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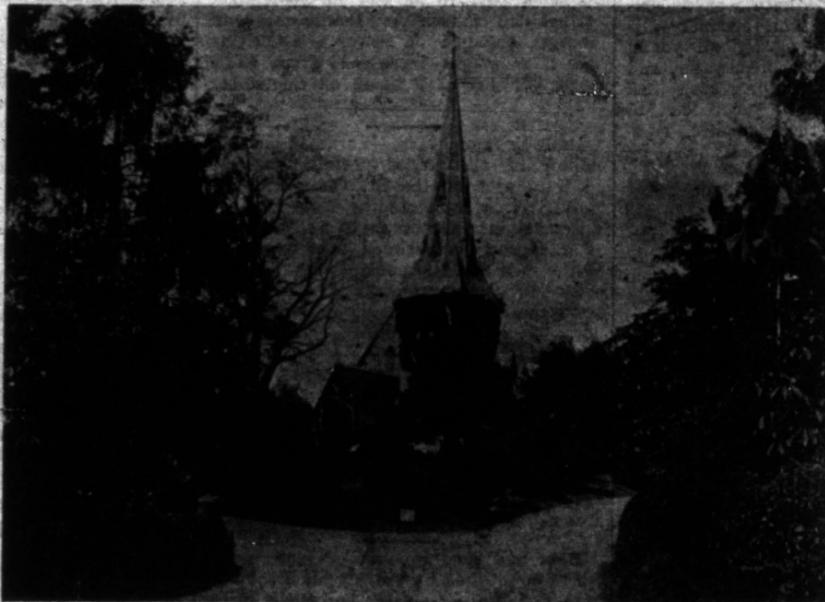
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ENTRANCE TO ST. JAMES' CEMETERY

To the Editor of The Tribune:

SIR,—

The other day a deputation of destitute women presented themselves to the Prime Minister, Mr. Balfour, praying passionately for relief. Mr. Balfour replied that he pitied them, but had no means of helping them. It did not occur to him that he had spent over two hundred millions sterling in destroying the covenanted liberties of the Transvaal, burning the homes of its people and penning its women and children in pestilential prison camps, all to swell the enormous gains of a set of cosmopolitan Jews. He turned away from the embassy of hunger and misery to give his orders for the expenditure of millions more on the construction of ships of war.

Without reduction of armaments there will be no end of taking the bread from the lips of toil to waste it on engines of destruction. Diplomatic fraternizations of great powers will not do it. The immediate consequence of one of them—that of England with Japan—was the most murderous of wars, for which there was no necessity, since Russia's desire of an ice-free port was not incompatible with the reasonable aspirations of Japan. The saying that preparation for war is the best security for peace, is fallacious. The possession of means to do the ill deed makes the ill deed done.

We are now threatened here with an increase of military expenditure, which, it is reckoned, may mount up to ten millions, and this without the slightest danger of war, save that of which our own Jingoism and militarism may be the cause.

Peace, which can be secured only by reduction of armaments, is the cause of honest labor all over the world. I

thought if Mr. John Burns had stopped here on his return he might have carried a message from labor in Canada to labor in England, where a general election is at hand. Is it still possible that such a message might be sent?

Yours faithfully,

Goldwin Smith.

(To the Editor of the Tribune.)

Will you kindly tell me through your columns if the Toronto Street Railway Company can refuse legal tender, in the shape of a ten dollar bill, their rule being that they change nothing above a five? Does a man have to walk because he happens to have a bill of this size, and can the Toronto Street Railway make him go to the office for his change when the law compels them to sell tickets on the cars?

H. E. C.

A rule of the Toronto Street Railway says, a conductor must collect a fare from every passenger, and also must have change for two dollars. The public get on a car with a five dollar bill and the conductor runs out of change, then the conductor has to take the five and the passenger to the office notwithstanding the fact that he may be going in another direction, when the passenger refuses to follow his five and gets off he has the conductor arrested for theft. If the conductor did not collect a fare he would be discharged, if he obeys this rule in doing it he is arrested. The sooner some legislation on the matter is brought forward the sooner all chances of trouble will be avoided.

Some of the veterans of one of our small wars are now requesting grants of land, similar to those granted to the veterans of South Africa or the Fenian raid. This is asking, not for a better condition for everyone, but for a few who

made sacrifice and ran risk in actual service. It gives no hint of rewarding those who toiled for their maintenance. But aside from all this, if they deserve a pension or bonus, by all means be honest with them; but do not reward them with grants of land. Give them a hundred cents on the dollar in hard cash and let them take land or anything else they like to invest in. Leave the veterans to his own judgment. Surely he knows his own circumstances best and he should be trusted either to buy a farm or a home, just as he chooses. We have enough land speculation already without locking up more land in the hands of the veterans.

Dean, the motorman, was found "not guilty" by the jury.

As a seller of goods the label beats any traveling man.

Unionism stands for honesty. It desires to give a fair day's work for a fair amount of pay.

A man without a union is like a man without a home. He doesn't know where to go nor what to do when he gets there.

It's up to you as a good union man to assist organized labor by patronizing those firms advertising in this paper.

Let's make the "fair" employers feel that we take an interest in their welfare by buying their goods. That's the union spirit that counts.

When the union man's wife, daughter or mother goes shopping with the union label in her mind, she is helping the cause of the man she loves.

There is a time for work and a time for play, and the man who tries to crowd one into the other loses the benefits of both.

An insistent demand for the union label will overcome the injunction in every case. The union label cannot be enjoined. Demand it upon all occasions!