

When the overly good once get off the straight path they very often go with headlong speed to the deuce. "Facilis discensus avari" is as true now as when it was first coined as a motto for future generations.

SEDITION IN INDIA

After several narrow escapes from the knife of the assassin, the Earl of Minto will perhaps not be disinclined to leave the splendors of India for the quiet comfort of his British home. His term as viceroy having expired and his successor being appointed he will not likely be in any further danger from the native agitator and his tools.

The new viceroy goes to the office with a determination to rule with gentle firmness. He may abandon the idea of gentleness before he has been there very long. This would be indicated by the fact that the local authorities in India are retaining in force decrees against sedition that were designed for a limited period only.

In 1907 it was deemed necessary by the Legislative Council to pass a bill for the prevention of seditious meetings in the interest of law and order, and the measure was made operative up to October this year. But the Council, now sitting at Simla, has resolved, in spite of the opposition of most of the native members, to extend its validity until March next.

The reasons for this drastic step are set forth in the terms of the continuing bill, and are based on knowledge of the facts. It is stated that in 1907 it was regarded as imperative to regulate by statutory provisions the holding of meetings in the Punjab, Eastern Bengal, and Assam. It was subsequently "necessary for the preservation of the peace and the protection of the law-abiding members of the community to incorporate in the general law a measure for the prevention of seditious meetings, and to take power to bring its provisions into operation in any part of India as occasion might require." In January last, such had been the progress of the seditious movement, it was decided to extend the operation of the powers thus vested in the government to Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the United Provinces, the Punjab and the Central Provinces; and on a number of occasions those powers were put into force.

The official statement is that such action "has been effective in stopping several meetings which it was feared, if held, would have given rise to disturbances, and even where it has not been enforced its moral effect as a preventive measure has been invaluable." The unanimous advice of the local government have convinced the supreme authority "that the continuance of the act for the present is essential to the preservation of the peace," and in all British communities throughout the world there will be profound satisfaction

When only one State University, be sure a new Province like Alberta can afford no more. It is better to have one well-fed university, functioning healthfully, than half a dozen starving colleges living on private benefactors. The West is full of men who have been graduated from wealthy and famous Eastern colleges. They, too, must avoid the temptation to send their sons East because a degree from that quarter sounds better. Calgary should not allow this disastrous competition in higher education with Edmonton to go any further than the blue-print stage, where it is now. Besides, you can't get a really first-class university for \$600,000."

SAN FRANCISCO

For a city that was so nearly annihilated four years ago, San Francisco makes a remarkable showing in the census just announced. Its population of 416,912 places it among the greater cities of the United States, while the enormous growth of some of its immediate competitors on the Pacific coast justifies the conclusion that San Francisco would have passed the half-million mark and ranked with Cleveland, Baltimore and Pittsburg, but for the calamity which overwhelmed it in 1906 and for a time completely paralyzed it.

Another such instance of complete recovery in four years probably does not exist. Its population shows an increase of 21.6 per cent. since 1900, a larger advance than Buffalo made without the drawback of earthquake and fire that wiped out more than three-fourths of San Francisco. The latter ranked ten years ago as the ninth city in the Union in size, and now the eleventh, as Detroit and Pittsburg pass above it. Its percentage of growth is the normal rate for large cities, but it is a fair presumption that Oakland, on the opposite side of San Francisco Bay, with its large increase of 124.3 per cent., and Los Angeles with its prodigious growth of 211.5 per cent., acquired a good part of their gain at the expense of the temporarily prostrated and halted San Francisco.

Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, not yet authoritatively and finally reported, are also understood to have made exceedingly large advances. No doubt most of their increase is due to independent causes, but it is a fair presumption that San Francisco's loss was for the time being its neighbors' gain.

The early Christmas shopper gets the plums, the late one the prunes.

Vancouver will tomorrow extend the freedom of the city to our neighbors in Hastings. The Welcome sign is up.

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