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**THE BOHEMIANS**

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Remember the success of our St. DUNSTONS dance on Jan. 13th

SO

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AUCTION SALE TO-DAY (SATURDAY), AT 3 P.M. (S.T.).

Of complete sets of Jacobean dining, drawing and bed-rooms furniture, cottage piano, H.M.V. gramophone, English and Persian carpets, sliding

dining tables, sideboards, richly upholstered, full-size Chesterfield suites, China and silver ornaments, roll top

office tables, reclining sofas, steel ice refrigerator, rich glass, crockery, and

platedware, etc., at Derby Hotel Building, Causeway, Colaba, Apollo Bunder.

Property of P. B. Anderson, Esqr., and others.

Property on view and catalogues are ready.

**AUCTION SALE, TO-MORROW, (SUNDAY) AT 3 P.M. (S.T.) AT BANSIL VILLA, CENTRAL ROAD, CUFFE PARADE, NEAR STATION COLABA.**

Of specially made, solid, teak and blackwood, highly polished latest style complete bungalow furniture, consisting of sideboards, dining tables, dressing room cabinets, rich Chesterfield

suites, roll top tables, show cases, gramophone, iron beds, glass and wooden almirahs, dressing, writing and washing tables, plated and porcelain ornaments, ice chests, rich glass, and crockeryware, etc.

Property of C. F. Chandler, Esqr., and others.

Property on view and catalogues are ready.

**BONA-FIDE SALE.**

An opportunity to buy really good household furniture by Roberts and Army and Navy, cabinet gramophone, rich English carpets, large mirror back sideboard, Chinese Mahajong set, Roberts' Chesterfield suites, cabinets and show cases, pictures, beds by Army & Navy, almirahs, lady's dressing tables, rich glass, crockery and chinaware, etc., will be auctioned at Datoobhoy Mansions, Mayo Road, TO-MORROW, (SUNDAY) at 10.30 a.m. (S.T.).

Property of P. J. Negreponce, Esqr., of Messrs. New Mofussil Co., Ltd.

Property on view and catalogues are ready.

**BONA-FIDE SALE.**

Of valuable household furniture, Roberts' Chesterfield suites, English bath, pictures, silver and plated ware, utensils, etc.

On TUESDAY the 1st May at 3 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. Mistry & Co., auctioneers will sell by public auction at Datoobhoy Mansions, Band Stand, Mayo Road, specially made solid

furniture consisting of book cases, Chesterfield suites, curio, cabinets, screen, pictures, white enameled beds, Jacobean and plain almirahs, and dressing tables, meat safe, filter, teapots, glass, and crockeryware, etc.

Property of Dr. G. D. Moore.

Property will be on view from Monday and catalogues will be published.

**MISTRY & CO.**

Auctioneers.

Bombay, 28th April, 1928.

**CRAWFORD AND CO.'S SALE.**

TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 29th instant, at 10.30 a.m. (S.T.) Messrs. CRAWFORD and CO., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at "Patel Mansion", 22, Altimont Road, Cumballa Hill, valuable household furniture, glass, crockery and silverware, dining table and chairs, sideboard, and dinner

wagons, drawing room Chesterfield and silk lined suites, fancy cabinets, ornaments, carpets, ice boxes, bedsteads, almirahs, dressing and wash-hand tables, dressing chest of drawers, hat-stands, writing tables, silver and book cases, etc., etc.

The property of L. G. Bash, Esqr. Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

**CRAWFORD & CO.,**

**KARACHI MARKETS.**

**VIOLENT FLUCTUATIONS IN WHEAT.**

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

KARACHI, April 23.—Feverish activity with violent fluctuations in price, characterized the wheat market during the past week. The week opened with buyers offering Rs. 41.12 for the July and Rs. 42.10 per candy for the September delivery. Under the influence of advancing overseas prices the market during the week was characterized by a rupee per candy, thus carrying prices to a level which was the highest recorded since the second week of July 1927. This was followed by large sales on the conviction that the season was too rapid, which caused prices to tumble down.

The week has been marked by two very important reports. The first from the Ministry of Agriculture, Argentina, finally estimated its total wheat crop at 29,387,000 qrs., and its exportable surplus as on 1st April at 93,67,000 qrs. In order to obtain some idea of the present figures, the following table giving final estimates of production and exportable surpluses of the past three years should prove of interest.

	Crop.	Final	Exportable
		output.	surplus as on 1st Apr.
1927-28 Present	Estimates	29,387,000	93,67,000
1926-27 April	Estimates	27,600,000	13,782,000
1925-26 April	Estimates	23,326,000	10,170,000
1924-25 April	Estimates	23,223,000	8,487,000

From the above it will be noticed that the balance of exportable surplus remaining with Argentina from its bumper crop has been very small, and during the past 3½ months since the new crop movement commenced, more than half of what was available for export, has been absorbed by the importing countries. With 3½ months still to run it is unlikely that Argentina will press its small remaining exportable surplus, and as Australia, too, is slowly withdrawing its offers from the international market, it appears that Europe will have to bid for its requirements in North America. As this country is always very sensitive to European demand, it seems that the world prices for the present will hold firm, or may probably rise, should the new crop prospects of either America or Canada be adverse.

**INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.**

The second important report has been the third estimates issued by the various provincial Governments of India. In the Bombay presidency the total output is estimated at 586,000 tons, as compared with 450,000 tons at this time last year and 312,000 tons during 1926. The increase this year comes mainly from Gujarat and Deccan where growing conditions were generally favourable. Sind has suffered badly and accounts an output of only 79,000 tons as compared with 115,000 tons of last year and 107,000 tons of the year before.

In the Central Provinces where harvesting has now been practically over, the output is computed at 695,520 tons. This compares very poorly with 803,000 tons of the last year, 996,000 tons of the year before, and 1,066,000 tons of 1925. The acreage sown to wheat in this province this year was very large but owing to excessive rains and the ravages of rust the plant did not gather force, hence the heavy reduction in the output.

Punjab, which contributes nearly 30 per cent. towards the All-India production, this year has done rather excellently and promises to yield about 3,310,800 tons which is a record over the past five years. The last year's production was 3,135,000 tons, and that of the year before 2,898,000 tons. The increase in output has been due to the timely falling of the winter rains and generally a favourable range of weather conditions during the growth period.

**TRADING DURING WEEK.**

Trading on our markets during the past week has been of a rather mixed description. For ready and May-June-July deliveries exporters have extended a fair enquiry and about 1,800 tons reported to have been purchased, but against these purchases more than 2,000 tons have been straddled into the September position at a premium of 1000 bags, with inputs nearly 1000 bags. Arrivals from upcountry have further increased to the rate of some 7,000-8,000 bags per day.

Prices for white Punjab quality ruling on our market this morning compare as follows with the corresponding dates of last years.

	To-day.	Year ago.
Ready	Rs. 41-8-0	42-4-0
July	42-2-0	40-0-0
September	43-1-0	40-13-0
Bombay May	43-8-0	41-10-0
Lyaalpur Ready	4-8-0	7-10-0

Parity Values:—On the week's average rate of Rs. 41-4-0 per candy, at 1½ exchange and 19½ shillings freight, the overseas parity of this value works out to be roughly 16 shillings per qr. of 480 lbs. C.I.F. London. According to the latest cables Australia in London is seller at 54½ shillings and Argentine at 52½ shillings per qr.

**FIRM TONE OF SUGAR.**

The "spot" sugar market during the past week has been firm with prices ruling about eight annas per cwt higher, but as regards the new crop, the market is still undecided. The market is still undecided.

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**AFGHAN KING AT LIVERPOOL.**

**CARD TRICKS AT BANQUET**

The visit of the King and Queen of Afghanistan to Liverpool on March 29th has been a great success. When Their Majesties came, for the first time in the history of the Port, Royalty spent the night on board a ship in the Mersey. The ship's company of the *Cornwall* manned the sides of the vessel, and as Their Majesties stepped on board, a band on the boat sounded the "Attention," and the Afghan royal standard was hoisted at the main, while the Afghan national flag already appeared at the fore. This ship was right in the centre of 20 miles of docks, which is the largest in the world. Next day, the Royal party visited the Gladstone Dock and saw for themselves the almost unbelievably gigantic structure which has cost nearly eight million pounds of hard cash. And this is but one of the many docks which accommodate ships from every part of the world, and from which ships daily go, taking the manufactured goods of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and the Midlands to every other country.

Their Majesties' first visit on arrival on Merseyside was to the Port of Sunlight, where they saw the largest soap manufacturing works in the world. King Amanullah was delighted when he was asked to turn on the steam used for boiling up the raw materials of soap in the huge iron vats. He watched happily as the little sea of foamy soap began to bubble.

**PICTURESQUE ENTRY.**

Coming from Port Sunlight, Their Majesties made a picturesque entry by water into the Port of Liverpool. Their car and many others were driven, with their occupants still seated inside, on to one of the large corporation luggage ferry steamers, which was escorted across the Mersey by a whole flotilla of other ferry boats. Liverpool's water front was one of the gayest, with the gaily dressed *Canard* liner *Scythia*, Their Majesties' floating hotel, stood out there was the crowded landing stage, despite the clear space on which stood out the scarlet-robed figure of Liverpool's Lord Mayor, Councillor Miss Margaret Beavan. In Liverpool's state coach the Lord Mayor and Her Royal guests and the Town Clerk proceeded to St. George's Hall. The Afghan flag and the Union Jack flew over the hall and masses of cheering people thronged the platform. Inside the Hall Their Majesties were welcomed by the Lady Lord Mayor and in the official welcome read by the Town Clerk it was stated that an important tie of the commercial enterprise connects this community with every country in the world. We have, therefore, observed with the greatest interest and admiration Your Majesties' successful efforts for the extension and development of the trade and relations of your ancient dominions. Sir Archibald Salvidge presented to the King, as a memento of this great port, a model of the ancient battleship "Royal Sovereign" built in the year 1875, in its day considered to be one of the finest ships in the world. His Majesty very graciously thanked the city for this gift and the welcome which had been extended to him.

**THE BANQUET.**

The King revealed his versatility in a new direction when the banquet given to Their Majesties in the Liverpool Town Hall on the evening of March 29th. A conjuring entertainment had been provided and His Majesty not only evinced the keenest interest in it, but actually gave a little display of card manipulation and sleight of hand of his own account, which greatly delighted the distinguished guests present. At this banquet, the Lady Lord Mayor said that Liverpool was one of the two greatest ports in the world and one of the greatest centres of industry. The ship large consignments of goods, particularly of cotton to your dominions. We are thus intimately concerned with the welfare of your country. We trust that understanding friendship, and the exchange of commerce, may steadily increase. In his response, the King stated that the sympathetic feeling of the English nation would prove to be a great factor in strengthening the already existing friendly relations between the two countries. "I have a great admiration and appreciation of the activities of the people of Liverpool in promoting their industry and commerce."

**THE COTTON EXCHANGE.**

On the morning of the second day of their visit, the ship's officers and dock police, stood to attention as the King and Queen passed on their way to the Royal Cotton Exchange. The reception by the President and Directors of the Cotton Exchange must have been one of the heartiest ceremonies which Their Majesties have yet attended. From the moment when the Lord Mayor's coach, heralded by the cheering thousands of people in the streets, drew up at the cotton exchange, the King and Queen were left again, there was a full quarter of an hour of wild cheering. Three sides of the Gallery of the Cotton Exchange were packed with the dense throng of the general public, and on the floor were hundreds of members who had stopped trading only immediately previous to the Royal arrival. They were the men who buy and sell the raw cotton which afterwards on the looms of Lancashire becomes the cloth and its way to Afghanistan and India. There were loud cheers when a gold fountain pen was presented to the King by the President of the Cotton Exchange, Mr. C. R. Taylor. With this His Majesty signed his name in the visitors' Book. As their Majesties left, a loud cheer broke out and from all parts of the building came the chorus "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," concluding with three cheers for the King and Queen. In the afternoon, Their Majesties attended the famous Grand National Race, at which nearly a quarter of a million people were present.

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Other hand Indian markets lack any constructive feature. Stocks in Bombay have continued to pile up, having reached the huge figure of 11 lakhs bales and despite prices having come down to the export parity overseas demand has failed to respond. In Karachi too, although the stocks are not as large as in Bombay, they are nevertheless about 40,000 bales larger than last year's, and export demand has been only on a moderate scale.

During the past six days exporters have bought about 18,000 bales of both ready and forward, out of which European shippers are credited with 15,000 bales, Japanese with 1,500 bales, and Bombay with 2,500 bales. Arrivals from upcountry average 3,200 bales per day with Punjab largely contributing, and exports for the week ended 15th April totalled 22,368 bales, accounted for by shipments of 16,314 bales to Japan, 5,539 bales to Europe and 45 bales to Bombay.

Prices ruling this morning for the average Sind quality compare as follows with the corresponding period of last year.

	To-day.	Year ago.
Ready	Rs. 31-2-4	29-2-0
July	32-5-3	29-5-0
September	33-12	29-12-0

**COTTON QUIET AND FIRM.**

During the past week speculation in the cotton market has been quiet and prices have varied within a narrow range. There has been a narrow range of the continuation of the unfavourable weather conditions in America. Excessive rainfall has been bitterly complained by the eastern belt where, it is estimated, they have the ill-effects of delaying planting operations and considerably retarding the germination of the seeds sown.

Uncertainty as to whether good weather conditions will prevail and the strength of American cotton crop is discouraging short selling, but on the (Continued in next column).

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**THERE IS NO ENTRANCE FEE.**

**RACING COMPETITION.**

My choice is as follows:

First

Second