

poster Gandhi (who has again got the better of our Premier); the direct correspondence between Gandhi from his jail place of rest and the Premier; the "indiscretion" (unofficial) of Lord Lothian, the decision to hold yet another Round Table Conference and the very composition of that Conference (already criticised above) as reported in the Press, all these go to show (a) that the Premier is still obstinately bent on forcing upon Parliament his insaneschemes for the democratisation of India, (b) that "Indiscretions" such as those of Lord Irwin and Lord Lothian are, in Mr. MacDonald's view, a positive recommendation for membership of this last body of which the object is to put his wild-cat schemes into practice, and (c) that there is *no chance whatever of escaping ruin for India and the Empire* if Conservatives follow sheep-like in the wake of Mr. Baldwin.

Truly, it would seem that the object of "safeguards" is to befool Parliament and the Nation—to enact laws that are obnoxious to the whole of the experienced and sensible part of the population, and then, when the harm has been done, to ignore the "safeguards"!!! The same thing that has happened in Ireland will happen in India if the insane schemes of the Messrs. MacDonald and Baldwin, of Lord Irwin and Lord Lothian are allowed by a disciplined and docile Conservative Party to be inscribed on the Statute Roll. The Blackpool Conference showed that the Conservative Party is well disciplined. Discipline is a good thing, but it should not be allowed to entail blind loyalty to chiefs who are disloyal to the interest of the Empire whatever may be the cause of their disloyalty, whether it be ignorance of their subject, lack of brains, want of backbone, vanity or what not. And we must remember that although a refusal to vote in accordance with the wishes of our chiefs *may perhaps* cause the resignation of Socialists, of weak men, or of those whose vanity is out of all proportion to their knowledge of the matters in which they obstinately interfere, the passing into law of the fantastic schemes fathered by the Prime Minister for the misgovernment of a country and of peoples with which he is profoundly ignorant, *will assuredly* lead to such chaos and disorder in India as to cause the rapid disintegration and break up of our Empire. A favourite dodge of the "Leaders" is, of course, to preach the inevitable, the instant, destruction of the world if their followers do not obey them. "I want this done, and if you do not help me to do it you will break up the Party, I shall lose my job, civilisation itself is threatened, and the World will swim in gore." We heard this sort of language when the proposed action *re* "Arcos" and the dismissal from their privileged positions of our bitterest enemies—the servants of the Moscow Camarilla—was under discussion. And in spite of the World Menace then preached by the Foreign Secretary if our open and declared foes were turned out of England, no evil, but good, results followed on the action which the Conservative leader was at last *forced* to take against them. Should this dodge be adopted again, it might be said with reason to the Prime Minister and to his associates; "Well, *Do not begin it.* If you do not want Europe to swim in gore and the World to crumble, stop monkeying with India; stop forcing down our throats your individual fancies and schemes for the misgovernance of a country of which you know nothing—schemes which, in the opinion of all men who are capable of forming a trustworthy opinion, of all men who have that knowledge which you so conspicuously lack, are absolutely certain to cause the destruction of our Indian Empire—and as a consequence the destruction of the Empire as a whole." If ever in the world there was a case in which discipline should be disregarded and men should vote in accordance with the dictates of their own consciences assuredly this is it. And if, Sir, you should want any further