giving room for the generation of other and newer forms of energies or material and mental forces. The next new cycle of 60 years, commences with the first year *Prabhava* which means the first cause by which the subsequent phenomena may be known or that which generates or that in which phenomena are generated (*See canto III. st. 365. Amara Kosa*). *Vibhava* is the good karma or work. A few instances may be quoted here for explaining what we mean by the names of lunar cyclic years. Every cycle of 60 years, contains a grand collection of various forces, which are adjusted and distributed in a certain order, during each year of the cycle and which give that year a particular name indicative of the phenomena which they produce during that year among the three grand kingdoms of nature viz., mineral, vegetable and animal.

with a view to bear fruit and produce suitable results. In order to get these results, it is necessary, that there should be forces working out favourable conditions. The next year is called *Pramoda* or *Pramoduta* which in Sanskrit means that which produces great pleasure or joy. *Prakristo Modaha* = *Pramoda* (*st. 133. can I. Am*). The next year in the cycle is called *Prajotpathi* and it means that it generates *prajas* or people. As each cycle has its own influ-

ence, and all the forces generated happiness, as the pleasure and in it are to be adjusted to keep gain of the one, must necessarily up such particular influences, the cause of misery and people born in such a cycle have pain to another. Take one or a general tendency, which differs from those prevailing during other cycles. This is easily understandable. A nation differs from another in many ways and still it is possible to imagine great agreement between several individuals among them. We can give further illustrations but it is quite unnecessary to dilate upon this subject as those who are interested in the study of Sanskrit will at once see that in her vast folds of research and scientific information, there is no arbitrary or senseless dicta, that what is stated there has always a foundation upon *Siddhanta* or Truth, and that those who fail in their duty of properly interpreting her literature will alone be guilty of misrepresentation and perversion. Going on to our present purpose we have in *Ananda* (1914 & 1915) a peculiar energy generated which, while, destroying causes for anarchy, incendiarism and spoliation, produces happiness and jollity among all classes of people, who are god-fearing, morally inclined, loyal, honest and truthful. In this world of relations there can be no perfect

A notorious dacoit or thief is captured, tried by a court of law and sentenced to several years of hard labour. This means peace and prosperity to the inhabitants in those parts of the country where the dacoit leader was exercising his profession, but this is certainly bad for him and his numerous followers and their families as his capture means a loss of livelihood and safety for them. A murderer is caught and hanged. This is certainly good for society at large but for his family and his followers this is bad indeed. A good man wins a just cause and takes possession of the property hitherto enjoyed by his opponent, but this necessarily implies grief and trouble to the defeated party as they have been deprived of the bread they were hitherto enjoying apart from the abstract theory of right and wrong which has a very comprehensive scope for subtle discussions from able critics and scholars.

The year *Ananda*=gladness, therefore augurs well for all good people and promises condign

punishment for those who have adapted questionable methods to attain their selfish end. The lunar year *Ananda* commences at about 40 ghatis after Sunrise (about 10 p.m.) on Thursday 26th March 1914 and the following are the planetary conjunctions for its beginning.

Sun Moon Venus		Saturn	Mars
Mercury Rahu			
Jupiter			Ketu
	Ascension of Lagna		

Mars	Rahu		Saturn
Venus Mercury			Jupiter
	Lagna	Sun Moon Ketu	

Planetary Government is thus constituted—King—Venus or Sukra.

Minister—Moon or Chandra.
Commander-in-chief—Sun or Surya.

Controller of vegetation—Jupiter or Guru.

Controller of grains—Mars or Kuja.

Controller of trades—Sun or Surya.

Controller of clouds—Sun or Surya.

Controller of juices, oils, etc., Rasadhipathi—Mars or Kuja.

Controller of Metals, etc., Nirasadhipathi—Mercury or Buda.

Out of the nine port folios, army, trades and clouds are governed by the Sun and this is baneful in its effects. Grains and juices are governed by Kuja who is a hot and martial planet. The

The following is the planetary Government for *Ananda*. As the 1st lunar day of *Ananda* begins at Sunrise on Friday 27th March 1914, the real *Chandramana* begins on the 27th, on Friday, March and will close about the midnight of 15th March 1915, Monday and the

King is Venus, a female benefic and the minister is the Moon another female planet. The solar year commences at about midday of the 13th April 1914 on Monday, when the Moon is in the constellation Anooradha in Scorpio and in the shastastaka Bhava. There will be two eclipses

ses, one solar and the other lunar in life, productive of good or evil, on Friday 21st August 1914 and has to be predicted at the right moment and the place. Other- respectively. The movements of the planets are complicated. Guru gets into Kumbha for a short time by accelerated motion and comes back again into Makara while Saturn will remain in Taurus for some months and then go to Gemini, where he will continue to be during the whole of Ananda. The results of this year are therefore greatly complicated and we shall give them in detail early in our March issue. The year is fraught with important details, and the two eclipses coming within a fortnight of each other, portend same political complications and wars about which we shall dwell at greater length in our next leader. We only pray to the Almighty that He may be pleased to grant strength of mind to the leading political nations to curb their avarice, reduce the burdens heavily pressing upon their subjects and steer clear their ships without wrecking them upon the hard rock of ambition.

Results of Planetary Periods

(When they happen.)

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logy, as a reliable science, and future guide will be greatly minimised. Very few writers have offered proper explanations on this necessary problem and many of the anxious readers and practitioners in that art are generally at sea as regards the particular times when the events in a man's career, like the birth of children, marriage, success in examinations, commencement of business, times of promotion and degradation, acquisition or loss of lands, houses, cattle, conveyances, money, fame, relations and friends, attacks of sickness and miseries, freedom from worry and anxiety, losses or gains from litigation, domestic quarrels and unpleasantness, extraordinary gains and sudden losses, moral and immoral thoughts, habits of drunkenness and adultery, ventures in speculations and their results, good and bad friends, honors or disgraces from governments, dangers to life and body, accidents from which loss of limbs or other bodily deformities arise, injuries from wild beasts and poisonous insects, solitary confinements in places of inaccessibility, cutting off bodily organs, destruction of property by fires, confiscation, drowning or foreign enemies, losses of children and their misbehaviour, poisoning by various drugs, brain fevers, at-

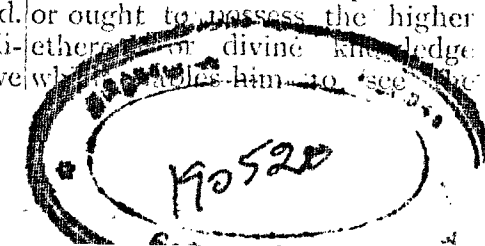
tacks of madness or insanity, are witnessing chemical per- paralysis, consumption, leprosy, hideous forms of diseases where the whole frame of man is entirely changed presenting horrible appearance, drowning and other watery accidents, deaths and dangers from military enterprises, surgical operations which take a fatal turn, passing through jaws of death and recovery from hopeless cases of sickness, cap- tivities and releases, loves, their appointments and their disappointments, literary productions, and fame or disgrace through them and other events, happen.

are witnessing chemical per- mances every day in. A cook takes rice of a particular quality, mixes it with water of a particular description and gives it a certain quantity of heat. He will be in a position to predict with certainty at what time you will get the boiled rice ready for human consumption and rejection.

The medical man, who is a chemist, possessing knowledge of external atmospheric conditions, and a professor of internal adjustments produced from both causes external and internal, will tell us when he can produce a definite result, such as the stoppage of fever, headache, purging, etc. The correctness of his predictions, in these cases, will depend upon the depth of knowledge, he possesses about human nature, internal organisations and their working and the external atmospherical conditions under which the man is living and the preparation of medicines is effected.

These results connected with a man's life, may be predicted like the resultants, of chemical substances brought together for chemical union or dissolution under adverse or favourable circumstances. Man, it must be remembered, is a bundle of chemical substances, generating constantly electrical and magnetic currents and attracting or being attracted by other bundles of electrical energies. A chemist takes two or three substances, brings them together under some physical and ethereal conditions and produces chemical compounds or dissolves them. As far as his knowledge has gone in chemistry he will be in a position to definitely state when the compound will be formed, when it will be developed, and when it would be dissolved. There is nothing very extraordinary about these matters as we

An astrologer is nothing more than a combination of a physiologist, a psychologist, a botanist, a medical man, a meteorologist, a physicist and a chemist. He reads the conditions of planets, their velocities, their globular attractions and repulsions, their chemical compositions, human physiology and psychology and more than all this he possesses or ought to possess the higher etheric or divine knowledge which enables him to see the



electrical and magnetic conditions under which a man was originally produced, analyses the parental influences, and arrives at conclusions which appear as supernatural but which his mind grasps with a readiness which he acquires as the result of long study, good practice, and deep contemplation. Jupiter is called the lord of education and children. Mercury governs intelligence and uncles. Saturn produces slovenly and lazy habits. Mars makes a man martial and fiery, the Sun produces biliousness and royal temperament. The Moon makes a man joyful or melancholy. Venus governs venereal tastes and womanly treasures. Kindly have the patience to inquire into the meaning of all these. Put aside the pride of life and narrow prejudices which are the results of superficial studies and observations. You must remember the saying of some of the greatest men. They observed that the sum total of their knowledge was "that they knew nothing". Enter into the field of investigation in a spirit of love for truth, wherever it may be found and pick it up irrespective of surroundings. When you go in search of gold don't care where you get it. Gold will be gold whether you pick it up in a dunghill or in the luxurious palace of a mighty emperor. An examination of the surroundings should not be your goal, pick up the gold where you get it, wash it well, melt it and after purification value it as the most precious metal we have in the world. In all scientific researches keep your eye steadily on truth and do not be guided by the erratic conclusions of this or that scientist. If you examine in the world could you find any man, without stink inside and gloss outside. What are scientific men? They are bundles of incongruous and unjustifiable conclusions and comparisons. Very few of them can rise superior to their scientific prejudices. Examine all departments. They have their sympathies and prejudices. Sympathy means a weakness of mind. What do you care whether a French man defends astrology or a German denounces it. You have your head on your shoulders. Instead of being guided by the superficial and prejudiced opinions and criticisms of others, use carefully your brains and verify the truth yourself.

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where are they and their works. quote them here for ready refer-
 They are soon forgotten, their science and information of our re-
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 established maxim and it can be all such, knowledge which was
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 age. The Sun sends all forms was one of the nine in-
 of energies and humanity owes, valuable literary gems, who
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 produces change in the body. illustrious name, all over the

When you eat food chemical processes are working, when you think there is a waste of energy, when the food is digested electrical currents are discharged. What is it that you can do in this world by deed, word or thought without setting afloat a series of electrical and ethereal currents which may be to your advantage or disadvantage. In order to acquire proficiency in any subject the person must possess certain characteristics, when they are not with him how can he acquire proficiency. The qualifications laid down for an astrologer are really such as are possessed by very few persons, and we may

fications required for a successful astrologer. There is no sense in fancying the possession of properties which we do not possess, or to arrogate to ourselves possession of knowledge, which is foreign to us and for which we have not laboured as laid down for its acquisition by the learned sages in that department. The qualifications, physical, intellectual, moral and religious, for becoming an astrological expert, are difficult indeed to easily acquire or possess and when they are absent in an astrologer his predictive powers and usefulness will be in proportion to the want of his knowledge of such science and perfectness in his body and mind. Brihat Samhitha by Varaha Mihira thus gives the qualifications of astrologers, and we are afraid men who would answer to this description are hardly to be found existing in the world, as men who are really experts in the art of calculation and prediction are rare. We shall give a summary of the chapter, as the details would occupy greater space. We have to quote all this to show how real and expert astrologers are and how far between and the host of men who pretend to work in the field are incapable and impotent to distinguish themselves in that divine art. When the qualifications are not in a man it is absurd to think that he can do justice to his calling. The matter cannot be put in plainer language. Observes

Varaha Mihira—A Jyotishka must be of noble birth, agreeable in manners, attractive in appearance, humble, beautiful, well proportioned in body, and without malice and jealousy. He should have no physical defects. His limbs, joints, fingers, nails, eyes, chin, ears, teeth, hands, head and ears should be perfectly made. He must have fine physique and sonorous voice. He should be clean in body and mind, active, noble minded, eloquent, original in thoughts and ideas and should be well acquainted with the influences of time and place. He must be a man of strong temperament, argumentative powers, not easily conquered by his literary enemies, devoid of vices, able and active, learned in matters of expiatory ceremonies, hygiene, magic, religious rituals, worshipper of Devas, and energetic, he must be religious and observer of Vedic rites, possess powers of genius, be able to solve difficulties by his superior learning and divine foresight and he must be an expert in the three branches of astrology, namely Siddhanta, Samhita and Phalabhaga or jyotisha. Siddhanta means astronomy. Samhita means knowledge of natural phenomena or natural astrology and phalabhaga or jyotisha means horoscopy. The famous works in astronomy, viz., Pitamaha, Surya, Vasista, Pulisa and Romasa etc., should be well known to him. He must be fami-

liar with all the calculations connected with them.

(To be continued.)

Reviews of Books.

Theory and Practice of Hindu Music and the Veena Tutor by C. Gangadhar, Madras. We thank the author for two copies of the above interesting publication. Elementary books treating on the art and theory of Veena, are a great desideratum. Mr. Gangadhar observes—“Veena is an instrument of the great capacity and power. Mention is made in the sacred books, that it is a representation of the human body and hence its capability of imitating the human voice. It is the instrument with the aid of which Hindu Music can be systematically and scientifically learnt, for, its construction reveals to us the nature of the musical intervals, scales, modulations, and such like noteworthy facts”. It can safely be said that Veena is the oldest musical instrument extant. It is put into the hands of Saraswathi the Goddess of all knowledge and wisdom and Narada and Hanuman were great experts in this divine instrument.

Those whose eyes are not jaundiced by national prejudices will at once see that the softest and most delicious touches of music can be produced on this instrument and in this respect and giving deep proficiency in

music. Veena stands unrivalled in the field of musical instruments. While violin and other instruments require knowledge on the part of players in producing the soft touches of music, Veena gives him a knowledge which he will be compelled to learn by its constant practice. It may be styled the mother of all musical instruments and is really worthy of that proud title. In the arrangement, treatment and gradation of the lessons given in the book Mr. Gangadhar has shown considerable skill and masterly insight into the practices connected with this noble instrument. The price viz., Rs. 2/- for each copy considering its value, is cheap and we would strongly recommend this Tutor to all those who take interest in the noble art of music specially of Veena.

II.

THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS OR THE IDEALS OF JAPAN BY

Bidaray Aswatha Narayana in Kanada. This is a useful book with many beautiful illustrations written in Kanarese and contains some valuable information, regarding morals and high ideals. The plot is well conceived and executed and the work reflects great credit on the learned author who has been complimented highly by the leaders of the Mysore intellect. We wish the author every

success and hope that his fertile pen may be capable of producing many more useful publications.

III.

SEETHACHARITRA
BY S. ANNIAH SASTRY,
SCHOOL MASTER, ROBERTSON-
PET, K.G.F.

About 30 Demy forms of this book are before us and Mr. Anniah Sastry has done great service to Kanarese literature by presenting a clear history of Seetha Devi the heroine of Ramayana and the cause for the invasion of Lanka and the destruction of Rakshasas by Rama. This is written in Bhaminishatpadi, a melodious metre generally adopted by one Kanarese poets and of the most beautiful and melodious Kannada poems, viz., Jayamini Bharata is in this metre. When completed this will form a valuable acquisition to the Kanarese literature, and we feel certain that in this age of revival of sciences, arts and literature such authors as Anniah Sastry will not only be welcomed but will be duly encouraged both by the educated public and by the educational authorities, who cannot place better books in the hands of the young than, histories of this sort. We wish him all success.

IV.

HISTORY OF SIVAGANGA MUTT
BY B. SURYANARAIN ROW,
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This is a decently printed book of 120 pages with seven block illustrations.

The learned author observes — "In an interview I had with His Holiness Sri Sivaganga Swamy I was desired to prepare a short History of the Sivaganga Mutt. The materials for this history have been collected with the help and under the authority of the Mutt and from my own personal knowledge of the place and its surroundings". The book is written in a masterly style and the descriptive portions are very interesting. It contains 8 chapters, and two appendices, and a list of the Gurus from Adi Sankaracharya to the present Swamy Sri Subramanya Abhinava Satchidananda Bharati, adds great value to those who are interested in the origin and growth of such religious institutions.

References have been carefully analysed and the whole book teems with much interesting and instructive matter and it deserves to be in the hands of every educated man. The notes of the author on the life of Sureswaracharya, the direct disciple of Sankara show great research and erudition.

V.

THE LIVES OF SRI SANKARACHARYA AND SRI VIDYARANYA

BY B. SURYANARAIN ROW,
B.A., M.R.A.S.

This is a small pamphlet, (PRESENT GURU OF SIVAGANGA.) describing briefly the lives of the two eminent sages Sankara and Vidyaranya. The same and This is a small pamphlet work of Sankara as an Adwaita philosopher and teacher, have sent Swamy of Sivaganga, the extended to the remotest corners of the globe, and Mr. Surya has visited, the lectures he has nara Row has marshalled out delivered and the work that yet the important facts in his own remains to be done by him. The inimitable and attractive style, book is interesting and well The work Vidyaranya has done worth a perusal.*

*NOTE.—All these works can be had from the Manager, Office of the Astrological Magazine, Bangalore City.

VII.

THE MEDICO LEGAL JOURNAL,
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This is edited by Mr. Clark Bell, under whose able and masterly management and editorship name signifies *wilderness* of during the last quarter of a century the Journal has been doing giant of the highest order. His immense service to mankind. Veda Bhashyas (commentaries) Articles contributed by some of are monuments of his rare genius the ablest lawyers and doctors in and the educated world is deep the world display an amount of ly indebted to him for the in-research and originality which valuable services he has rendered in the cause of the Vedic literature. The author has Volume, and we send our hearty brought out all these facts in a congratulations to its worthy fascinating and instructive style editor, Mr. Clark Bell, on the use- and the readers will be immensely benefited by a perusal of this useful publication.

VI.

LIFE OF SRI SUBRAMANYA
ABHINAVA SATCHIDANANDA
BHARATI SWAMY,

The crusade against Tuberculosis, so well planned and started by this society has had many sittings in important centers and the Editor Clark Bell announces that a meeting to discuss this important question will take

place about the end of this year. Eminent men have been enrolled as its honorary members and their contributions on various interesting subjects, will add considerable weight to the influence of this already influential Journal. The large number of congratulatory letters received by Mr. Clark Bell show the extent of his personal work and high esteem in which he is held throughout the world. Mr. Henry Frank thus observes—"you have been enabled to carry forward your programme for over a quarter of a century with ever increasing evidence of its value and inspiration to an ever-widening constituency, bedecks your brow with bays that should be immortal. One name will be written in the book of human love with Golden Letters—the name of Clark Bell".

We wish the Veterean Editor many a happy year in the future, and pray to the Almighty to grant him long life and vigor to guide the work of the Medical Legal Journal, for many more years to come.

VIII.

THE KOSMON LIGHT.

This is a Journal published by the Kosmon Publishing Society, London and Edited by Mr. W. H. Wilson. The object of the Journal is thus explained by the able Editor—"The highest and best organisation is that which ministers to humanity, not only to enlighten it, but to help to remove the burdens which weigh down so heavily and crush out the good, the beautiful and the true in the daily life." The article on "Vegetarianism, some facts and arguments" is well worth a perusal and figures and opinions are quoted which go to show that pure and simple vegetarianism can produce nobler specimens of humanity, physical and intellectual. Writing on the Light of the Arc of Kosmon the Journal exclaims—"It cannot be denied that there must be a source from whence comes this knowledge and power, for knowledge gives power, and no impartial investigator could come to any other conclusion than that this source of knowledge emanates from the unseen or noumenal side of life."

We hope it will keep up the spirit with which it has begun and we wish it every success.

Notes.

THE Supplementary Naval Estimates amount to two and a-half millions sterling and at this rate of increase in the British navy, the burden will be heavier every year.

THE New York papers state that the German-American, named Beuch, for whom the American Government has been enquiring was executed by General Vil.

EX-PREMIER Chaopingchun, the lighthand man of Yuanshi-kai, was suddenly taken ill suddenly and died immediately. Poison is suspected.

This is a great loss to the President and he may not easily find another faithful servant so readily.

THE Government of Russia has drawn up a Bill providing a million sterling for the irrigation of 236,520 acres in Karabagh Steppe, Transcaucasia, including 81,000 acres for cotton growing. This is a right move on the part of the Czar's Government.

THE Unionist leaders have decided to move a vote of censure on the Government for refusing to announce the suggested amendments to the Home Rule Bill.

The Home Rule has been causing a great deal of anxiety to serious thinkers.

President Wilson, questioned regarding the rumour that President Huertabad refused to allow the American Legation to have a guard sent to Mexico, said the American Admiral did not think the despatch of marines was necessary. He was of opinion that no armed force could be landed in Mexico under international law without provoking war unless the Mexican authorities consented.

THE white star liner *Brianne*, 50,000 tons, was successfully launched at Belfast before vast crowds, which gathered in spite of rain. This is the largest liner in the world at present. We hope it will have no Titanic disaster.

A railway strike broke out in Portugal and many outrages are reported in connection with it. Several goods trains have been derailed and two derailed. Communication with Spain has been greatly delayed and telegraph wires have been cut. These strikes all over Europe and America show something rotten somewhere.

THE deportation of the South African *labour leaders*, has been considered to be illegal and arbitrary by many eminent men. It is a great pity that there is a tendency in the present days to widen a breach, which is being slowly caused by the acts of the officials and the public. In all countries, this tendency to sympathise with persons who have been punished by government for its own reasons, receive a public ovation by the sympathisers and the two enter into a tug-of-war where much of hot blood, and heartburning naturally ensue. Could not the authorities and the leaders of the public bring about an arrangement by which such public outbursts of demonstration may be stopped and more sensible view of the different situations taken in spirit of co-operation?

A United States official left for Chihuahua to make arrangements for the examination of Mr. Benton's body. General Villa has agreed to its being examined by a commission consisting of two Americans and two British officials and a doctor. He will further provide a special train for the commission. At a conference between Mr. Bryan and Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British Ambassador, it was decided that Mr. Percival, British Consul at Galveston, shall not proceed to Mexico to examine Mr. Benton's body until better arrangements can be made.

MR. AINEY introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives asking President Wilson for information regarding the condition of Americans and foreigners in Mexico, and inquiring what steps are being taken for their security. Mr. Ainey declared that President Wilson's policy of drifting had resulted in every crime in the catalogue being committed by both the Federal and the Constitutionalists in Mexico, and he demanded the publication of the Consular reports.

DR. MAWSON the Antarctic Explorer observes, that the expedition has been eminently successful, and has perhaps had the best scientific results attained in the Antarctic. A wonderful

gathered, including minerals of which some rich deposits were found, especially of copper. There are also indications of the existence of vast coal-fields. The expedition suffered much discomfort, owing to continuous terrific winds, which were frequently gauged at over two hundred miles an hour.

At the request of Great Britain, the Department of Justice is enquiring into the proposed establishment of a Negro kingdom on the Gold Coast (Africa) by an Oklahoma Negro, named Chief Sam.

The steamer *Liberia* has been lying in dock at Brooklyn for months with 230 Negro emigrants on board, to whom it is stated Chief Sam has sold the stock of the "Africa Settlement Company".

The Government believes it has no right to interfere with the emigration of Negroes.

It is believed in Madrid that troubles in Portugal are more than a mere railway strike. The Under-Secretary for the interior has made a statement that an extensive revolutionary movement is apparently afloat and that no further information is obtainable even by wireless, and that the International Mail Service is interrupted.

FIGHTING at Cazerun, Persia, continues. The gendarmes who are officially stated to number

340 are reported to have bravely defended the barracks under the command of a Persian officer. Macaene Ohison is with them. Besides Major Ohison one native officer and three gendarmes were killed, some others were wounded. The casualties of the enemy are not known. Reinforcements from Shiraz are expected shortly. Further reinforcements are hurrying from Bedshire. The gendarmes are reported to be in a strong position.

THE appeal of the Sastries and Pundits of Poona, to H.E. Lord Hardinge, the Viceroy is full of common sense and reasoning. A matter must be one or the other. If it should be a donkey then preserve the conditions under which such a species can flourish. If it is to be a horse, then by all means preserve its conditions. There can be no sense in requiring a donkey to become first a horse and then a donkey or a horse to become first a donkey and then a horse. The simile may not sound well, but the purport cannot be mistaken. The old class of Pundits and Sastries belong to an order of beings who have had special religions, and if you like such an expression, a mythological training. Their behaviour is a strange mixture of conservatism and liberalism. Exclusive in their habits and customs they still practised great virtues and prayed for the

welfare of the whole creation. Ethnologically it would be a great misfortune and a scientific loss if such a class of people should pass away, and B.A., and M.A. Pundits and Sastries one should spring up, with a strange mixture of ideas and religion, and, with early facial shavings, in any religious devotion and, with coffee drinkings and newspaper readings, instead of the performance of the religious and vedic ablutions and fasts and devotions connected with them. The sympathetic Viceroy, we are sure would hear their prayer, reject the absurd proposal of Prof. Paranjape and allow a Sanskrit University to come into existence with admissions for students who are regular devotees to their religious institutions, who preserve the ancient order of Punditship and who command respect by their pure and religious lives, which the classical order of experts commanded before. If any English Examination is insisted as quite necessary for admission into this college, the spirit of the whole scheme will be obliterated and we shall have the same set of wavering and half hearted graduate Pundits who are always clamouring for reforms more iconoclastic than well considered materialists. It is advisable to have a set of Sastries and Pundits of the classical fame, who elevated the Sanskrit literature and follow

laid down by the shastras, rather than Shastries and Pundits whose consciences and principles allow them to command the Vedas to express themselves as these half informed persons wish.

His Excellency Lord Hardinge Viceroy of India, seems to have been more sympathetic, and more ready to consider the aspirations of the Indian intellect than any of the previous rulers. He will live long in the memory of the Indian millions as he deserves to live by his well considered statesmanly acts.

GENERAL VILLA, the greatest of the present Mexican Commanders, seems to be a man of remarkable strength and determination. He now commands 20,000 well armed, well supplied and determined troops, and is now carrying things there pretty much as he likes. He is, like other great leaders, a self-made man and we shall give a short history of him in our next.

EUROPE now is in a firmament. Aviations, dread-naughts, naval increases, recruiting and arms storing are the order of the day from the smallest to the largest country and this contagion has naturally spread to the other continents. The results are not to be rosy.

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