

WITH A FOREWORD BY Pt. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

#### FOREWORD

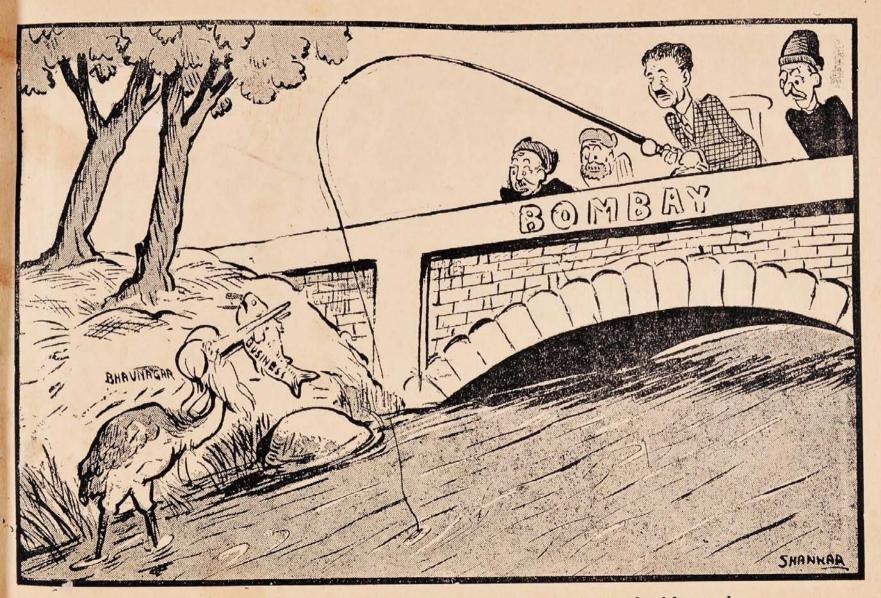
HOW many of us have waited from day to day for Shankar's cartoon? How many have turned to the page of The Hindustan Times containing this cartoon before we have seen the news of the day? That cartoon has not only given us pleasure but a new insight into current events. For a true cartoonist is not just a maker of fun but one who sees the inner significance of an event and by a few master strokes impresses it on others. Shankar has that rare gift, rarer in India than elsewhere, and without the least bit of malice or ill-will he points out, with an artist's skill, the weaknesses and foibles of those who display themselves on the public stage. That is a service to all of us for which we should be grateful. For we are apt to grow pompous and self-centred, and it is good to have the veil of our conceit torn occasionally. And so I gladly pay my tribute to Shankar and I hope that he will long continue to enlighten us and amuse us and pull us down a peg or two.

Allahabad:

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

February 24, 1937.

### THE PERPLEXED ANGLER



Bombay has discovered that the Port of Bhavnagar is capturing much of her trade.

# CLASSICAL POSES IN ASSEMBLY POLITICS



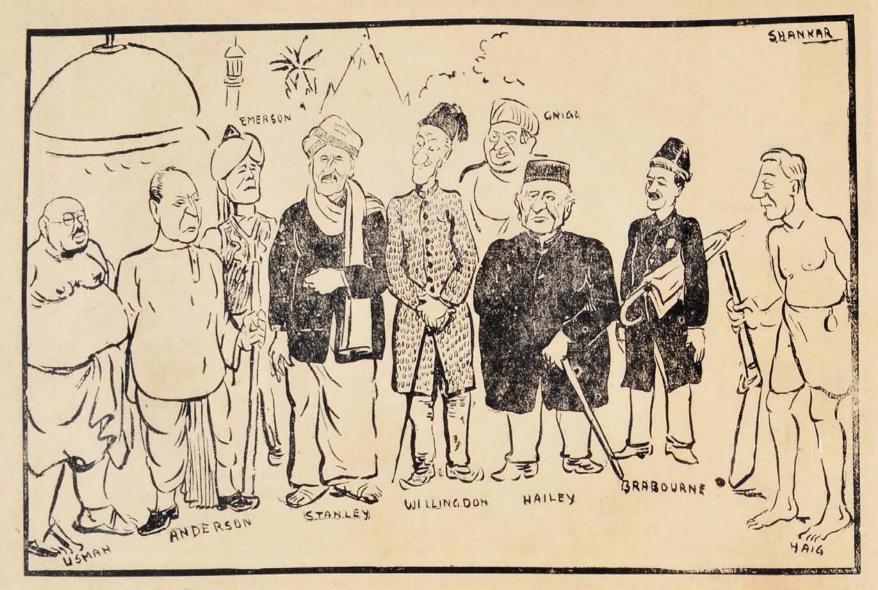
An adaptation of Ragini Devi's style of expressional mood, as conceived from the Assembly gallery.

#### KING KONG (POLITICAL VERSION)



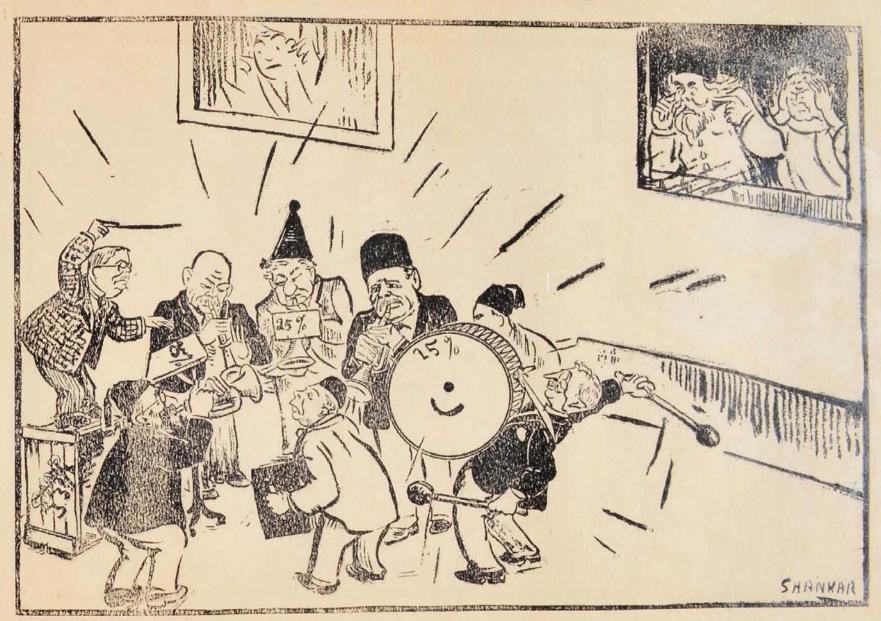
Mr. Winston Churchill, who often crossed swords with Sir Samuel Hoare during the progress of the India Bill, caused alarm to the Cabinet when the Commons were forced to appoint a Committee to investigate into Mr. Churchill's allegation of breach of privilege against Sir Samuel Hoare.

## SARTORIAL REVOLUTION



In a Calcutta Rotary Club debate on dress reform, Dr. A. C. Ukil said:—"Men should not be slaves of fashion and, in this era of nationalism, should discard things which are utterly foolish."

### MUSIC NUISANCE



The Delhi public resented the unregulated playing of bands which is causing them injury and annoyance.

Muslim leaders' voices on the 25% award are a source of much cacophony.

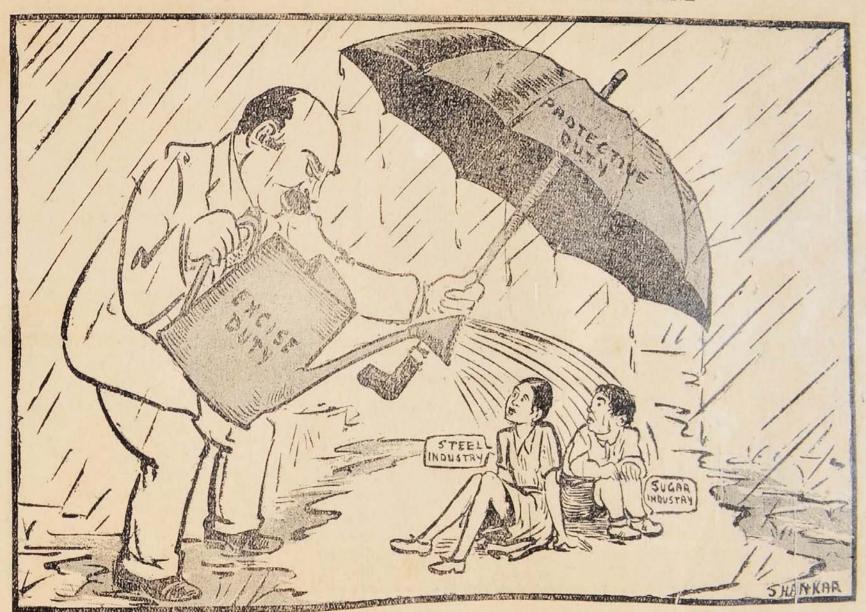
### IN THE COURT OF THE GREAT AGA



A story is current that H. H. the Aga Khan has approached the Powers That Be for a State in India to rule over.

(After an old Moghul court scene.)

# A SHELTER IN TIME OF STORM



The Government of India are following a consistent Tariff policy.

### KRISHNA LEELA



The celebration of Lord Krishna's birthday coincided with the discussions on J.P.C. report by the Round Table delegates.

## RUKMINI-SATYABHAMA JEALOUSIES



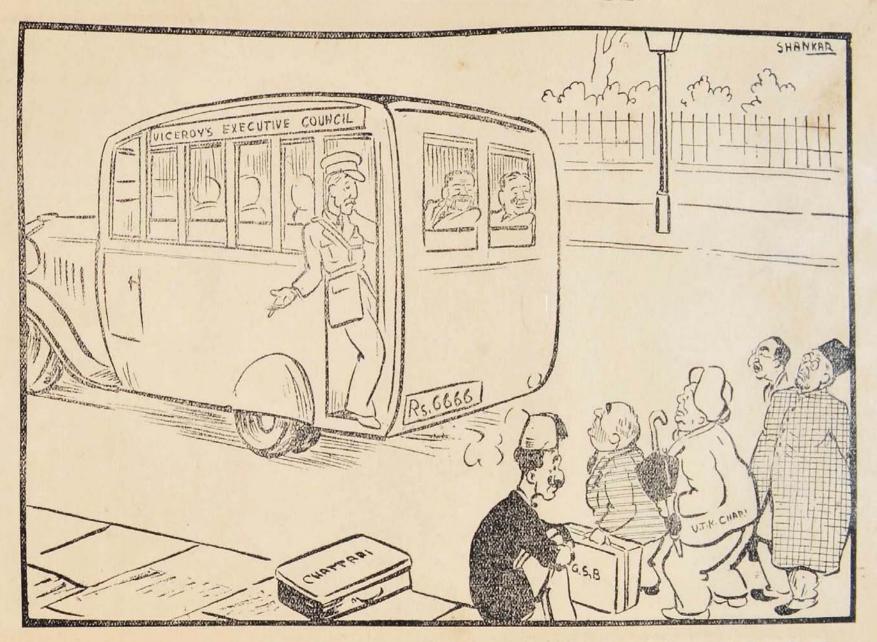
The Delhi Municipality decided to present an address to the Viceroy-to the utter bewilderment of New Delhi.

## THE BOY WHO SAVED THE COUNTRY



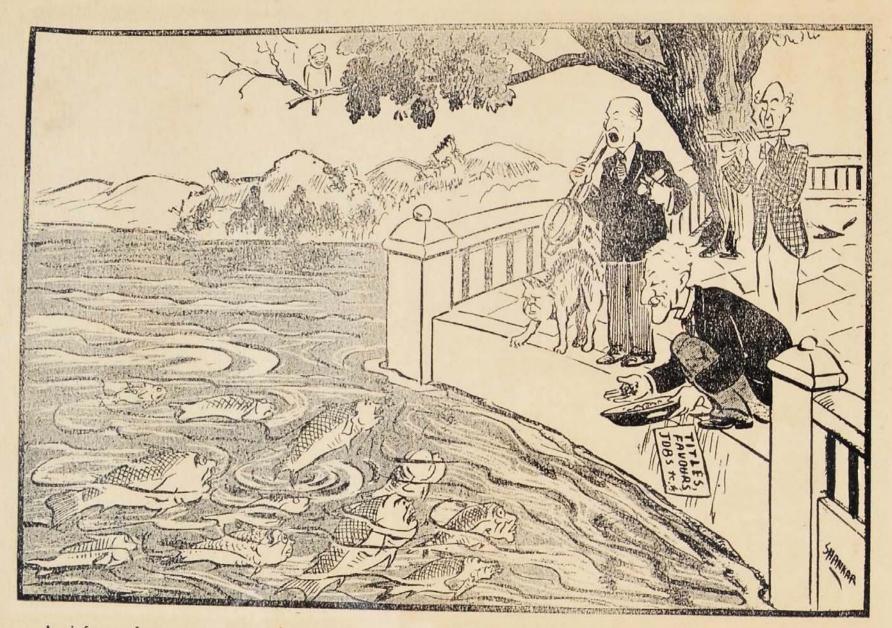
The Hyderabad State banned the entry of several Indian newspapers in order to suppress the flow of new ideas into the State.

## THEY MISSED THE 'BUS



The appointment of Chaudhri Zafarullah Khan and Kunwar Jagdish Pershad to the Viceroy's Executive Council leaves the rest stranded. Better luck awaited next time.

#### LITTLE FISHES AND BIG HOPES



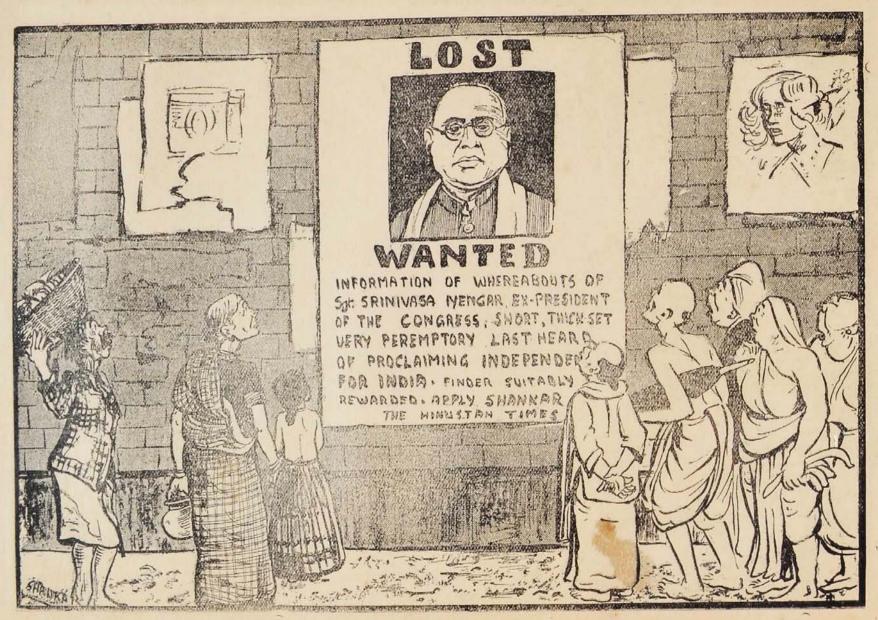
An informer has revealed to the British Government that sacred music used to be played while fishes were fed at the Brighton aquarium. Indian fishes also expect same treatment.

### SHOULDERING THE WHEEL



"All those who desire to see India progress steadily towards responsible government will put their shoulders to the wheel and do their best to ensure that the great constitutional change proceeds smoothly along the lines laid down by Parliament."—Woodhead, Acting Governor of Bengal.

#### LITTLE BOY BLUE



The disappearance of Mr. S. Srinivasa lyengar from the world of Indian politics is one of the most intriguing of latter-day mysteries.

# THEIR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION



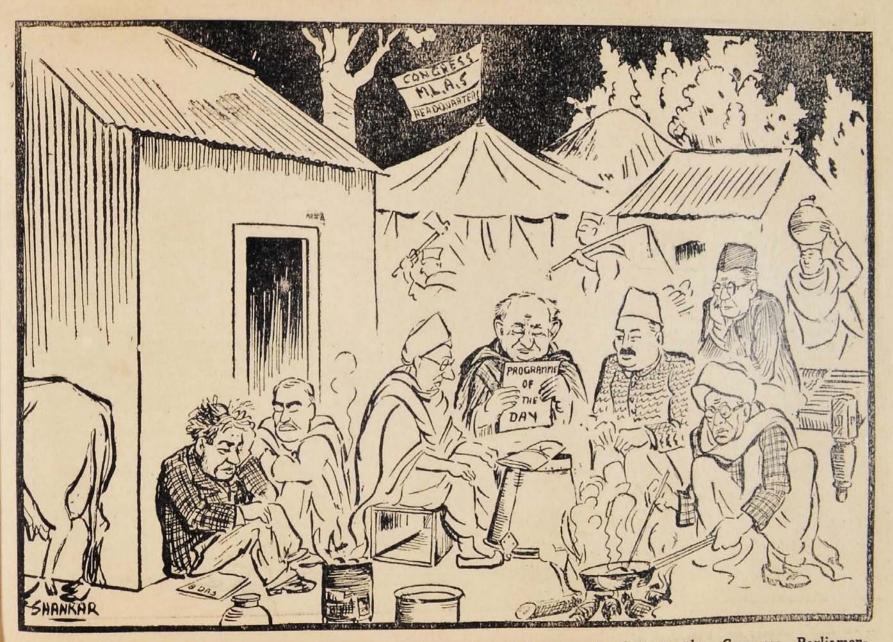
According to a Bombay Knight, there is a great need to-day for taking cautious steps.

## EXORCIZING THE DEVIL



"We feel constrained to express in no uncertain terms our inability to accept the J. P. C. recommendations as they stand."—From the Women's Organizations' resolution in Delhi.

#### THE SIMPLE LIFE



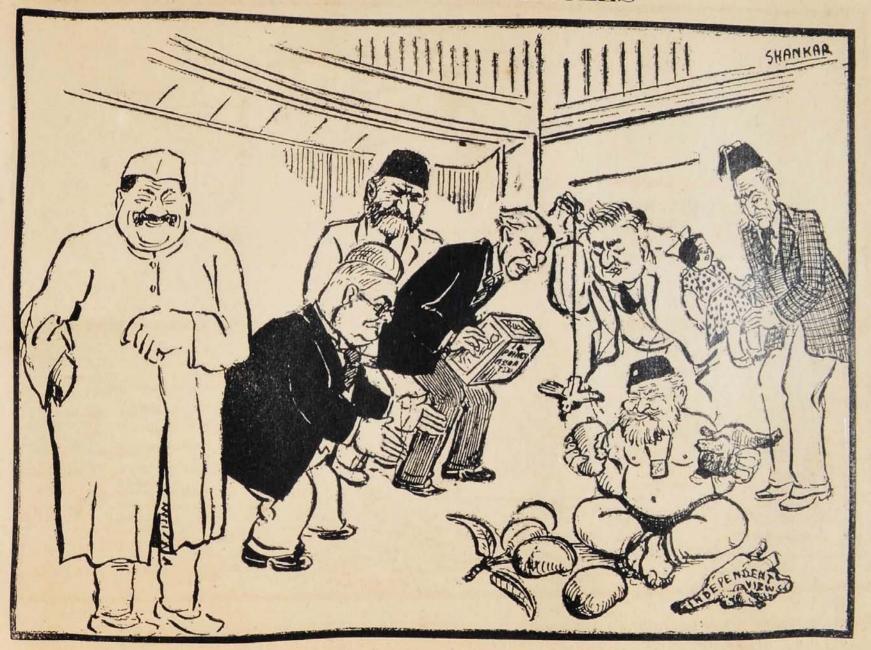
It is reported that Babu Rajendra Prasad, the Congress President, has sent a letter to the Congress Parliamentary Board that Congress M. L. A.s receiving their daily allowance of Rs. 20 should live on a standard observed by workers in the country-side.

### AFTER THE STORM



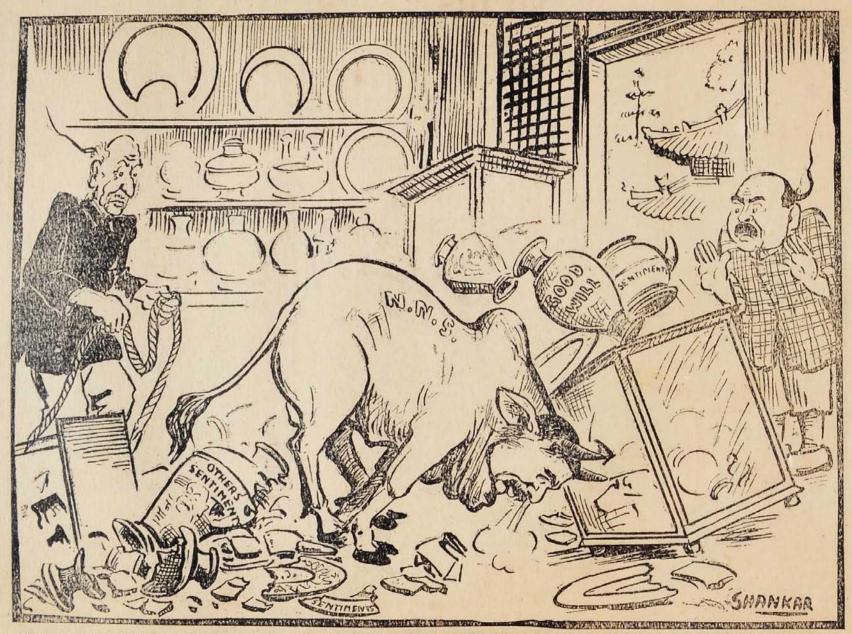
Mr. A. H. Ghuznavi and the Raja of Kollengode, the remnants of the reactionary elements in the last Assembly, were thinking of forming a new party.

# BABY AND HIS UNCLES



"I am a baby in the Assembly."-Maulana Shaukat Ali.

### BULL IN A CHINA SHOP



"In the course of his one hour speech the Law Member succeeded in insulting half-a-dozen members and offending practically every section of the house."—News Item.

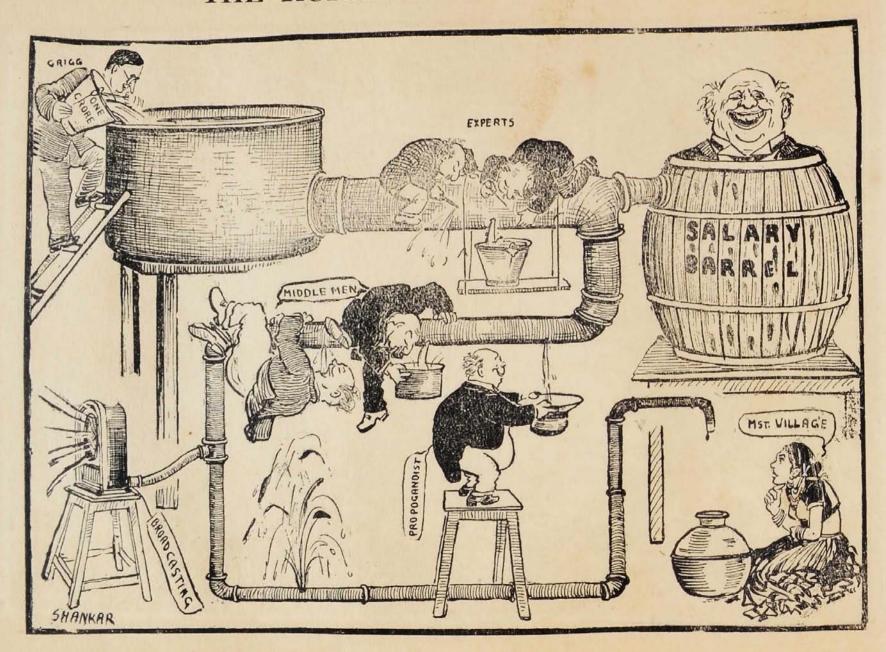
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## AT THE CROSS ROADS



The Princes' Dilemma.

## THE RURAL UPLIFT SCHEME



# DRAUPADI VASTRAPAHARAN (MODERN)



"Mr. Montagu Norman, besides being the virtual financial King of England, would also be the virtual financial Emperor of India."—F. S. Cocks in the Commons.

## THE MAN WHO WANTED LABOUR REFORM



Mr. N. M. Joshi raised a scare in the Assembly by his vigorous advocacy of Labour reforms.

## THE CAT AND THE CREAM JUG



The Princes decide in favour of Federation but find its implications embarrassing.

### THE BATTLE OF BOOKS



When M.L.A.s developed a tendency to quote in and out of season from divers books.

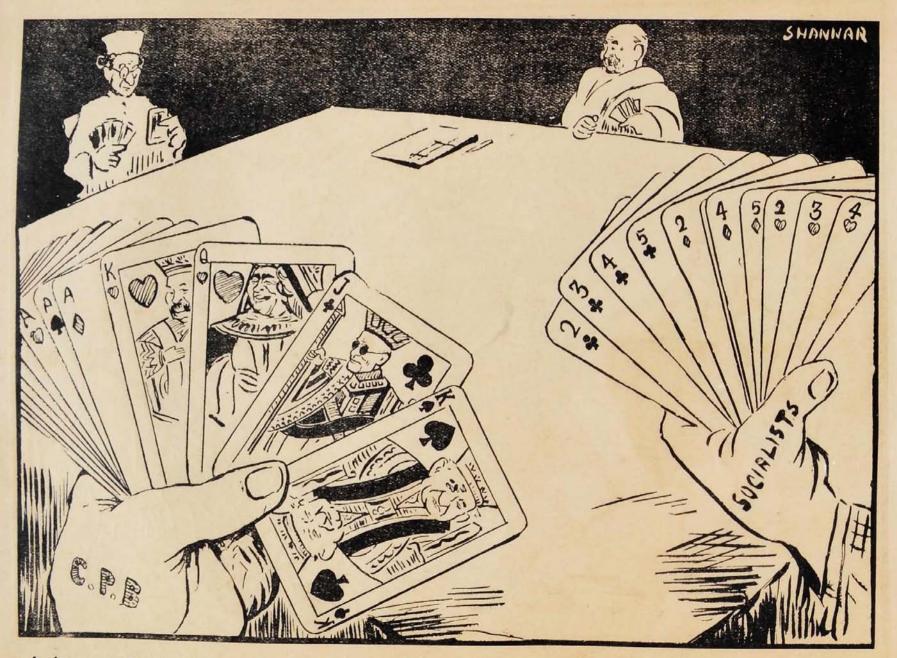
### MUSICAL CHAIR AT JUBBULPORE



Who should take the place of Dr. Ansari as Chairman of the Congress Parliamentary Board?

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#### THE JUBBULPORE RESHUFFLE



As it appeared after a futile effort by the Socialists to cust the leaders from the Congress Parliamentary Board. 26-4-35

## REFEREE IN THE MAKING



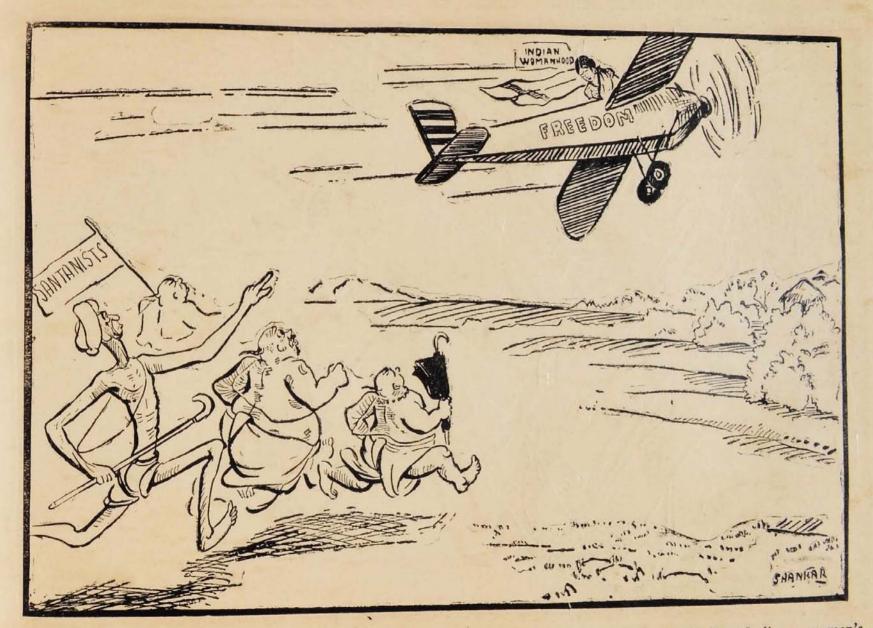
Referees at Football matches have troubles enough on the field. But the Delhi Football Association is not satisfied. It wants to put them to tests before it will allow them to take up the job.

#### THE SPIRIT OF FASCISM



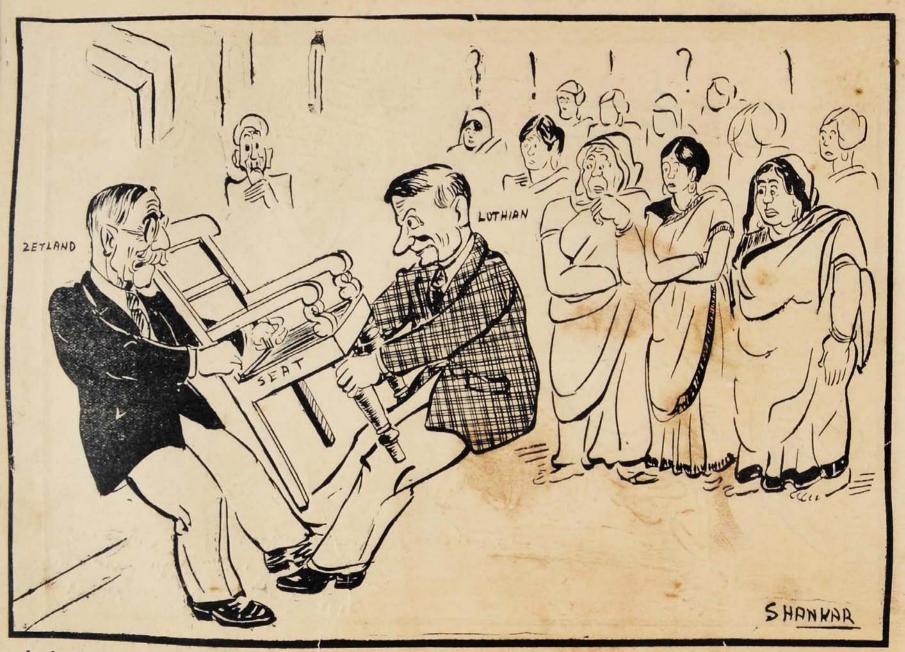
Following on the Bombay report that the Liberals there considered the question of forming a Fascist Group of Action, comes the news that Sir Chimanlal Setalvad has had an interview with S. Mussolini.

### A BIT TOO LATE



The Sanatanists at their Bezwada Conference viewed with great concern the growth of the Indian women movement and decided to take all measures to bring Indian women back into the fold of Sanatana Dharma.

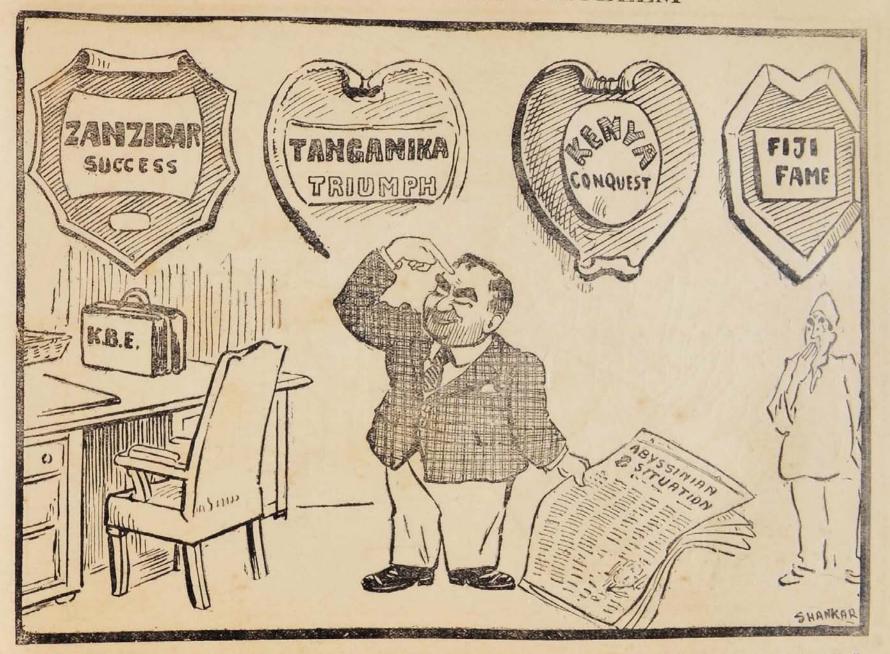
### THE AGE OF CHIVALRY!



In the Lords' debate, there was spirited contest between Lord Zetland and Lord Lothian on the question whether an extra seat should be allowed for the women in Bengal in the Central Legislature. Lord Zetland won in the battle for freedom.

13-7-35

# FACING ANOTHER PROBLEM



"The Government of India sees no cause to take any action at present regarding the Indian residents in Abyssinia."

-News Item.

#### PANDORA'S BOX



Lord Zetland, commending the India Bill, said in the House of Lords that "what was contained in the Bill, was not so important as the spirit behind it."

### THE GAS ERA



"It is declared, in the Italian Press, that Abyssinia must be made to realize Italy's strength."-Reuter.

#### GETTING READY



"India has been invited to co-operate with Europe in spreading the knowledge of, and information concerning, folk-dancing throughout the world."—News Item.

#### AKBAR & JODHABAI



Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon will represent Louis XVII and Marie Antoinette of France at a fancy dress ball at Calcutta on December 30. Why not swadeshi costumes?

## IL DUCE PREPARES FOR THE FIGHT



On the eve of an Assembly session.

### HE WON'T DROP IT



"I will be no party to 'any monkeying about' with the present ratio."—Sir J. Grigg.

#### NOT A BED OF ROSES



"Perhaps you think that as Governor I do nothing but give orders and have no need to obey. Not so. Every day
I have to obey orders too"—Lord Brabourne in his address to the boys at Deolali.

## THE "CONSTITUTIONAL" PUDDING



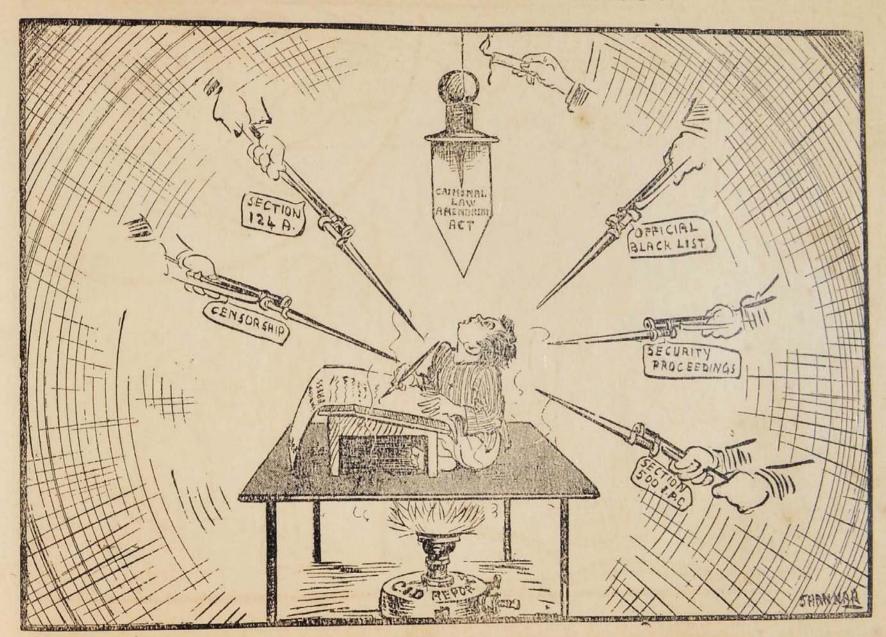
"The proof of the pudding lies in the eating of it" said Sir Cowasji Jehangir in pleading for the New Constitution.

### LANKA: A MODERN MENACE



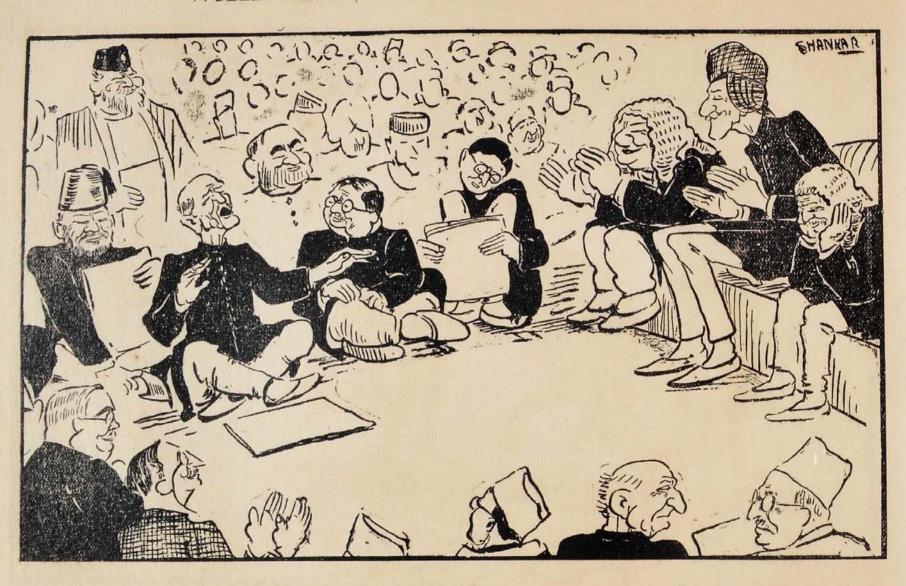
Scene suggested by the story of Sita who when carried away by Ravan, Rama sought the help of Sugriva to get her back. Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, the President of Kerala Coconut Planters' Association, with Dr. Rajan and other M. L. A.s saw the Viceroy on the 17th instant, to make representations for a protective duty on coconuts imported from Ceylon.

### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS?



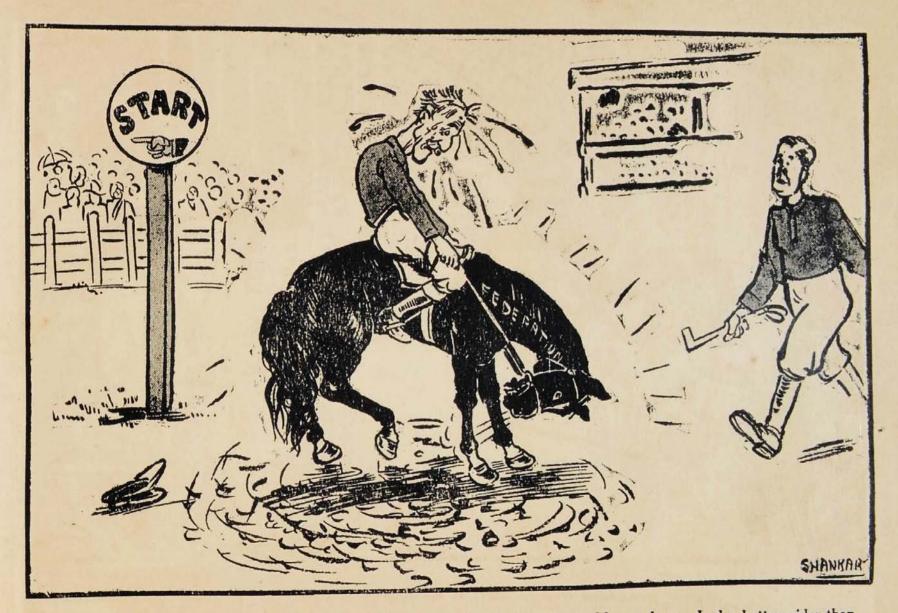
"Is the Journalist's life a happy one?"
—(Apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan).

# "WAH-WAH, MUKARRAR IRSHAD"



Well-known poets from different parts of the country attended the "Mushaira" at Simla.

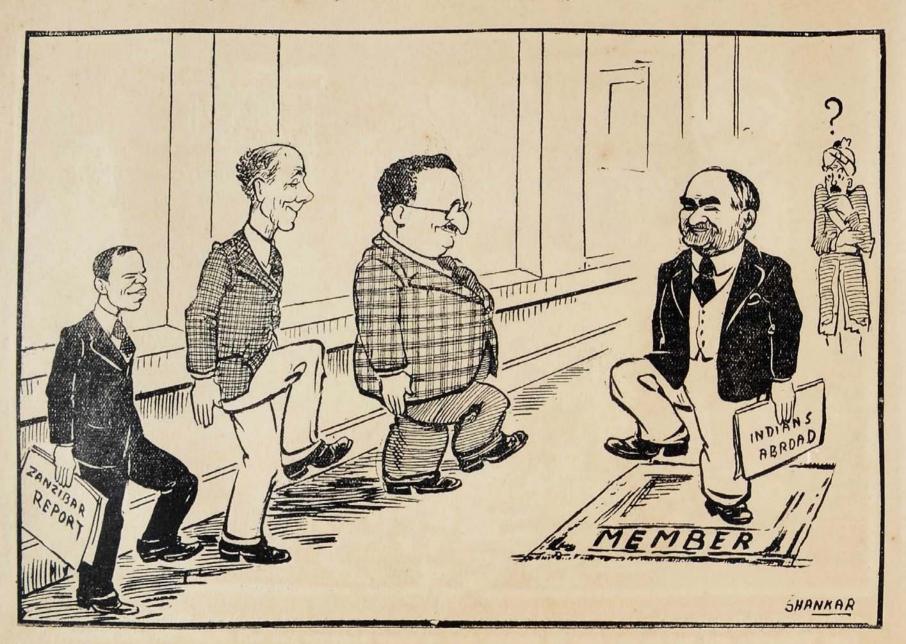
# THE HORSE THAT WOULDN'T START



Sir Patrick Cadell in an address at the East India Association said: "We could not have had a better rider than Lord Willingdon and may be sure that his distinguished successor possesses and will display the skill necessary."

19-10-35.

#### LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT-LEFT!



"Government of India are at present engaged in marking time regarding the Zanzibar question."—Report from a daily paper.

#### TALES FROM ABROAD



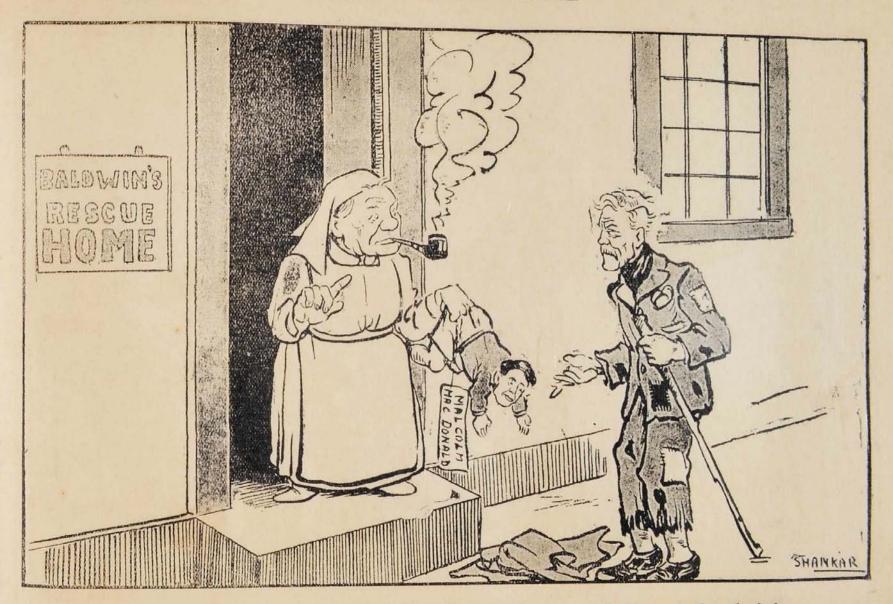
Mr. J. B. Pandya, the President of E. African Indian National Congress, said that he took advantage of his visit to this country to apprise the authorities of all the issues regarding Kenya, and that he was glad to find the Government of India keenly alive to all the questions affecting Indians in Kenya.

#### INDIA TO APPLY SANCTIONS



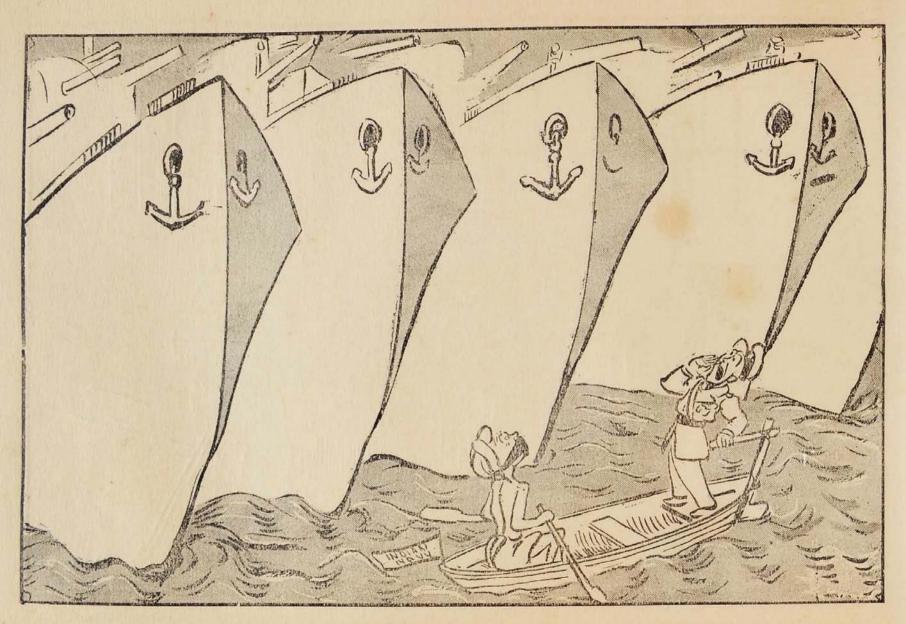
The Government of India decided to take action against Italy during the Abyssinian dispute.

### ONE AT A TIME



Mr. Malcolm MacDonald was first accommodated in the Cabinet, Papa's fate remained in the balance.

#### ADMIRAL BUTLER



"It is true that India does not herself possess any larger type of ships, but that does not lessen her interest or desire to co-operate in securing the objects of the Conference," said R. A. Butler, on behalf of India, at the London Conference.

### PRAYER FOR MERCY



".....O' Spare mine eyes, Though to no use but still to look on you."

After Shakespeare's King John.

18-12-35.

#### WHERE IS SAM?



The tragedy of an expert skater on thin ice.

(Sir Samuel Hoare resigned from the Cabinet on the Abyssinian question.)

## ALL-INDIA MUSIC CONFERENCE

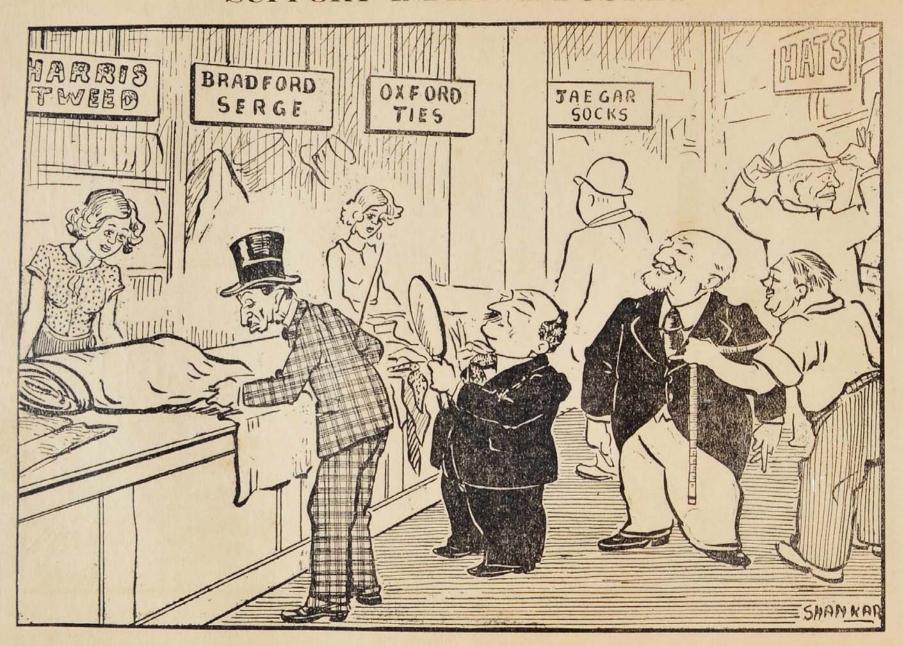


"I hold it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones
That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things".

19-12-35

-Tennyson.

#### SUPPORT INDIAN INDUSTRY



"The National Liberal Federation once again, accords its whole-hearted support to the "Swadeshi" movement and urges that every effort should be made for its complete success." Liberals Resolution-

### FELIX REDIVIVUS



"Certainly up to a short time ago, broadcasting in India was starved, it was nobody's child.......The kitten is saved by a handsome supply of Government milk and bids fair to grow into a cat, which I need not remind you, is an independent creature."

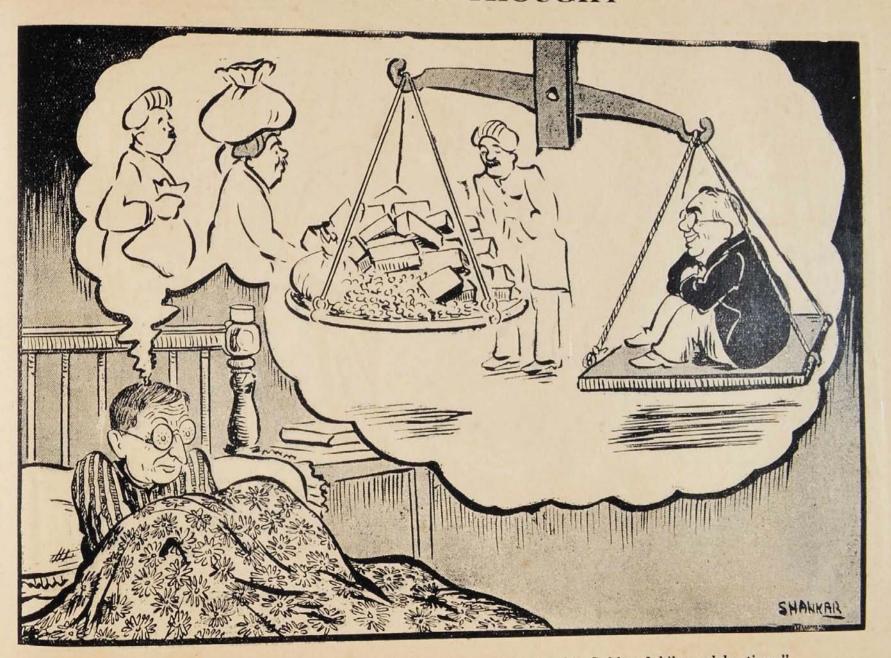
—Mr. Fielden in Bombay.

#### INDIA'S GREETINGS



The Diamond Jubilee of the Gaekwar of Baroda has been marked by congratulations from all parts of India for His Highness.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"H. H. the Aga Khan was being weighed against gold during his Golden Jubilee celebrations."

#### HORATIO HOLDING THE BRIDGE



"It is understood that the Government of India have decided to stand by the Wages Payment Bill, as amended by the Subjects Committee, and will resist any attempt to whittle down the provisions."—News Item.

### THE PUSH TOWARDS MAKALLE



Sir James Grigg introduced the anti-Italian Bill in the Assembly.

#### PRINCE HAL DISOWNS FALSTAFF



"Presume not that I am the thing I was;
For God doth know, so shall the world perceive;
That I have turned away my former self;
So will I those that kept me company;
When thou dost hear I am as I have been,
Approach me, and thou shalt be as thou wast."
—Shakespeare's Henry IV.

(To the bewilderment of the official group, Sir Cowasji Jehangir voted with the opposition.)

# SING A SONG OF SIX PENCE



All M. L. A.s agree in giving their contribution from May's Parliamentary Practice.

### QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE



During the debate about the propriety of the U. P. Government's orders against a local vernacular newspaper the question was raised whether the Assembly possessed powers of bringing the principal culprit to the Bar of the House.

# "THEY ALSO SERVE"



"In difficult times the Government must have unusual weapons."-Sir Mohd. Yakub.

#### THE COMMUNAL ORCHESTRA



Old King Cole was a merry old soul,

And a merry old soul was he;

He called for his pipe, he called for his glass,

And he called for his fiddlers three—"Old Song."

## IF ONLY THEY HAD SEEN IT!



Just before the appearance of the President in the Assembly, Sir Nripendra Sircar was noticed wearing a borrowed Gandhi cap.

### STEPHEN'S INK or INDIA IN 1933-34



"We have not the slightest intention of casting any reflection on the purity and entirely altruistic character of Mahatma Gandhi's motives."—Sir Henry Craik.

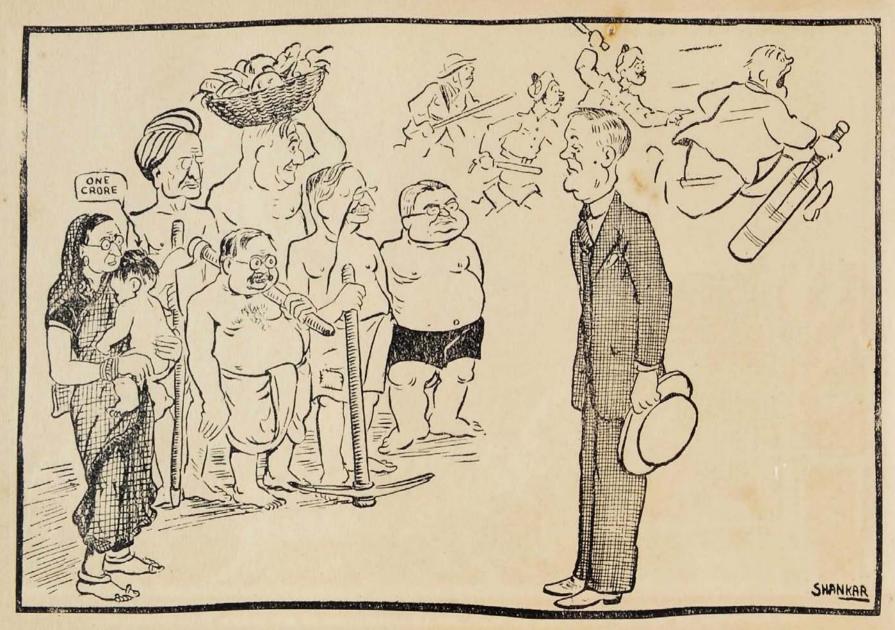
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## VANISHING OF THE SOUL



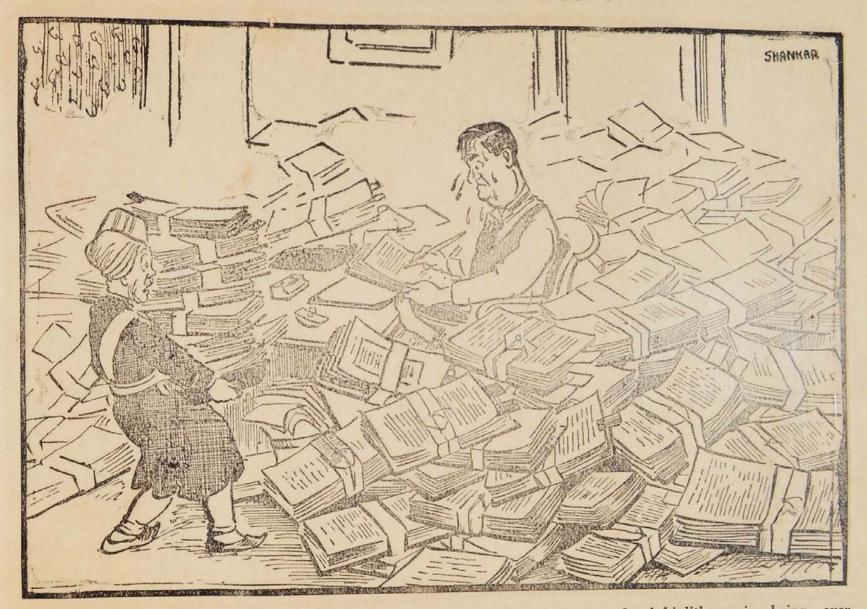
The Maharaja of Patiala has resigned from the Chancellorship of the Indian Princes' Chamber.

#### A BUCOLIC HOPE



A feature of the welcome accorded to Lord Linlithgow on his arrival in India was the presentation of specimens of India's rural population to His Excellency.

## I. C. S. RETALIATION?



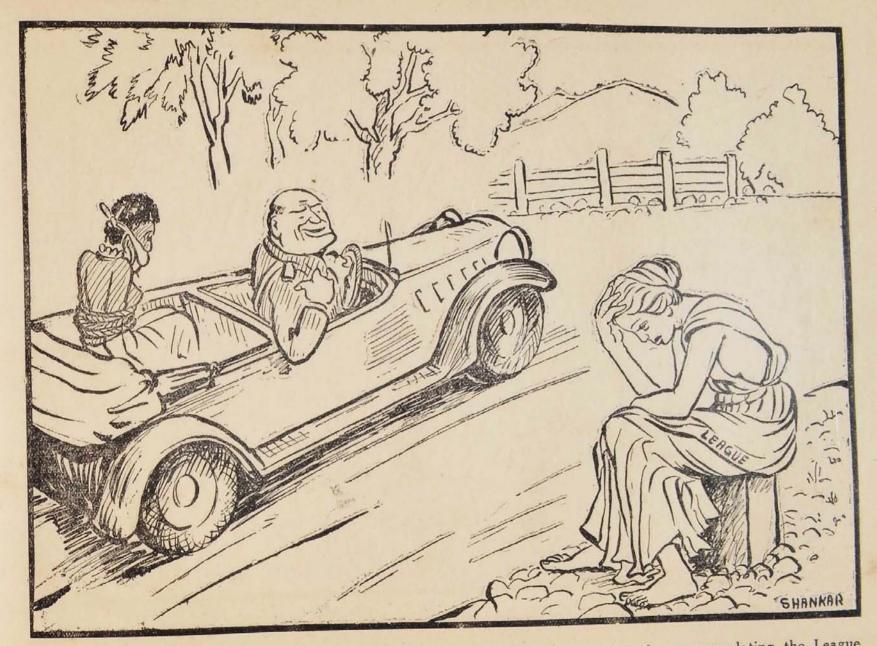
It is rumoured that on account of his reluctance to say "ditto" to official notes, Lord Linlithgow is being over-whelmed with files for individual decision.

## ATMOSPHERICS



"Simla monkeys do their bit towards contributing to the atmospherics of which owners of wireless sets complain so much."—Report from Simla.

#### WANT A LIFT?



Sig. Grandi, the Italian Ambassador in London, has hinted at the possibility of Italy accommodating the League of Nations.

### "ET TU, BRUTE!"



The Government of India are reported to have laid hands on the Tariff Board which was their own creation.

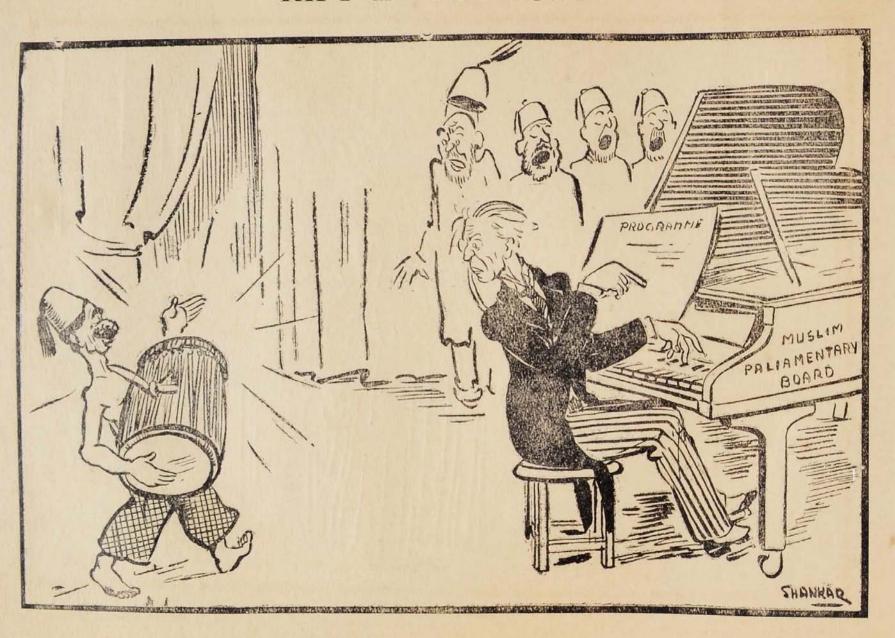
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### REFORMED LEAGUE!



"If the League is to have the best chance of success, then it must be organized on a basis which takes account of the lessons of the last few months."—Mr. Anthony Eden (After the fall of Addis Ababa.)

#### RIFT IN THE LUTE



"I have received information from the Nawab of Chhatari that he has changed his mind." -Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

#### THE AFRICAN GUIDE



"The Government of India, feeling that an official well-acquainted with the overseas question should be deputed to take the African Delegation round the country, have decided to depute Mr. M. S. A. Hydari for the purpose."

-News Item.

### BARKIS IS WILLIN'



It is understood that on Panit Jawaharlal Nehru's initia ive, the Congress Cabinet will discuss a coalition with the Congress Nationalist Party during its meeting in Wardha.

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#### JOURNEY'S END?



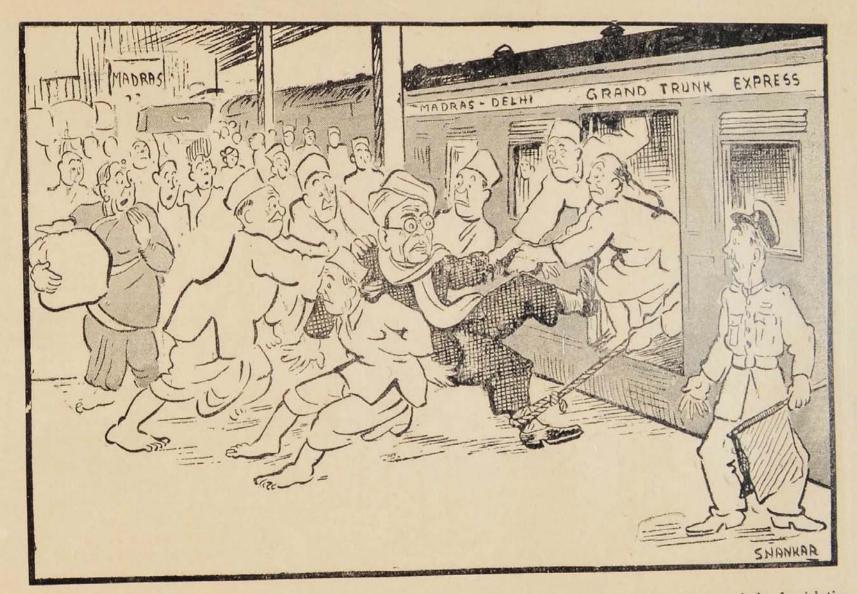
"Have we not misled unhappy Ethiopia enough?"-S. M. Bruce at the League Assembly.

## END OF A ROMANCE



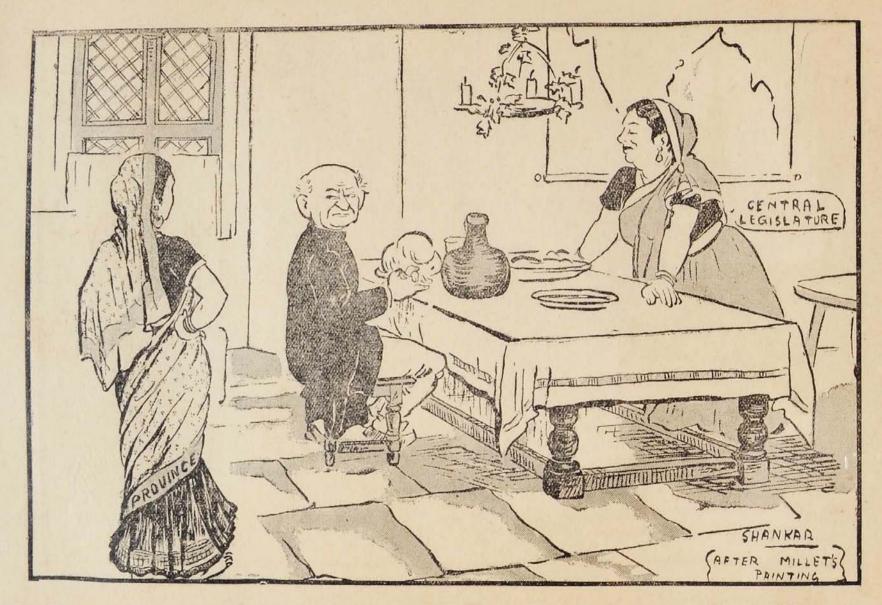
It was reported that Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru definitely declined to contest the new elections when requested by some prominent U. P. persons to do so.

#### WHEN THE ASSEMBLY BEGINS



It was reported that the Congress Parliamentary Board would decide to place a ban on members of the Legislative Assembly contesting seats in the provincial legislatures.

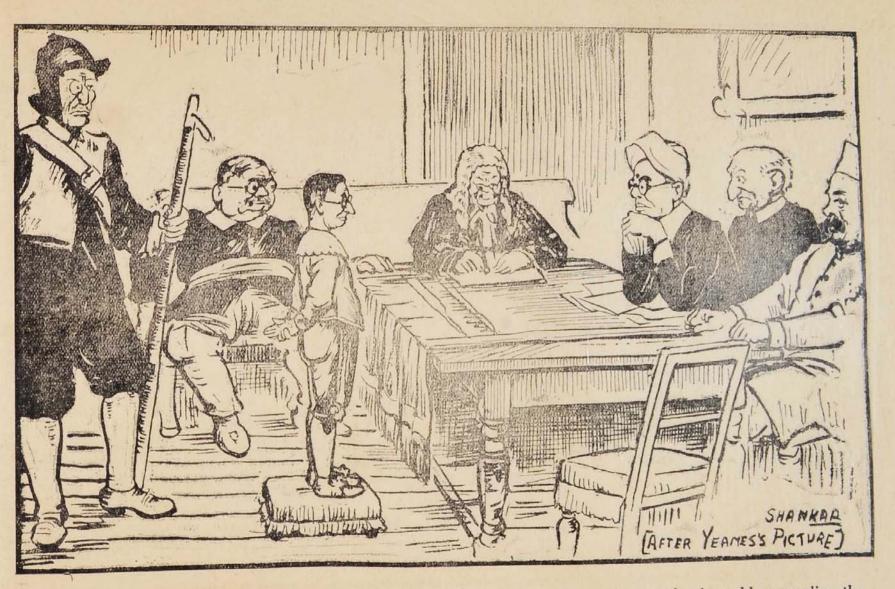
## BETWEEN TWO FIRES



"Enquiries in authoritative circles indicate that the present members of the Legislative Assembly would be able to contest the elections to the new provincial assemblies without vacating their seats, but they will have to choose between the two assemblies immediately after the provincial results are announced."—News Item.

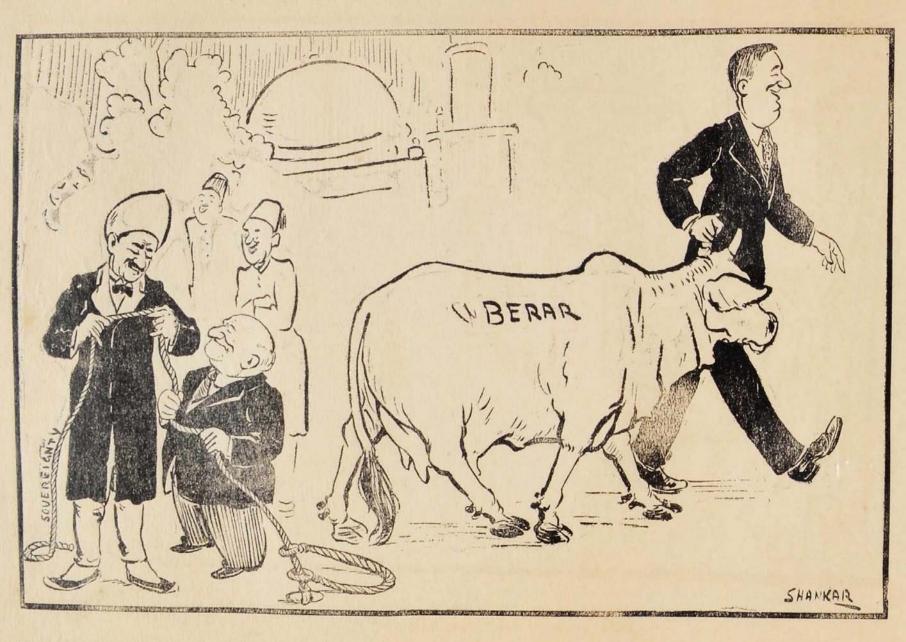
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# WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE HIM?



- In a statement to the Press, Mr. Satyamurti said that he intended to put questions in the Assembly regarding the disappearance of Sir Obsorne Smith from the head of the Reserve Bank of India.

#### DELIVERING THE GOODS



"Great credit is due to the negotiators of the Berar Agreement and particularly to Sir Akbar Hydari, who carried on the discussions in London, Delhi and Hyderabad with so much patience, resource and skill."—The Times.

(London.)

# WHY AMARNATH GOT THE SACK



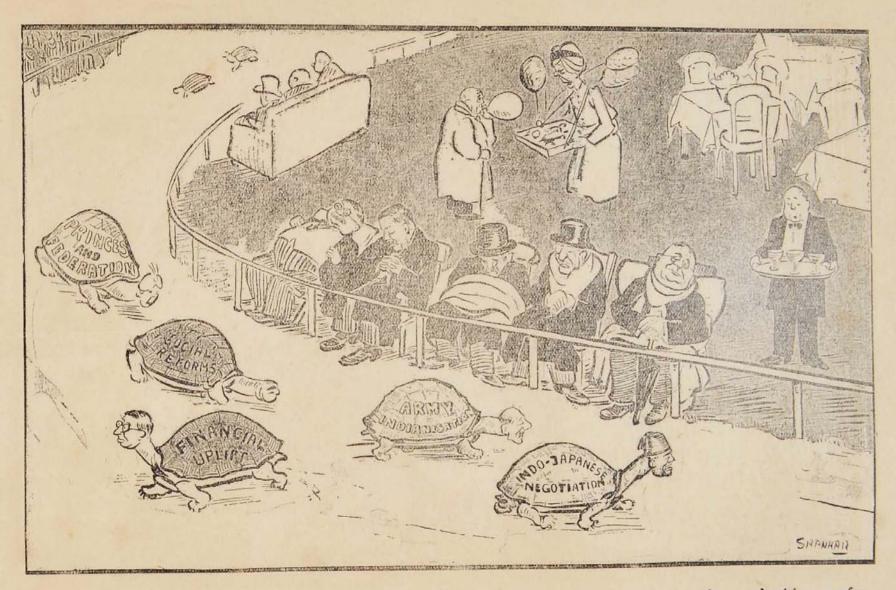
Our cartoonist's view on the Beaumont enquiry findings that "the Maharajkumar of Vizianagram was not the success as a cricketer and captain in the field that he was socially."

#### STILL HOLDING OUT



Mr. Satyamurti said that the Liberals have ceased to be a force, but will the Liberals admit it?

# TORTOISE COURSING



Greyhound racing is to be introduced in Delhi to remove the dullness of the Capital; but the authorities prefer their old pastime.

28-11-36.

#### AFTER THE DINNER



At the last annual Chelmsford Club dinner, H. E. the Viceroy said: "I shall find it possible to offer this evening one or two observations that may, perhaps, supply material for further reflection later on."

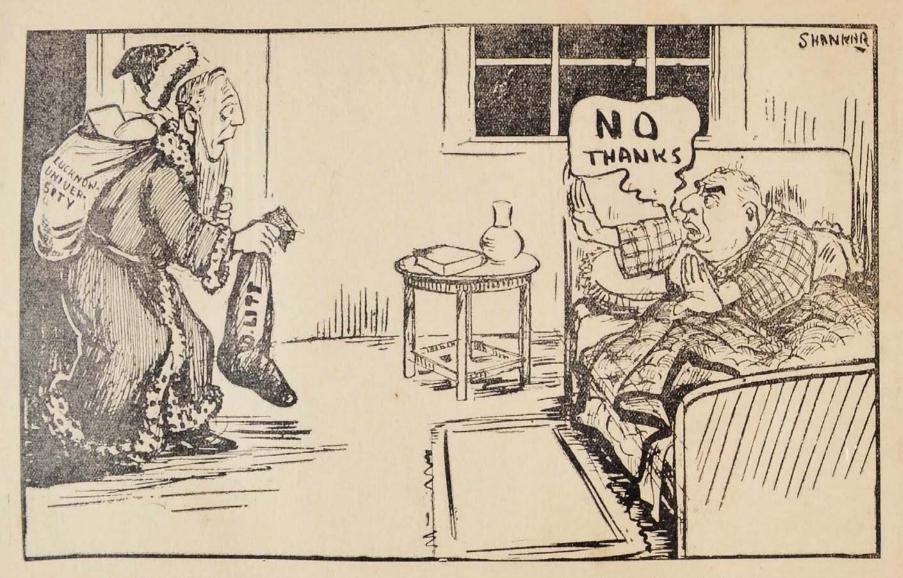
### FIND OF DALAI LAMA?



Sir N. N. Sircar, instead of undertaking a European tour like other Government members during their holidays, intends to visit important places in the East.

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# BELIEVE IT OR NOT!



Mr. C. Y. Chintamani has refused the offer of a doctorate from the Lucknow University.

#### ROOM FOR ALL



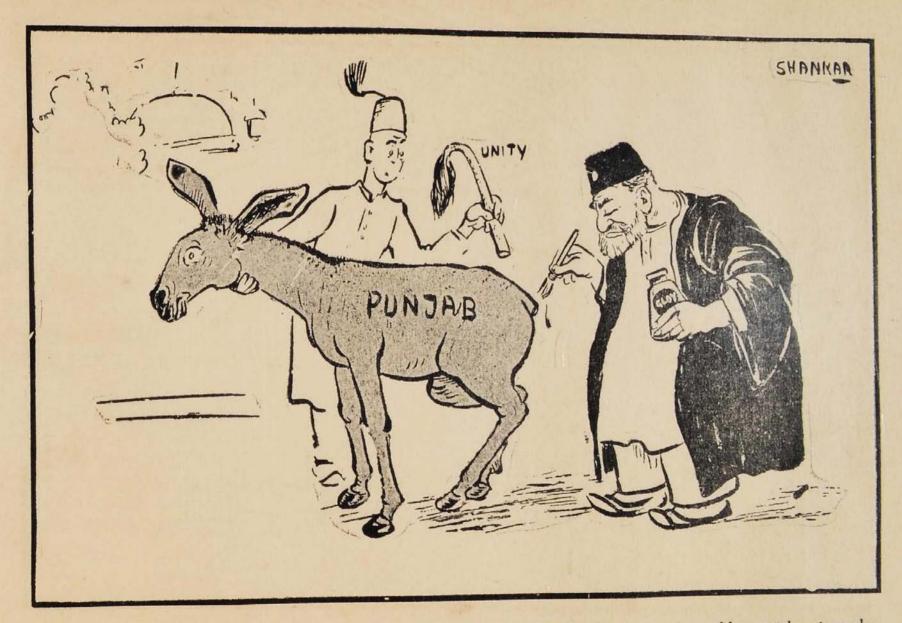
"Lord Linlithgow will then ask us whether he and his men could stay in India or whether we want them to leave by the next boat. We will say 'there is no need for you people to go. India is a vast country. You and your people can stay comfortably provided you accommodate yourselves to our conditions here."—Mahatma Gandhi in a speech at Faizpur.

### LET US TRY OUR LUCK



Tickets worth Rs. 35,000 were sold in one day at the Faizpur Congress session. The Liberals were also hopeful of having similar luck at their Lucknow meeting.

# GOOD SAMARITAN AT WORK



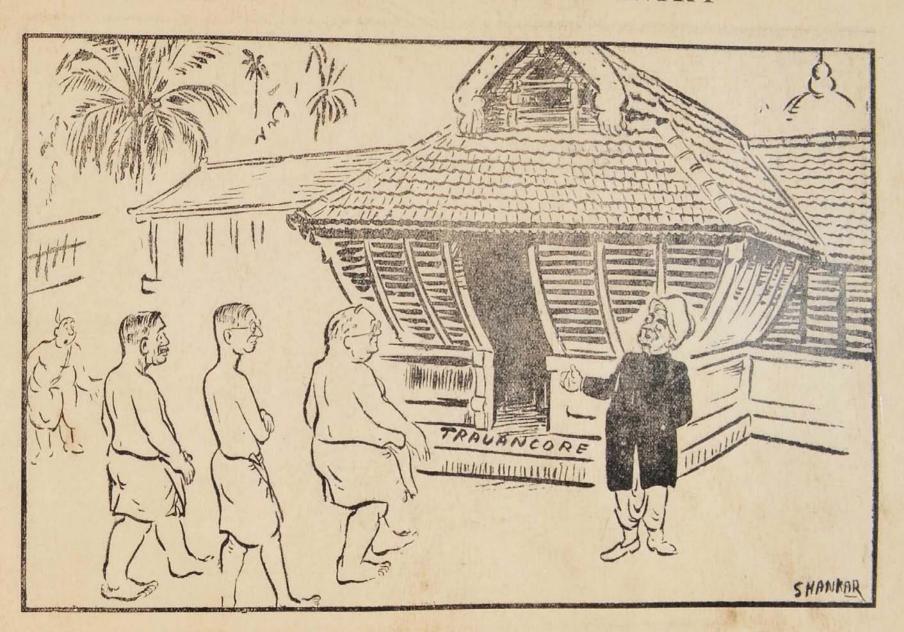
"I have come to the Punjab not to teach and criticise, but as an humble brother and an old co-worker to make a last minute effort for unity among the people."-Maulana Shaukat Ali.

#### CALL FROM THE VILLAGE



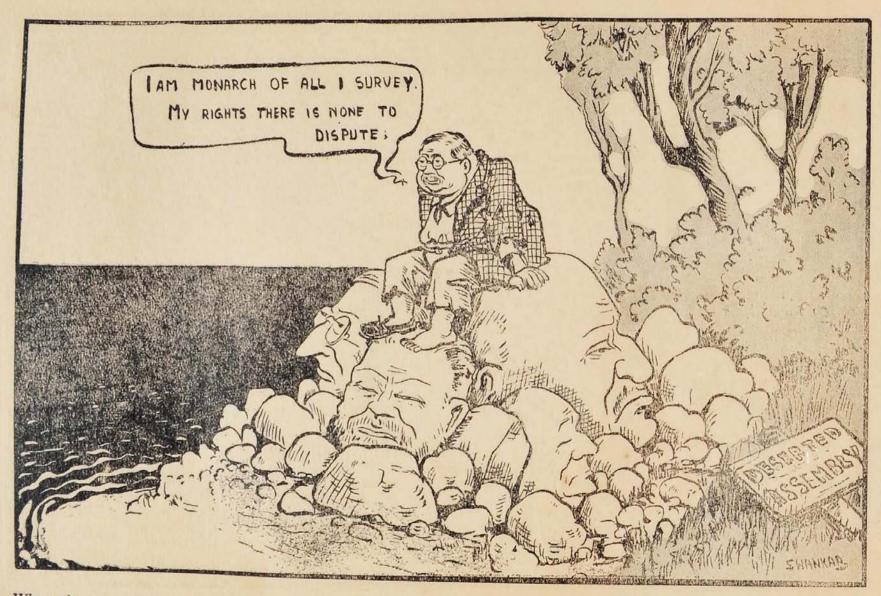
A complete scheme for the expansion of telephones and telegraphs to villages is reported to have been drawn up as part of the Government of India's rural uplift scheme.

# HARIJANS AND TEMPLE-ENTRY



Travancore was experiencing an influx of visitors after the temple-entry proclamation.

#### ALEXANDER SARKAR-K



When the Legislative Assembly opens for the budget session on January 27, the Leader of the House is likely to find himself the real leader, with no one to challenge him from the Opposition Benches.

# RUBAIYAT OF USMAN KHAYYAM



Sir Mahomed Usman recently suggested that representatives of the Madras European Community in the new Legislature should enter into a post-election pact with his own party, in which case they could look forward to a place in the ministry.

## AFTER THE CHINESE MONKEYS



Mr. V. V. Giri interviewed the authorities several times in connection with the B.-N. R. strike.

#### THE WAY TO FEDERATION



The Constitution Committee of the Princes' Chamber under the chairmanship of H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala was holding its meeting to tackle the question of the Princes entering the Federation.

# QUESTION MARDAN



Lord Krishna, finding his comrades poisoned by Kalia, decided to extract the venom out of the serpent. Sir N. N. Sircar, finding the Assembly Interpellations too much for his colleagues, introduced new rules.

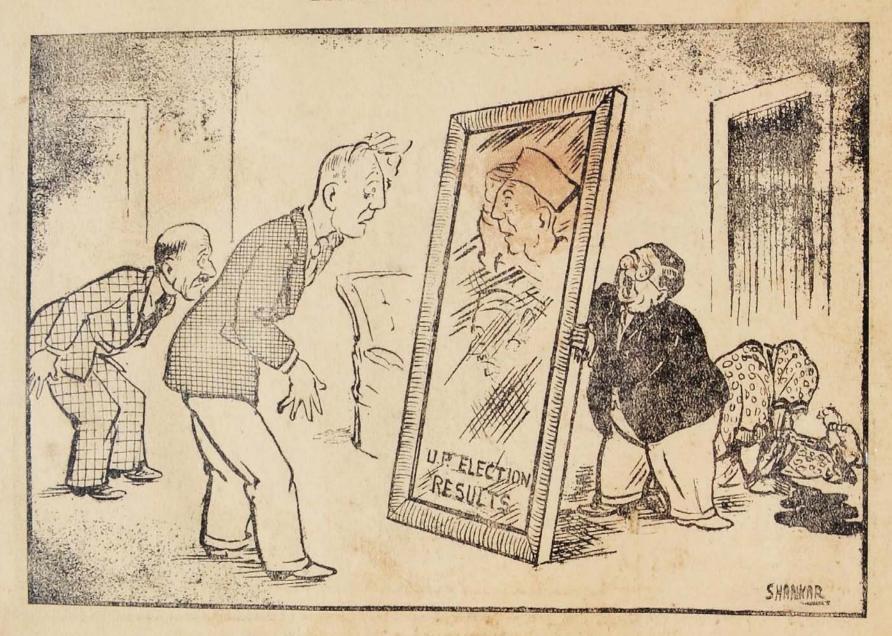
## SCORES ALL WAYS IN ALL TESTS



Owing to the absence of the Opposition groups in the Assembly, Government members found it easy to get any measure passed in the Assembly.

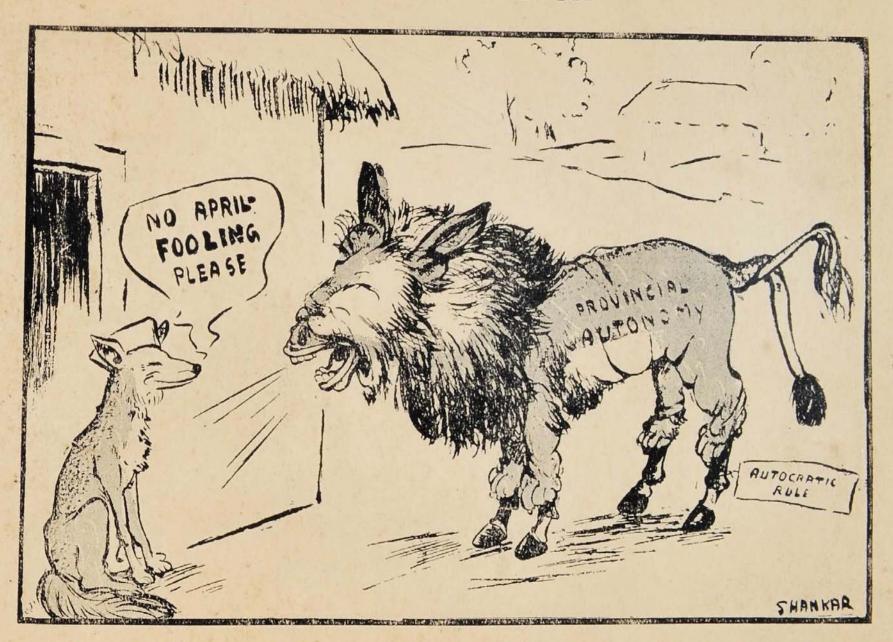
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# REFLECTIONS



The Governor of the U. P. viewing the election results.

### THE ASS-LION



"It is a constitution with a democratic veil in the provinces, but essentially of a Fascist type, concentrating power in the Governors and the Governor-General."—Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.