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LONDON LABOR'S CHANCE.

For some years now there has been a growing fury of complaint against the self-seeking or unfairness or even tyranny of the financial men who manage our political affairs. Everywhere exclamation is heard that no relief from the sea of troubles can be found by the poor wageearner or salaried man until they send men of their own numbers to legislate in Toronto or

In a sort of desperation the workers in some sections have refused to listen to the counrevolutionary path of "direct action"; there is, bodies. indeed, some danger of this tendency spreading and growing stronger if Canadian Labor does not set itself without delay to become a potent higher education for themselves there were force in Parliament. The constitutional way is is generally recognized by the mass of sober workingmen in Ontario. But theoretical recognition must be made effective by active, unhesitant and consistent endeavor.

The reproach has again and again been specious plea or another that should be polled real representative. The workingmen of the reproach of disunfon and wobbling, and to plant whose own interests are identical with the of modern history. needs of the masses whom they represent.

Here in London the situation is pretty clean-Sir Adam Beck has from his own viewpoint given much hard work and valuable time to the service of a great public utility. Supposing the most favorable view to be entertained of Sir representation of Labor or of the common people by men of the masses is sharply challenged by the ambitions and autocratic character of Sir Adam Beck. "Is this democracy?" we have been asking ourselves as we see the grasp of scheming and climbing financiers tightening on ations. In London, Labor has a chance to set a signal example of devotion to principle in electing not the "big man," though he should be the flower of knighthood, but the plain man who is for more equal division of the good things of life. Dr. Stevenson is deeply interested in education, and its fair distribution, in industrial reforms, in reform of taxation, in the prohibition of alcoholic drink, and in a grateful return to our heroic soldiers for their sacrifices in our behalf. Where does Sir Adam stand on any one of these points? He is simply a man of one idea. If you want things to move at Toronto, elect men like Dr. Stevenson.

### THE ASYLUM CHARGES

Sensational charges have been made against the administration of the London Hospital for the Insane by a returned soldier, a former employee of the institution. According to this man, there has been wholesale graft and illtreatment of patients, particularly as to feeding of the patients. Dr. W. J. Robinson, the superintendent, makes a sweeping denial of the charges, but the hospital is a big institution, one of the largest of its kind on the continent, and unjust and dishonest acts might easily escape his notice or that of his executive staff. It is bardly credible that all the charges made by Pte. Lauder are without foundation, and while there is the slightest doubt on the matter the public will not be satisfied with an official statement that everything is as it should be. Dr. Robinson says he is quite willing that there should be an investigation. That is the correct attitude to take. For his own sake, as well as those of the inmates, the employees and the public, an inquiry should be held at once.

ALCOHOLICS AND DRUGS. The liquor propagandists publish figures purely disinterested unadulterated statistics shall we suppose, to show how the consumption

of noxious drugs, cocaine, morphine and opium, has increased since the O. T. A. came in. Supposing the figures given to be authentic, it

would be easy to explain them. In the first place the war has caused a

great deal of general anxiety, trouble, sorrow and loss. Some of those disabled in one way or another have probably found temporary ease in the use of an anodyne, some of those stricken with sore affliction would perhaps do the same. The liquor people, thinking mainly of their own cravings or sales, do not sufficiently consider this matter

than appealed. To the general public it seemed like a comic and unpleasant nightmare, distressing your drill ground?

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To the eye and ear, and above all to every sense of propriety. But it was in deadly earnest, and as year better that was there was conceived when I was past. Deprived of their alcoholic indulgence by the operation of the O. T. A., these poor creatures desperately drown their physical de
statistics. Social and religious agencies which had formerly drawn their garments aside as it passed admitted that it had done work that they had failed glory after the fiesh, I will glory also!"

Un to a certain point "I suffer fools gladly." sire in the "drowsy syrup" of the poppy. But such a phenomenon as this can be only very temporary. As an individual suffers somewhat temporary. As an individual suffers somewhat men and women, and made them men and women The Times takes two days to get where I am! in curing himself of a pernicious habit, so it is sant them had a day head a

with the community. It has to have a pain or two in swearing off. As time goes on, very soon the derelict element, begotten of alcohol, will disappear amidst general abstinence. Sadder the community may be for a quarter of an hour, but it will arise a wiser and better and merrier community when intoxicating liquor has the little brooks go singing along their shining way;

The rivers speak in deeper tones; like beat of been definitely banished from the land.

#### THE WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL MOVE-MENT.

At this time, when so much attention is being given to the spread of popular education. there still remains a gap in our system, in the case of the worker beyond school ago who case of the worker beyond school age who technical character. We make provision in our cities and larger towns for the apprentice or workman who seeks further knowledge of his trade, and we encourage him to take advantage of his opportunity, but for the man or woman who desires to pursue studies of a more cul tural character we have nothing, or almost nothing, to offer. The need of such educational provision was so marked in Great Britain in the ten or twelve years preceding the war that a great educational movement sprung up which has spread to other parts of the Empire, though as yet, in Canada, its work can be seen only in Toronto. We refer to the Workers' Educational Association, which was founded in 1903 as a democratic, unsectarian, non-partisan body, consisting of working people and scholars. of universities and labor organizations. The growth of the work in Great Britain was such sel of deliberate and regular political methods that in 1914 there were 200 branches at work, and have turned in exasperated mood to the and had federated 2,500 labor and educational and the engineers decided to make one whole ship

When the idea was first put forth that there and fact of the Zulu and the Nubian. were working men and women who cared about scoffers in plenty. It was argued that, having the better way, the only way of progress. This regard to the hours of labor, they could never study persistently and with effect. Those who entire period of the war, in spite of all the enemy took that view pointed out that universities were unable to get working men and women to tried to pay him during his visit here. attend their "extension" lectures in any number, even though these were entertaining. The levelled at the rank and file of Canadian Labor universities before 1903 would never have that when election day comes they don't stand dreamed of asking workmen-students to by their leaders, but divide into the old party pledge themselves to attend classes and write camps. Sir Somebody gets the vote on one regular essays. They had no idea, however, of what men and women would do who were in for "one of ourselves." In certain Ontario by spired by need. The Workers' Educational and most of our people never saw the Olympic, nor elections the farmers have given solid proofs Association began its work in a small way, but even the ocean on which she travels. But Toronto of their ability to stick together and put in the after two classes had been running for two years, and six classes for one year, the essays towns have in the coming election a chance to that had been written were sent down to on the other side, and in show themselves loyal to a principle which is Oxford for examination. The master of Balliol democratic, Liberal and Labor, to wipe out a College stated that 25 per cent of the essays presented by workingmen were the equal of in the seats of power a body of legislators those written by graduates of the final schools indomitable men of the merchant marine who

One of the striking features of the work in England is that it has attracted the efforts cut. It is made all the more so by the fact that of some of the outstanding men in professorial Between the day and night there filts an hour chairs. Plainly, it is no easy job to teach his- With draperies of dream athwart the blue; tory or economics or social science to 30 adult students, but the character of the students, Distil the sweetness of my reverie their keenness, their deep interest, has given to As tears that splash their love on baby hands. Adam's public services, it has to be remembered the work of teaching these classes a fascina-, And now Christ lifts his slim rebuking hands, that the very principle of the direct and genuine tion that no ordinary academic work could give. A report of the board of education says:

"No one could attend these classes without being struck by the zeal and earnestness of the students, their happy relations with the lecturer, the general atmosphere of comradeship and good feeling in the classes, and the strong appreciation by the students of the benefits which they are deriving from the work. These impressions are not derived from any single class or type of classes. They are common to the diverse and widelyscattered classes which we have visited.

It is impossible to measure the influence! upon English social life of the thousands of And touch my burning face with spirit hands. workers who, while remaining at their trade, Dream on, O Night! it is our wonder hour! have pursued work of the standard for honors in a university. These men are undoubtedly What awes thee in the night's so solemn nu What sombre thought disturbs thy reverie, influential in that shaping and reshaping of in- That when our love has lived its little hour stitutions which is now going on as an after. The paler fires of yonder trembling star math of the war. There have always been Shall mock the dimming of thine eyes so blue? those who feared that the onward march of Dear Love, are not the far horizons blue? democracy would be faster than the education Relentless Time our passing breath may hush; of the people to understand and appreciate the Yet in the flutter of thy sweet, fair hands, Yet in thine eyes, thine azure reverie forms of democracy. That Great Britain should Shall live, when Time shall pluck you sunset star, have among her people this large and influential And sigh, and sink, and fall to burn the hour! group, holding sound views on economic subjects, may be one of the reasons for the steadi-Our doubting voices hush, and like the star, ness of English labor during the war, and the Into Thy hands we give our little hour. common sense that manifested itself in the settlement of the railwaymen's strike within the last fortnight.

In Canada a start has been made along lines similar to the English plan, Professor MacIver of the department of political economy at the University of Toronto being much inin an issue of the Labor Gazette a few months ago. There are other cities where universities are located and where there is a large indussimilar work as occasion offers. Conditions in oak: Canada are perhaps somewhat less favorable of the fleet at his majesty's levee. (I suppose this to the success of such work, the population being less stationary and greater demands along and we make the sixteenth new republic!) being made on the workers' time, but there are jacket is to be worn instead of the tail coat! undoubtedly many men and women to whom the opportunity of going on with their education would be most acceptable.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Liberty League in Europe-Von der Goltz and the Bolsheviki.

There is an alcoholic smell about statistics published by the Liquor Bureau.

SALVATION ARMY JUBILEE. [Manchester Guardian.]
Mention of the Salvation Army Jubilee, to be held this month, after its postponement in 1915, sends the mind back to its early days. They were stormy days indeed. Everyone's hand was against the calculated eccentricities of its methods seemed to invite attack. Its hymns, crude and strong in their wording, were written and sung to the airs sunk Von Spee and all his fleet-with prodigious of popular comic songs of the day. Its untrained orators were almost corybantic in their fervor. It pressed the noisiest kinds of "musical instruments" into its service—the tambourine and cymbals were ing of the Lusitania by the Germans? s matter.

In the second place, the consumption of the favorite—and made night hideous with their excesses. Its printed matter shrieked at one rather than appealed. To the general public it seemed of Nelson, who said your battle ground should be transferred from its "penitents' form" to the public first war lord. statistics. Social and religious agencies which had

The ocean surges thunder, and toss their mighty

listening, pass;

patient seek;

All Nature seeks expression in tones that rise and

So sings the joyous human, so growls the angry brute.

The wedding chimes at noontide, the evening pass-

and valleys mute.

Those who have left their shelter, over the world to roam. them, like a strain of music, or the urge of

waiting friend, The still small voice of the mountains whispers

A most extraordinary naval surgical operation has been performed by naval engineers at Chatham another British ship, the Nubian, was torbeen launched the Zubian, a combination in name

Sir Bertram Hayes, captain of the Olympic, which, with such remarkable success, went her way back and forth across the Atlantic throughout the could do to intimidate her or destroy her, well deserves the honors which the city of Toronto has

The Olympic performed splendid service during the worst the enemy could do. attacked ten times by the enemy, sank three subway this ocean liner carried herself through the war traditions of the sea which Britons so rightly value.

s fond and proud of that great ship, and through the long years of war watched and waited for news of her coming, and for reports of her safe arrival in the record she was making. There was a reason. war and on her returned. The name of the As an outstanding representative of those carried on all through the war, Toronto is glad to honor the captain of the Olympic

[Frederick Truesdell in Chicago Tribune.] The after-glow turns back to kiss a star And far-off bells, within the hidden hush,

To say "Couldst thou not watch with me one hour? And lo! I see within my reverie The shadow of a cross against the blue; And then there comes a cry I fain would hush,

At which we children seek to warm our hands! Would its possession in the cradle hush The plaintive fretting of the slumber hour. Or does its dying streak across the blue

I yearn for something closer than a star. Reach out across the night, so calm, so blue My love is speaking, bid thy voices hush!

Shall shine down on our poor unclasping hands.

LORD FISHER AND THE NAVY. who argue!)

Never explain. Never apologize. (Those are the secrets of a happy life), but I am terested in the movement, which he described glad to see the admiralty have perfected all their economies, as below my letter, in your kindly inser-

> 1. Full dress is only to be worn by the officers will be cancelled when President Smillie comes 2. With No. 2 dress (ball dress) the mess

So thank God the weight of the war and two millions a day more than our income is lifted off our minds, and we can waltz with a light heart! (Or

midshipmen's jackets! "Give peace in our time, O hearts should be filled with an internal combustion engine and war hippopotami (but that's another story).

navy is obsolete for a war a few years hence! Stop the money! Yours, FISHER. September 3. Postscript:

Can't you trust me? 1. Was I wrong about the water-tube boiler, when the whole expert world was against me? 2. Was I wrong about the turbine when I put the army, from the policeman to the roughs, and it in the Dreadnought-when only before in a penny steamer and the experts called it "a box of tricks"? 3. Was I wrong about the battle cruiser that

speed and the big gun? 4. Was a wrong about the submarine-when seven months before the war I described the sink-

## From Here and There

THE STILL SMALL VOICE.

The trees have whispered secrets for those who. There's language of the flowers for all who

Myriads of tiny voices sound in the waving grass, But the mountains stand in silence—they may not, cannot speak.

But the mountains stand and listen-their peaks

Only to those who love them, the mountains message send-

"Come home! come home!"

SHIP SURGERY.

England. During the war the British ship Zulu was two boats were placed in the dry docks at Chatham out of the two damaged ones. Thus there has

THE GOOD OLD OLYMPIC.

And silence, and the falling of a star.

Ab what aloofness in the silent star

What awes thee in the night's so solemn hush!

Sir,-This letter is not to argue with your leadng article of September 2. (It's only d--d fools

tion of it, I perceive a very remarkable official memorandum by the admiralty to the fleet showing how they have time to attend to the minutest detail of battle! Like the elephant's trunk-one trial population which will undoubtedly develop moment picking up a pin, the next rooting up an

is it still "Jazz"?)

Then, Sir, there follow twelve specific injunctions about cocked hats and gold-laced trousers and

Lord!" If this indicates the minds of those whose Sir, I tell you again with emphasis, the present

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