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ASSAM MINISTRY
Tenth Minister Not Yet Chosen
SHILLONG, December 13.
It is learnt from reliable quarters that the completion of the Saadulla Cabinet may yet be delayed.
The tenth Minister, whose inclusion will complete the Cabinet, is yet to be selected, and the probability is that the appointment will not be made before the close of the ensuing Christmas.
The Premier, it appears, has expressed to the Governor his desire to have a one-week session of the Assembly some time in February, preceding the usual Budget session in March next.—United Press.

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Alleged Defamation
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
DAHANU, December 10.
The hearing was resumed today of the case in which Mr. Merwan Khodadad Irani, a landholder, Secretary of the Dahanu Parsi Anjuman and member of the Massoli Village Improvement Committee, has charged Kalia Gosai and 22 other Mayavanshi Harijans of the village of Massoli with defamation.
The complainant stated that he had landed property in Massoli. He produced a certified copy of the application made by Kalia Gosai and four other accused to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Prant Officer in which, he complained defamatory allegations had been made against him.
The advocate for the accused contended that the Court had no jurisdiction over this case, as, according to his instructions, the application in question was written and posted in Bombay.
Another certified copy of an application made by the remaining 18 accused to the District Collector was produced. The advocate for the defence raised the same objection to this document also.
The complainant then produced an issue of the *Bombay Sentinel* dated July 18, 1939, containing a communication said to have been sent by Kalia Gosai for the Mayavanshi Harijans of Massoli. It was stated therein: "This Merwan Khodadad snatches our dead bodies, and we do not know what happens to them". The communication also contained allegations regarding obstruction of a road and killing of cattle by rash driving.
The complainant denied the allegations and added that his reputation had been damaged thereby.
In cross-examination by Mr. C. D. Vyasa, advocate for the accused, witness denied the allegation that animals and birds were killed due to rash driving by him. He added that neither he nor the Police Patil had assaulted womenfolk on the burial ground.
Further hearing was fixed for January 4, 1940.
Visandas Hotchand, a jewellery broker, has been arrested by the Bombay police in connection with the theft of a wallet containing diamonds of the value of Rs. 7,000.

Dispute Over Quota Of Iron Sheets
COURT APPOINTS AN INTERIM RECEIVER
(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackwell)
Messrs. C. Prabhudas & Co. and others Plaintiffs.
vs.
Messrs. Abdul Latif Haji Mahomed and others ... Defendants.
This was an application made *ex parte* on behalf of the plaintiffs for an interim order of injunction and appointment of court receiver in respect of galvanised sheets of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd.
The facts showed that at the instance of the Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., who were manufacturers, *inter alia*, of galvanised sheets, an association called the Bombay Galvanised Sheets Merchants' Association was formed in April, 1939, in order to prevent competition with the said Company by foreign and other manufacturers. The plaintiffs and defendants 1 to 11 and 14 to 16, who were all merchants dealing in galvanised sheets, were members of the Association. The Association was appointed sole distributors of the sheets of the Tata Company, and under an agreement the Company agreed to sell to the Association 7,250 tons of sheets at the rate of Rs. 235 per ton by certain instalments. The sheets to be so purchased were to be distributed by the Association in certain fixed proportions amongst the members of the Association in accordance with certain quota rules at the rate of Rs. 235 per ton.

DISPUTE OVER QUOTAS
The plaintiffs alleged that, disputes having arisen between them and defendants 1 to 11 as regards quotas, the latter, at a meeting of the Association held on December 5 last, passed a resolution by a majority of votes, whereby they altered the proportion of quotas fixed so as to allow in effect defendants 1 to 11 to take delivery of a much larger quantity of sheets than they were entitled to under the quota rules, while the plaintiffs were allowed to take a less quantity than the quotas fixed for them. By another resolution it was also resolved that defendants 1 to 11 were to take delivery at the rate of Rs. 235 per ton, while the plaintiffs were to take delivery at the rate of Rs. 268 per ton.
The plaintiffs submitted that the said resolutions were in violation of the constitution of the Association and of the fundamental rights of the plaintiffs, and were illegal and *ultra vires*.
The plaintiffs also submitted that the majority could not pass a binding resolution which was for their own benefit, but was to the detriment of the rights of the minority.

INTERIM INJUNCTION
After hearing counsel, His Lordship issued an interim injunction restraining defendants 1 to 11 and 14 to 16 from acting in pursuance of the said resolutions and applying for and taking delivery of galvanised sheets from the Tata Company in pursuance of the said resolutions, and appointed the Court Receiver as interim receiver to apply for and take delivery of the sheets from the Tata Company on behalf of the members of the Association and to distribute the goods so received among the members of the Association as stated in paras 22 and 23 of the plaint and to take charge of the minute books and correspondence passed between the Tata Company and the Association.
His Lordship fixed the hearing of the notice of motion on December 19 next.
The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with Mr. M. V. Desai, instructed by Messrs. Benjamin Chhatrapati & Co., appeared for the plaintiffs.


Industrialisation Of India
COMMERCE MEMBER'S ASSURANCE
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In his reply to the memorandum submitted by a deputation of the Madras Provincial Labour Party, the Commerce Member gave the assurance that a speedy industrialisation of the country as a means of relieving unemployment was the policy of Government. The vast majority of the labouring population was employed in agriculture in this country. If foreign markets were lost to India, the area of cultivation would be restricted and unemployment of agricultural labour would be intensified. If foreign markets had to be retained for the benefit of agricultural labour and particularly when a nation tried to be self-sufficient the *quid pro quo* would consist in allowing a certain amount of imports.—Associated Press.

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INDIA'S FUTURE CONSTITUTION
An Alternative to The Congress Proposal
CALCUTTA, December 13.
After two hours' discussion, in which nine speakers, including the Finance Minister, the Hon. Mr. Nalin Ranjan Sarkar, took part, the Bengal Legislative Council again adjourned this afternoon without having concluded the debate on the war resolution.
Mr. Kamini Kumar Dutta, Leader of the Opposition, moving the Congress amendment, said that Indian leaders had openly declared their support for the cause of the Allies. There was no spirit of bargaining. Only the war aims and the assurance of their application to India was asked for. The speaker thought that the mention of the communal differences was a screen to hide the true intentions of Great Britain. The door was still open for satisfying the national demand.
An alternative to a Constituent Assembly for the framing of any future Indian constitution was put forward by Mr. Nalin Ranjan Sarkar. He said the calm deliberations necessary for the framing of a constitution would not perhaps be easy to achieve in a Constituent Assembly. He suggested a *ad hoc* body composed of members elected by the provincial Legislatures on the basis of proportional representation. This body would take up for a settlement with Britain all problems relating to the Army and the Navy, the Serivices and public debts, etc., of this country.
The *ad hoc* body would also attempt to bring about an agreement between the major communities, political parties and other important interests for the purpose of framing an agreed constitution. Failing such an agreement, it would draft a constitution representing the greatest common measure of agreement providing in all cases sufficient and effective safeguards for the protection of the fundamental rights of recognised minorities. This constitution should then be ratified by a National Convention passed by all members of the provincial Legislatures.—Associated Press.


The Hon. Mr. Sarkar.

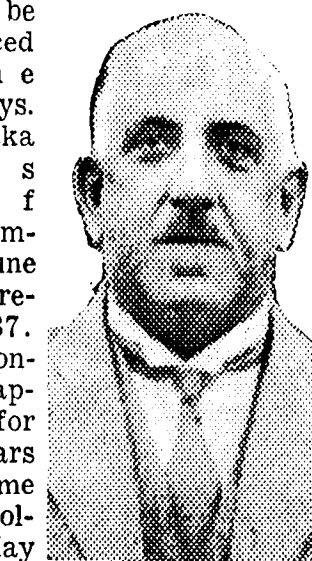
PREMIER'S APPEAL IN ASSEMBLY
'No Passion or Prejudice'
CALCUTTA, December 13.
With a full attendance of members and the galleries crowded, the Bengal Legislative Assembly took up at six this evening the Government resolution on the war.
The resolution condemns Nazi aggression, supports Great Britain for her democratic principles and for helping the smaller nations, offers co-operation to the British Government in the successful prosecution of the war and demands the grant to India of Dominion Status within the Statute of Westminster after the war, with the provision of safeguards for the rights and interests of the minorities.
In moving the resolution, the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, the Chief Minister, appealed to the House to discuss the question without passion or prejudice, so that the result of that discussion might lead them to a decision which would be honourable to themselves and conducive to the good of the Province and its people.
The resolution the Chief Minister continued, naturally divided itself into three parts. The first part presented no difficulty, because they were more or less agreed that the methods adopted by Hitler and his associates desired the domination of the whole civilised world. So far as the position of Great Britain was concerned, they all knew how the Prime Minister had tried his utmost to avoid a conflict.
"I hope I can say without fear that the ideals for which Great Britain is fighting are ideals which it would not be difficult for anybody to accept," said the Chief Minister. Great Britain was not fighting for aggression, nor for the maintenance of her own interests, but was fighting in the defence of those fundamental principles the maintenance of which was vital to the civilised world.
After two and a half hours' discussion of the resolution the Assembly adjourned until tomorrow after seven speakers had addressed the House.
After the Chief Minister's address, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose moved the Congress amendment while four scheduled caste members moved four more amendments to the official resolution.—Associated Press.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED
Panchayets Bill Passed
LAHORE, December 12.
The Punjab Assembly today passed without a division the third reading of the Village Panchayets Bill. At the suggestion of the Premier, the House then adjourned for the Christmas holidays to meet again on January 8.
Replying to the debate, Major Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana, Minister for Development, said that the village panchayet system was a *swadeshi* model of self-government. They were trying to revive that through this Bill and thus confer a great boon on the villagers. Regarding franchise, he added, even in the case of the district boards and municipal committees the rule making power rested with the Government. Government's intention was to give widest possible franchise so that every villager should have a say in the affairs of the village. The minorities and scheduled castes would be fully safeguarded.
A number of teachers of aided elementary schools resorted to picketing by laying themselves down on the ground on the occasion of the departmental association meeting at two centres in North Malabar, with the result that the meetings were abandoned, says a Tellicherry message.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS
At the instance of the Punjab Government, the conference will discuss the possibilities of utilising the services of the Indian Trade Commissioners in overseas countries with greater advantage so as to make them live institutions.
The Commerce Member, the Hon. Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, who will preside over the conference, will make a statement on the working of the Economic Resources Board, a body constituted by the Government of India to look after the needs of the civil population in the country during the war. He will also acquaint the delegates about the position of the minor industries in India.

PROFITEERING IN PROVINCES
Control Measures
NAGPUR.—Isolated cases of looting of grain and other shops on a small scale have occurred in Nagpur and Jabulpore during the last two days. Unfortunately, exaggerated accounts of these incidents are current both in Nagpur and Jabulpore. The public are requested to be calm, not to be misled by rumours and to co-operate with Government in the measures which may be found necessary to deal with the situation.
LUCKNOW.—In several districts of the United Provinces, magistrates have taken action under powers delegated to them under the Defence of India Ordinance and fixed prices at which retailers may sell various foodstuffs and fuel. The Unao District grain market was closed for a day in protest at the fixation of prices, which the dealers considered arbitrary.
In some places grain stockists have refused to sell at prices fixed by the Collector on the ground that they were not economic. Steps are being taken to prevent the cornering of market by traders. Official quarters are considering a scheme by which important grain dealers would be made to register their stocks and prices paid for them so as to prevent profiteering.
JHANSI.—In view of the panic caused by rumours of the looting of bazaars, the police patrolled the principal markets at Jhansi to ensure that commodities were sold at prices fixed by the District Magistrate. In consultation with merchants, the District Magistrate has fixed the following rates of prices:—Wheat, from 10 to 12 seers per rupee; ghee 14 chhataks per rupee; til oil 1½ seers per rupee; sugar 2½ seers per rupee. These rates will apply to the whole of the district.
AKOLA.—The wages of the mill operatives of the Sawatram Mills, Akola, have been raised by 20 per cent, as a measure to give them relief on account of the rise in prices of foodstuffs.
JAIPUR.—Distribution of cheap grain to the poor in the villages as well as in the city has been undertaken on a lavish scale in Jaipur. Grain depots have been established at convenient places to supply grain at cheap rates.

Bombay And Price Control
OFFICER APPOINTED
Sir A. Lloyd's Talks With Sir G. Wiles
Mr. F. J. Karaka, Retired Collector of Customs, has been appointed Controller of Prices by the Government of Bombay.
The names of the members of the consultative committee for control of prices are expected to be announced within the next few days.
Mr. Karaka officiated as a Collector of Customs, Bombay, in June 1934 and retired in 1937. He held non-gazetted appointments for some years and became Assistant Collector in May 1913.
Sir Alan Lloyd, Secretary to the Government of India, Commerce Department, was in Bombay for a few hours on Wednesday on his way to Bangalore to attend the eleventh session of the Industries Conference. Mr. P. B. Advani, Director of Industries, Bombay, accompanied him.
During his short stay in Bombay the Commerce Secretary met Sir Gilbert Wiles, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, and conferred with him for over an hour. Secretaries of the various departments of the Government of Bombay were also present at the conference.
It is understood that Sir Alan Lloyd and Sir Gilbert Wiles discussed the economic situation in Bombay generally. The conversation had special reference to the complicated question of the control of prices, which is at present engaging the attention of the Central as well as the provincial Governments.
The Commerce Secretary and the Adviser to the Governor of Bombay exchanged notes as to the points which might be tackled at the conference which, it is stated, is proposed to be convened early in January by the Government of India.
It is understood that the point was stressed during the talks that Bombay, being an industrial province, its case stood on a different footing compared with agricultural provinces and that this point would have to be borne in mind in tackling the question of controlling prices.


Mr. Karaka

Jail For Kidnapping
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ANDHERI, December 13.
Mr. H. P. Bhatt, First Class Magistrate, Andheri, sentenced Bai Raliat Narsi to six months' rigorous imprisonment on the charge of kidnapping a married minor girl from the lawful custody of her parents at Borivli. The accused took the girl to Madanpura, Bombay, on some pretext. At Bombay Central the accused was about to entrain for Surat with the girl when she was arrested by the Railway police, who had been informed by the Borivli police about the missing girl.

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BAN ON COTTON OPTIONS
Sir P. Thakurdas Voices Disapproval
A letter expressing disapproval of the Governor's Act declaring all options in cotton void will be sent to His Excellency on behalf of the East India Cotton Association, Bombay. This decision was arrived at a meeting of the Board on Wednesday.
After the meeting was over, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Chairman, issued a statement to the Press, in which he stated that any one knowing the conditions in the market during the last 10 days could not help feeling that whichever section of the cotton trade advised His Excellency to issue the statement on the Act had not done him justice.
Denying the suggestion that the prices ruling in the cotton market during the last three weeks were too high and could not be maintained for any length of time, Sir Purshotamdas stated that there had been consistent inquiries from abroad for Indian cotton at prices admitting fair cover being taken in the local market. It was estimated that such purchases for export totalled about 100,000 bales during the period. Moreover, Indian mills had also been steady buyers. If Indian cotton had not been out of parity with American cotton during the past 10 days, added Sir Purshotamdas, the very reason *d'etre* of the first Act issued by the Governor disappeared.

RECENT RISE IN COTTON
After referring to the recent rise in cotton prices in the overseas markets, Sir Purshotamdas remarked that it was impossible to believe that either the Governor of Bombay or the Viceroy could desire that Indian cotton should not keep pace with the advances in other cotton markets.
According to him, the correct remedy to prevent violent fluctuations was to regularise options. In view of the fact that the Secretaries of the Finance and Commerce Departments of the Government of India had recommended to the Bombay Government to approve of the by-laws sent to the Provincial Government by his Association in 1935 for sanction, Sir Purshotamdas thought it difficult to understand how the Viceroy had given his consent to make options in cotton void. As for the apprehensions that options would exaggerate the downward movement with the same violence, the cotton grower and the trade might inquire why a similar ban on options had not been imposed during the long period of depression.
The impression therefore, is, concluded Sir Purshotamdas, that the Act aimed at preventing cotton prices from rising. "If it be so, it is deplorable, and the Board of the East India Cotton Association feel that they must lodge their emphatic protest against this action."

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Ahmedabad's Cloth Exports Up
WORKERS PLEAD FOR ALLOWANCES
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
AHMEDABAD, December 12.
Definite signs of improvement in the condition of the local textile industry are now visible. About 80,000 bales were exported in November and about 1,00,000 bales are expected to be exported by the end of December. There is, however, no hope of any relaxation of the financial stringency which is being increasingly felt till the up-country merchants pay for the heavy purchases made by them.
The booking of goods for Calcutta which is particularly heavy has been suspended for some time, and the Maskati Cloth Market Association is moving the Railway authorities to reopen the booking without delay.
SALES TAX
The decision of the Bombay Government not to levy the Sales Tax on manufactured cloth has caused relief among the merchants who were considerably agitated over its imposition which they feared would have disorganised their trade and put them to great inconvenience and hardship, particularly on account of the clause relating to the refund of the tax on cloth exported out of the Province. It was provided that merchants should first pay up the tax on all sales made by them and then apply for refund of the goods exported out of the Province. It was contended that this would lead to the locking-up of a large part of their capital and might even give rise to corruption in getting refund. In place of the Sales Tax merchants, therefore, suggested the levy of a flat rate of a license fee to which the late Congress Government agreed. But the abolition of even this fee by the present Government is welcomed as a measure of great relief.

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