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the month of August 1923.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

D.-O. No. 503-P., dated Mount Abu, the 3rd October 1923.

From—The HON'BLE MR. C. C. WATSON, C.I.E., Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana,

To—The HON'BLE MAJOR G. D. OGILVIE, I.A., Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, Simla.

Fortnightly Report.

I enclose, in triplicate, two confidential Memoranda on the internal situation in Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara respectively for the period ending the 30th September 1923.

Fortnightly Memorandum (No. 101) of the internal situation in Rajputana for the period ending the 30th September 1923.

Mewar.—Bijey Singh Pathik was arrested in Mewar by the Mewar Darbar.

Tonk.—Vide Fortnightly Memorandum No. 99 for the period ending the 31st August 1923. It is reported that erection of a boundary on the land adjoining the temple was ordered by His Highness the Nawab on the recommendations of the Mohammadan Law Court, Tonk, but His Highness has since directed that the erection of the boundary should be held in abeyance pending further enquiries.

Fortnightly Memorandum (No. 101) of the internal situation in Ajmer-Merwara for the period ending the 30th September 1923.

Owing to the strained relations between the Hindus and Muhammadans each community is trying to boycott the other in its ordinary dealings. The Rewari procession was abandoned and at a meeting attended by 2,500 men it was resolved to express disappointment and resentment at the imposition of new, inequitable and unprecedented conditions regarding music and to despatch the resolution to the Press, Government and to other Hindu Sabhas. The Hindus intended to observe *Hartal* on 21st September in Ajmer as a protest, but all opened their shops when told to do so by the Hindu leaders.

Moulvis from Jamiat-ul-Ulema, Delhi, came to [Anjuman Himayat-ul-Islam, Beawar, and thence proceeded to Deomalian, Pakhariawas, Nathuthala and other villages in the Magra circle of Merwara in connection with Tabliq propaganda.

There were several conversions to Islam during the fortnight in Ajmer.

CONFIDENTIAL.

D. O. No. 458-P. of 1923, dated Mount Abu, the 18th September 1923.

From—The HON'BLE MR. C. C. WATSON, C.I.E., Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana,

To—The HON'BLE MAJOR G. D. OGILVIE, I.A., Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign and Political Department, Simla.

I enclose, in triplicate, two confidential Memoranda on the internal situation in Rajputana and Ajmer-Merwara respectively for the period ending the 15th September 1923.

Fortnightly Memorandum No. (100) of the internal situation in Rajputana for the period ending the 15th September 1923.

Bundi.—The Bundi Darbar report that order has been completely restored in the Barar district and the administration is proceeding smoothly. The people are engaged in their usual agricultural and other operations.

Fortnightly Memorandum No. (100) of the internal situation in Ajmer-Merwara for the period ending the 15th September 1923.

On the 7th September a meeting was held in Ajmer attended by 1,000 people at which Mirza Abdul Qadir Beg said that innocent persons had been arrested by the police in connection with the riots and false evidence was being fabricated in the various cases. Maulana Moinuddin delivered a speech saying that there were no hopes of any compromise being arrived at between the Hindu and Muhammadan communities and that as regards firing on the Dargah all the Muhammadans of India would be asked to protest.

In a meeting at Beawar, Mumtaz Ali, a Maulvi from Delhi, said that Hindus were like jackals and Muhammadans like lions and that the jackals were quarrelling with the lions like rats with a lame cat.

A book entitled "Hangama Ajmer" giving a one-sided account of the Amjer riots, has been written and published by Mohiuddin of Ajmer. He also delivered a speech on the 7th September stirring up inter-communal feeling.

No agreement has yet been reached between the leaders of the two communities and the feeling is tense. Some Hindus are leaving the city for fear of further disturbance.

Alarmist rumours are afloat and there would have been a general exodus of Mahajans at the Janam Ashtmi if the arrangements for armed police to patrol the city had not been re-started.

The Hindus have decided not to take out the Rewari procession this year as they will not accept certain restrictions laid down by the Commissioner for the conduct of the procession. It is alleged that they are refusing to compromise in the hope that better terms may be obtained in the discussions now going on between the leaders at the Delhi Congress. It is also doubtful whether they would take out the procession even upon their own terms owing to fear that the police and military precautions might be inadequate to protect them fully against Muhammadan attacks.