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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

HOW THEY GO TO COLLEGE.

I heard a group of club women talking about colleges the other day. One of the younger members of the group started by asking another college she went to. She gave information and asked the same question in return. Presently the older ones of the group were talking about their colleges. Then an older woman said, "My daughter goes to college this year."

An Industrial Entente.

The following letter by Lord Morris, is taken from a recent issue of the London Times.

Sir—The Industrial League and Council has done valuable service to the industrial community by its re-statement "of the ultimate aim and purpose of industry in the light of the present-day conditions and facts." The entente it proposes between employers and employees is undoubtedly the vital necessity of the moment. How are we to attain it?

The Industrial League and Council suggests that a group of employees and trade unionists should meet "in more or less continuous session" to formulate a policy, to work out its application to the problems of to-day, and to consider ways and means of securing its acceptance by all concerned in industrial affairs.

The suggestion is an admirable one, providing it would not merely add to the industrial machinery at present in being. That criticism the Industrial League and Council anticipates, and I really do not think there is much weight in it.

Industrial strife is now recognized on all hands as disastrous. If a real attempt were made to prevent it, I believe it would command the support of all parties in the State. Less than a month ago Mr. Frank Hodges came out with a proposal for a ten years' industrial truce, after Sir William Noble and Mr. J. R. Clynes had definitely urged the formation of an Industrial Parliament.

These various proposals show, to my mind, the sincerity of the desire for a real endeavor to rid the country of the incubus of industrial strife. Then show that the time is ripe for fresh attempts to translate our pious aspirations into practice.

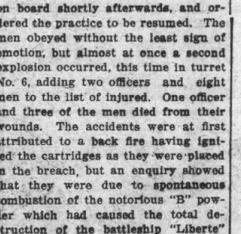
Who is to take the first step? On that subject, opinion is bound to be divided, but I think most people will agree that Mr. Arthur Henderson was

Double Explosion on a Warship.

By an extraordinary fatality two gun accidents occurred within a few hours of each other on board the French armored cruiser "Jules Michelet" on June 27, 1912, during gun practice off Toulon. At four o'clock in the afternoon, ten gunner's apprentices were working a 6.4 inch gun in the turret No. 2 on the port side under the Chief Adjutant Pol. The firing was proceeding normally and forty-eight shots had already been fired. For the forty-ninth the double process of cleaning the gun had been carried out in strict conformity with the regulations, and the projectile was already in its place when the foremost of the two cartridges exploded, igniting the second. The turret was instantly filled with sheets of flame, the ten men working the gun being terribly burned, but though the clothing of officers and men was in flames, they left the turret in good order, and af-

ter receiving first aid on board were taken ashore with great difficulty owing to the rough sea. Admiral Sourrien, commanding the squadron, came on board shortly afterwards, and ordered the practice to be resumed. The men obeyed without the least sign of emotion, but almost at once a second explosion occurred, this time in turret No. 6, adding two officers and eight men to the list of injured. One officer and three of the men died from their wounds. The accidents were at first attributed to a back fire having ignited the cartridges as they were placed in the breach, but an enquiry showed that they were due to spontaneous combustion of the notorious "B" powder which had caused the total destruction of the battleship "Liberte" in the previous Autumn. All suspected powder was then removed from the French warships, but the accidents in the "Jules Michelet" seems to show that the new powder was as bad as the old.

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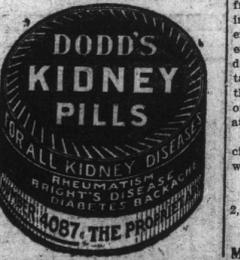
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