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EXTRACT COPY ON INDIAN NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS IN BENGAL
FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 28TH AUGUST 1920.

1. Foreign Politics. (a) Indians in Colonies.

The Nayak (Calcutta) of the 23rd August writes:

at 23rd,
Indian emigrants in Africa.

The Viceroy's speech regarding

Indian emigrants in Africa

is likely to cause serious apprehensions to our countrymen.
The Indian Daily News has said that if the white Africa
colonists deny Indians the rights of British subjects
because they are black skinned, the Government of India
ought to stop all trade relations with them and prevent
them from entering the Indian Civil Service. Nothing
but "tit for tat" will mend matters. We heartily voice
the sentiments of our contemporary.

EXTRACT REPORT ON INDIAN LEADERS

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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Prague to South Africa.

India's Geographical position

in Africa, the Suez Canal,

of the 2nd July, after giving a close scrutiny of the
same makes us infer that the reply of His Excellency
could not have afforded much consolation to the
deputation. It is to be noted that his replies
regarding some of the points are of a non-committal
nature. In again his statement that the grievances
of the Indians on some other points would be
attended to will not give any satisfaction. The recent
about Dr. Benjamin Robertson does not indicate his
sense of injustice or his sympathy for the Indians.
We have sufficient reasons to doubt if this gentleman
who ~~had~~ ^{wanted} it was more painful than beneficial
for the Indians to stay in South Africa is going to
do any good to the Indians in East Africa. So the
statement of the Viceroy that he will cable to Sir
Benjamin Robertson, can offer us no solace. We are
surprised at his remark that there is no use unless
the deputation presents their case in a calm and
acceptable manner, without exaggerating facts and
to avoid the sympathy of others. He cannot but
confess his failure to confide in the words of the
Indian deputation fully.

REDACTED REPORT ON NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE BOMBAYPRESIDENCY FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26TH AUGUST 1920.

41. "The text of the long-promised statement of the Governor of East Africa upon the claims of Indians in that

Comments on the Governor's
of East Africa's statement about Indians in the
Colony.

Bombay Chronicle (1),
24th August.

"Colonial is now available, and
there is only one conclusion
to be drawn from it, that is,

that our countrymen have been
most shamefully betrayed by

His Majesty's Government, which in this case is represented
by the Colonial Office, headed by Mr. Milner. The solemn
pledge which His Majesty's representative in this country
gave in January last to our countrymen's status in the

Crown Colony shall in no way be inferior to that of other
subjects of the Crown had been deliberately treated as a
mere 'scrap of paper'.

They have chosen to repudiate the pledge given, to break faith with
Indians, and to brand them with the mark of heresy.

His Majesty's Government, deliberately and for their
purpose, choose in this wise to discriminate against their
own subjects.

..... 110 millions of citizens of
the British Empire, the moral spine, we know, will the
King's flag have upon the loyalty and reverence of these
subjects?

If the 'Empire-builders' of to-day reck
not the consequences of their immoral and disastrous
policy, India owes a duty to herself which she cannot
disregard. India must, and is determined to fight for

the safety and honour of her own children, regardless of
how that struggle might affect the fancied 'vested
interests' of other members of the Commonwealth. British
statesmen of to-day are demonstrating by their deeds that

no faith can be put in their pledged words How has
India's claim to equality of status in Kenya Colony been
recognised? Not in one single direction in which it could

have been met have the Colonial Office and the Government

... history intended to Indians to be just right.....
The principle of segregation is to be adhered to, not only
in regard to residential areas, but also, as Sir E. B. Rylands
claims for Indians, in regard to commercial
activities. Indians are, in this country,
like rats from the Kenia, and we will
have to get rid of them.

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42. "The East African Government merely desires to turn
The Indian settlers into the
Servants of India. (9),
26th August. *Archives of East Africa.* Few
would have suspected that this Government was so passionately
attached to the caste system prevailing in India. Contrast
this policy with the one adopted by the Filipinos in their
non-Christian territory The Christian Philippines invite
their non-Christian fellow-countrymen to come and labour,
although the latter are very low in civilization and of
unsettled habits. They pursue a policy of deliberate
civilization of the two races, whereas the European settlers
in East Africa cannot tolerate the presence in their
neighbourhood of Indians who are acknowledged to be
peaceful citizens leading well-ordered lives. Indians
who were the first to settle in the country and who have
practically made East Africa what it now is."

EXTRACT REPORT IN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

TO DAY ENDING 22ND AUGUST 1907

... Indian claim that there should be
 social reformer by giving distinction
 (5) even August.

African subjects of His Majesty, we would like to have
 before us the detailed proposals of the Kenya Government
 definitely formulated, in order to see whether and to
 what respects they fall short of the European franchise.
 If there is no substantial difference, the main point
 the two schemes differ in the unimportant details which
 not come in the way of a settlement for the time being
 of this question. The number of members assigned to
 Indian community, namely, two, is ridiculously small
 and should be increased. If this is done, the
 identical franchise may, we think, be given.

..... Lord Milner's vision on freedom of
 immigration, practice of medical and medical
 and education seem to be fairly satisfactory. And he
 is to be tried experimentally. This is now well established
 in India, and we do not see why it should be an experiment
 in East Africa. The Secretary of State's attitude
 admission of Indians to the Civil Services and
 to them of prospecting licenses is regrettable. But if
 his unbending attitude in regard to land rights and the
 segregation principle with regard to the last two
 apprehension in East Africa is imminent. Lord
 Milner holding this idea of racial segregation that he
 is held following that of his, we do not see why he
 does not feel justified in doing so. It is so, but it does not justify the continuation of the arrangement
 in itself unjust. By way of further justification, it
 urges that 'if the limited area on which alone European
 settlers can live were thrown open to the competition of
 Asiatics who are physically fitted to settle in other
 areas from which Europeans are by nature excluded, there

would be, taking the Colony as a whole, a virtual discrimination in favour of Asiatic as against European settlement'. In other words, this measure is invented as a handicap on the Asiatic settler for his capacity, in nature, to thrive in all kinds. The next question, the segregation of residential areas, is closely connected with this. Lord Milner declares that 'he is convinced that as long as the Indians are fairly dealt with in the selection of sites, the principle that in the laying out of townships in tropical Africa separate areas should be allotted to different races is not only from the sanitary point of view but also on the grounds of social convenience, the right principle, best for all races, European, Indian or native'. The best comment on this argument is that even the Germans did not act upon such a principle Many of us had thought, and some still do, that in thinking of the British Empire as a first step towards the brotherhood of man, if Lord Milner's policy, this is a mistake. It simply is not possible to institute and maintain on a vastly larger scale than at present, the European as a superior race, mixed with the inferior and the coloured races, in the same way as the British planters and property holders in the West Indies and powerful. Lord Milner's Department of Justice, and it will be now, I am afraid,

EXTRACT REPORT ON NEWSPAPERS IN THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

THE WEEK ENDING 20.

44. Consider the very important decision which has been decided
to be carried out against our countrymen in East
Africa the action on the
and conduct of such segregation must have been to them as a
severing of the blow, a loss to their
sense of self-respect and a loss of
importance. In spite of all talk to equal
in the British Commonwealth, the true status of Indians
in the Ruanda-Urundi of a subject race who are cruelly
treated as inferior beings, supposed and held to be
of inferior value the white people are
situated in a segregated state sought to be de
from the native polity. Now and the Government has
proposed to set up a Sanitary Commission
to exact of hospitality by the
Bantu settlers and prevailed upon to give a re
of a political condemnation of the black
settlers more than the balanced and unprejudiced opinion
man of science. That the reasons which guided the dec
of the Government are more economic than sanitary may
easily be gathered from a significant sentence in the
Governor's statement which says that segregation is
enforced not only in residential but commercial areas
well. If this policy is persisted in it cannot
rank disaster to the Indian community in East Africa.
The policy of segregation gives ample opportunity to the
settlers, with their majority in the Municipal Council
to screw all the municipal rates and ceases to the well
and sanitation of the white people The persistence
in this policy will result in establishing such conditions
on the Indian settlers as can only result in their eventual
banishment from the country".

PRESIDENCY FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28TH AUGUST 1920.

Protecting against the pronouncement regarding the policy to be adopted by the Government of British East Africa with regard to Indian

advances of Indians in British East Africa.

Vartaman (32).

11 August; Jam-e-Jamshed

17th August; Hindusthan

25th August; Bombay

26th August; Mahratta (56) 26th August.

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the Indians in East Africa is calculated

adversely affect their interests. The granting to the Indians the right of electing representatives to the legislative council is not a new concession, because such a right had already been conferred upon them. The Indians had demanded that the number of their representatives in the Legislative Council should be equal

that of the Europeans. Lord Milner has rejected this demand while there will be fifteen representatives of the Europeans in the Legislative Council, there will be only two to represent the Indians. But the sanction given by Lord Milner to the policy of protecting the Indians is most objectionable.

The adoption of such a policy shows that the principle of looking upon the Indians as inferior to the Europeans has been openly accepted. This annihilates all our confidence in the British Government. The decision of Lord Milner deprives the Indians of their rights as citizens of the British Empire and is calculated to insult them and wound their feelings. India will never accept this decision.

India will continue to protest against it as long as it is not rectified and the equal rights of Indians as British subjects are acknowledged. Indians will never tolerate such injustice as long as they live under the British flag, for the defence of which India

sacrificed lakhs of men and money, her stores of fodder and other stuffs, while she herself has undergone starvation in the

times of the Empire. We cannot understand how the Indians can be loyal to that British flag when in a Colony under it the

right of living wherever they please and of purchasing land and property on their trade has been snatched away from them. Critiques

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not to tolerate such an insult and to put up a legitimate fight for vindicating their honour as British subjects. The Jam-e-Jamshed remarks that Lord Milner's policy is highly insulting to the Indians and tending to lower their prestige. The ~~Asiatics~~ ^{Europeans} concur. What the Asiatics wonder at is that in spite of the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of men and valuable material in the last war, the Europeans have not learnt any lesson from it, but Europe, may any power however influential it may be, must in the end yield to the mysterious workings of nature. The Bombay Samachar remarks:- Under these circumstances, what the people of India expect of His Excellency the Viceroy is this, that on account of the insult given to the Indians and the disregard shown to the policy he had advocated, he should enter his protest by ~~either~~ resigning his office, or that in order to bring this and such other Colonies as are determined upon by ~~resorting~~ ^{the} to ~~the~~ ^{the} Indians to their proper senses, he should have the courage to adopt towards the colonials without delay a policy similar to the one that they are pursuing towards India.

EXTRACTS SELECTIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29TH AUGUST, 1920.

11. The Leader (Allahabad) of 29th August, 1920, says:—
 The Kenia Colony. In his statement of policy with regard to the political status of Indians in Kenia once more brands Indians with the mark of inferiority. It was thought that in the Crown Colonies at least that no discrimination would be exercised against Indians, as the British Government has supreme authority there. The Indians settled there have superior claims to rights of full citizenship and equality of treatment with European settlers. Yet in spite of the strong protest of the Government of India, most inadequate representation on the basis of discriminating franchise has been accorded to Indians, and we hope that they will refuse the insulting offer. His Excellency's Government has shown that their attitude towards Indian Indians is no better than that of the self-governing colonies, and that their policy continues to be racialism which is a stumbling-block to equality, and that they stand for an abashed white minority in every part of the world. All this will lose its meaning if the form of humiliations to which Indians are subjected in all parts of the Empire, except excluding India. If there is anything racialized still further to discriminate Indians in this country it is a most humiliating and disgraceful thing to the sister of man in East Africa. We can only trust in the shadow of India, O we can only trust in an extra-Indian Imperial trust.