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Why They Are Discontented

It was the life ambition of the late Lord Acton to write a work on the subject of "Liberty." He desired to show how often the people were deceived by forms and symbols, and how hard it was for any community to long remain free. Even in countries where side of the Atlantic. men apparently started even, the distinctions of caste soon arose, and the many found themselves oppressed by tent occasioned by the feeling that

where a multitude of men labor for law and order must be preserved, the a few masters and depend upon them judges, the constabulary and the milifor their subsistence. If these masters, tia find themselves apparently siding in combination with other overlords with the employer against the emequally powerful, not only constitute ploye. Strikers are jailed in the Unitthe employing class but largely con- ed States for "picketing"-a practice trol the raw material necessary for now declared lawful by statute in all manufacturing we have an oli- England. The laboring man who is garchy that becomes supreme when it unfairly treated laughs at the sugtakes possession of the means of trans- gestion that he can get any relief portation and communication thruout from the law. He argues, not without the country. Such an oligarchy we reason, that the improvement in the have in the United States, a land once conditions of the laboring classes is doubted if there were many who dedicated to the principle of equal op- largely due to the employers' fear of thought the exertions made by the portunities for all and special privi- strikes, with their accompanying dis- empire fell short of what might have urged, would be ratal to the party's leges for none. Hence class distinc- order. tions, industrial discontent and social

The commission appointed to investigate industrial relations has just sfiled its report. Like all such reports it will excite some comment and be soon forgotten. Nevertheless in our opinion it deserves careful attention.

The Roosevelt candidacy and Mr. Willy accepted the offer of 160,000 ments In the United States something like 25,000,000 people are working for that the people of the children precisely were thinking and talking precisely thing less than a fairly decent living. Their wages are fixed and doled out ple of France immediately before the bolt has not been shot. New armies to them by corporation officials who are well paid for their services, but the real masters for whom they all labor include the forty-four families having an income of \$1,000,000 a year or more, and the 1598 families whose incomes are less than \$1,000,000 and

more than \$100,000 per annum; We learn from the commission's report that in the United States:

Between one-fourth and onethird of male workers in the factories and mines, eighteen years and over, earn less than \$10 a. fourths earn less than \$15, and about one-tenth earn more than \$20 a week.

From two-thirds to threefourths of women workers in factories, stores, laundries and inoccupations generally work at wages of less than \$8 a Approximately one-fifth earn less than \$4, and nearly onehalf earn less than \$6 a week.

That under any system however fair or laws however just some men of remarkable ability will be able without dishonesty to make large fortunes has recently been demonstrated by Henry Ford. Neither the way he the country. created his vast estate nor the way he is handling it invites complaint or discentent, but the same cannot be said of the great majority of the big fortunes. They largely represent downright dishonesty, as in the case pies the chair of Russian history, lanof the Morgans, the Harrimans and guage and literature in the University the Rockefellers. The Astor wealth sprang from a small fortune legitimately enough acquired in the fur trade. Today it represent hundreds accorded large and unusual facilities of millions of dollars of unearned increment. The growth of New York ally and witnessed at close quarters City has made a garden patch of Manhattan Island worth almost countless millions and every day the fortunate family will grow richer and richer.

Hence we find in a country where all titles and hereditary distinctions were abolished an aristocracy arising which for all time to come may tax and toll the people. It is no longer true that a family passes from shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations. The great fortunes are becoming consolidated rather than disintegrated. Meanwhile, instead of the ragged simplicity, the comparative equality and the universality of labor which should distinguish the citizens of a republic, we find arrogant idleness, poorly paid labor, gross social inequalities and almost-universal unrest.

The commission suggests four great causes for the present conditions and s to provide a remedy for them. They are as follows:

Cause No. 1-Unjust distribution of wealth and income. . The Remedy-A graduated income tax fixing & limit of \$1,000,-

000 on the amount that may be Cause No. 2-Unemployment and denial of opportunity to earn a

The Remedy—Enforced return of all land and natural resources secured by fraud; general revision Cause No. 3-Denial of justice

cause No. 3—Denial of justice in the creation, adjudication and administration of law.

The Remely — Constitutional amendment specifically protecting the rights of habeas corpus, jury trial free speech, peaceful assemblage, to keep and bear arms, speedy public trial, absolute impartiality in selection of jurymen, regulation of private detective

regulation of private detective agencies and supervision of state Cause No. 4-Denial of the right

and opportunity to form effective organizations.

The Remedy — Constitutional guarantee of right to organize; statutory prohibition of discharge of workmen for membership in union and statutory provision that acts of an organization not for profit are not illegal if same acts in case of an individual are law-

We doubt if much will be accomplished by the proposed limitation upon the amount one can inherit. Even mild succession tax has generally failed of enforcement so far as the estates of the wealthy are concerned on this continent. A more drastic remedy is needed. The law should not lend itself to the chicane by which men get rich quickly and "malefactors of great wealth" become multi-mil-WEDNESDAY MORNING. AUG. 25 lionaires. If all minerals were owned speech in the London Opera House at

Perhaps the commission is on firmer ground when it speaks of the disconthe rich and poor do not stand upon No true democracy can long exist an equality before the law. Because

> that the people of the United States ginally expected. along the same lines as were the peogreat revolution.

After the War

Europe after the war. He contends pire is heart and soul with them. Mr. on the contrary that continental Balfour bore generous tribute to the Europe will find herself in an im- great qualities of the French army eral Liberal cabinet formed, but his more production after the war because Russian soldiers. Russia has suffered many men will be released from mili- and is suffering acutely from her arti- Mr. Rowell, for the maritime consumption because every nation will her western neighbor, but her sufferhave lost largely in population. The ings, Mr. Balfour says, "will be reresult will be lower prices, reduced compensed and overshadowed as the cost of living and their concomitant moment of final triumph surely aplow interest charges.

If Mr. Moody is right we may confidently look forward to a great flow of British capital to this country after

The Russian Soldier

Shortly after the outbreak of the war Prof. Berhard Pares, who occuof Liverpool, was nominated to act as British "Eye-Witness" with the Russian forces. In that capacity he was by the general staff of our eastern the actualities of war in the tremendous campaigns waged in Galicia and Poland. As a stretcher-bearer Prof. Pares has worked within a hundred feet of the German trenches, has sensed

the odor of high explosive shells and seen the physical shock of battle. He returned recently to London and in an interview gave this summary of his impressions of the year's war on the eastern European front: "The war in Poland has revealed Germany at her

beastliest and Russia at her best." It pleased the Huns in the early stages of the conflict they engineered and entered upon so confidently to gibe at Britain for taking place as an ally of the "barbarous Russians." They were not slow, however, to reveal themselves as masters of a barbarity so malignant and calculated as to compel the belief that it surpassed in fiendishness the worst exploits of the Goths and Vanials. Prof. Pares makers of describes the German troops as brutal, arrogant and often drunk. "German prisoners," he remarked, "unlike the Austrians, are sometimes found so

hopelessly intoxicated that they are not sober 24 hours after their capture." Drunkenness, he declared, was unknown in the Russian army and the drink deliberately left when the Germans retreat from a town is promptly thrown into the gutter.

Prof. Pares is described as having been deeply moved when he spoke of the splendid courage, the sublime faith, the tireless endurance of the the whole of the Russian front—and I could go where I liked and talk to whom I liked—I have not seen or heard of anything brutal or beastly Not done by the Russian troops. They have fought most humanely in this war-almost too humanely I sometimes think." Later on in the interview he observed that "the men are extraordinarily gentle and unselfish to each other, and even to the enemy once he is made prisoner. It is very difficult, for instance, to get a Russian soldier to execute a spy-because it is done in cold blocd. They are more like great, overgrown and extremely lovable children than anything else. Their simple faith, their touching patience and their true tenderness of heart do much to redeem the war of its horrible reality."

Britain's Part in the War

Mr. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty board, delivered a notable by the government, as they are in the anniversary of the outbreak of tax was established, if all public utili- in no way boastful or arrogant. With- oxysms of rage. This is the chorus: ties were operated by the public and out minimizing the painstaking ability for the public, if stock watering and of the enemy and their elaborate sysstock jobbing were abolished, we tem of waging war, Mr. Balfour avowwould not have such a luxuriant ed his firm belief in the eternal trend growth of financial Napoleons on this towards justice, righteousness and ultimate peace. Except as to the value of munitions and great guns, he pointed out that all the enemy's calculations had gone astray. In diplomacy in their estimate of the forces that would be opposed to them, in their expectation of what would happen 'luring the first months' struggle, Ger-

many had completely failed. When discussing the part taken by Britain in the war, Mr. Balfour spoke first of the service rendered by the many Ontario Liberals believe the British fleet and British supremacy at sea. The whole basis of the structure of the allied offence was, he said, absolutely dependent on that supremacy. Regarding the land war, he been expected. The nations that valu-The situation in the United States ed Britain's assistance knew she had has been critical for some time past. no great standing army, and grateful-The Roosevelt candidacy and Mr. Wil- ly accepted the offer of 160,000 men.

That, however, is only an earnest of what the British Empire will do. Its have been created, and others are in process of shaping. The empire's part on land will soon be commensurate proaches.

Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B.

King George has conferred the rank the war. Higher interest charges will of Knight Commander of the Most rule here because our population will Honorable Order of the Bath on Cangreatly increase. It is quite likely, ada's Minister of Militia. It is called Canadian Liberal party, he however, that all commodities will fall a signal mark of distinction, and one would strengthen its position and in value after the war, and again we that has not often been awarded for will be confronted with the problem of service rendered in an oversea dohow to keep the cities from growing minion. General Otter, who was given in size out of proportion to the rest of the Companionship in 1900 for services rendered in South Africa, was raised to the knighthood in 1913. For another instance we must go back to Sir Isaac Brock, who received the K.C.B. for the capture of Detroit in August, 1812, and died at Queenston Heights in the following October. Sir Sam Hughes has gained his K.C.B. by reason of the enthusiasm and tireless vigor with which he has conducted the raising and training of the Canadian contingents who have brought immortal glory on the Dominion.



Russian. In his own words: "I say deliberately and emphatically that on Now is the Time to

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And the champagne of Rheims Will be flowing in streams, When we've wound up the Watch on the Rhine.

Featuring Mr. Rowell

Regina Standard and Province, Aug-21: There may be good reason to be-lieve that Mr. Rowell is at least being groomed for the Liberal leadership by his Toronto friends, even if at present only possibility of resuscitating the party will be to have Sir Wilfrid decided on by the civic treasury board. succeeded by an Ontario man who would command more confidence than total is made up of five-year bonds to the Quebec chieftain. Mackenzie King the amount of \$155,000, and ten-year has been pretty well eliminated, and to the amount of \$3,750,000. Tenders Hon. George P. Graham is not looked are to be in by Septembor 9. upon as strong enough to assume the position. Another Quebec man, it is seems to be the assumption of the leadership by either an Ontario or a

Scott of Saskatchewan has been men tioned for the position more than once, but as his finish in this province is now seen to be inevitable, he is unlikely to move up. His extraoring strength which had its effect or those Liberals outside unacquainted with the real state of affairs in Sas John Moody, of New York, combats with the service rendered at 50, and the prevalent idea that there will be there can be no doubt that our allies J. A. Calder, the real source of the Liberal strongth in Saskatchewan, Liberal strongth in Saskatchewan, or sanital chief western or an interval chief western o katchewan, but the higher authorities has been appointed chief western organizer for the Liberal party, and poverished condition. There will be and to the wonderful heroism of the portfolio will doubtless be the interior ministry, and he will never be leader That leaves for consideration only tary service, but there will be less ficial and mechanical inferiority to inces have no strong candidates to offer. Mr. Fielding, who might at one time have succeeded Sir Wilfrid, has practically retired from the arena. Sir Lomer Gouin's strength in Quebec is admitted, but another French-Canadian leader will not be acceptable to

Mr. Rowell is sincere, sound and moderately strong. He has no great natural aptitude for political life, but that is possible of remedy. est Liberal of a school which, alas! has almost disappeared from the sodoubtless in time make a Canadian premier in whom the whole people would have confidence.

SCORE'S CLOTHES.

A look at our ad on page 8 will perhaps interest you, but, better still, try

CLEARLY SHOW HAND

Sinking of Arabic Upheld as Within Rights of Warfare.

MONTREAL, Aug. 24.-A despatch The Gazette from Elizabeth, N.J. says: The German-American Alliance adopted resolutions today asserting that the sinking of the steamship Arabic was justified and "that neutrals should take warning and keep off warring nations' ships which sail the war The resolutions which were

pared by President Frederick Hirtzel, of this city, professed sympathy for Germany and praised its methods of submarine warfare. Mr. Hirtzel said that acts performed by Germany's marine commanders so far have been absolutely fair and just and he was positive "the Arabic invited trouble and was accommodated."

FEAR STEFANSSON IS LOST.

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 24.—The United States coast guard cutter Bear, which carried mails to Point Barrow the most northerly point of Alaska, returned here last night, reporting that no word of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, and his two companions, had been received. Belief is growing that all three have perished.

THREE NAMES UP **BUT NONE CHOSEN**

Controllers Further Disagree on Matter of Fire Commissioner.

POPULATION IS LOWER

Fewer People Living in Ward Four, But Assessment is Higher.

Yesterday's meeting of the board of control was almost as sensational as Monday's council meeting. names were brought on as possible nominees for the commissionership, but not one of them would get thru. The debate became so heated that the mayor said he didn't care if he was not mayor any more.
The mayor moved that Acting Chief

Smith be made chief, and that council rescind the motion to appoint a commissioner. Both motions were lost, and then a petition was orought forward, signed by citizens favoring Ald. Spence for commissioner, but this was

Controller Spence brought forward and Chas. P. Brand, the local architect and military man. Both of these continental Europe and some parts of war. It was marked by a quiet note the most popular songs in the discussion, and, having done nothing trenches today. Sung by our men, it of confidence and optimism that was its said to drive the first trenches today. lers went on with other business.

Decrease in Ward Four. According to the assessment returns for Ward Four, which have just been closed, the population has decreased from 72,364 to 69,157. The assessments however, show an increase all round. the total increase being \$4,964,731. The detailed figures for 1916 with the increases over 1915 are as follows: Land. \$46,729,542, increase \$2,799,368; buildings. \$32,988,577, increase \$1,332,910; business assessment, \$7,060,759, increase \$532,384; income, \$3,019,485, inings, \$32,988,577, increase \$1,332,910; crease \$305,119; exemptions, \$19,590,-278, increase \$2,181,160.

Appeals from Ward Four assess-ments must be in the hands of the city clerk not later than September 4, and they will be dealt with by the court of revision, commencing September 20. Will Sell Bonds.

The sale of local improvement bonds to the extent of \$4,000,000 has been and tenders will be called for. The the amount of \$155,000, and ten-year

The city has taken action to sumurged, would be ratal to the party's mons the Toronto Street Railway to general prospects, and the only option the police court on account of accidents that happened in connection with the running-boards cars. One man has been killed and 14 injured this year. Crown Attorney Corley issued a flat for the summons of Toronto in 1895, with first-class

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Geo. M. Jones, B.A., of Humberside Collegiate Joins University Staff.

The board of governors of the University of Toronto, at their last meeting, appointed Mr. George M. Jones, B.A., to the position of lecturer in English in the faculty of education, and chief instructor in English in the university schools. Mr. Jones brings to this important position very superstant position very superstant position very superstant in the superstant position very superstant position ve to this important position very special qualifications, and comes Commenting on the application of the city to have the running-boards abolished the mayor said: "It is not so much a new type of car that is needed as a new railway board. We should proceed against the company on the ground of maintaining of maint ern language master in Whitby Colledepartment of English and history in that school. Mr. Jones has distinguished himself not only as an accomplished teacher, but also as an independent historical investigator, and, together with monographs on other topics of Canadian history, has ten, in collaboration with Prof. C. D. Allen of the Universoty of Minnesota a considerable volume dealing with Canadian political and trade relations

WILLS PROBATED

13, 1914, left an estate valued at \$16,-240. Her husband, Charles H. Smith, one son, R. W. Smith, and one daugh-

An estate of \$12.079 was left Smith Huff. who died in Toronto, July 13. Several relatives will receive legacies, and his three daughters will receive the residue of the estate. Lydia Long Rogers is named as the LONDON, Aug. 24.—Estimates made here today by military men were that 1,800,000 Germans are now in action on the Franco-Flemish front, and 1,100,000 against the Russians. To the latter are added 1,225,000 Austrians.

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