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THE LABOUR TROUBLES

All our telegrams have lastly tended to show that the Labour troubles at home are in many cases independent of the official Trades Unions, and so far as we can judge; the storkers, having thrown over Collectivism are trying to grope their way towards a solution of their problems. Among our telegrams to-day is one-billing us that as harge meeting of postal workers in London on Friday afternoon at which resolutions favouring shorter workers in Löndon in Friday atternoon at which resolutions favouring shorter hours, higher wages and full civil rights were adopted, Mr. Clynes emphasised the desirability of formulating and discussing demands before striking in order to keep the sympathy of the public. He declared that a far higher standard of living must be obtained before there could be contained to the striking in coll most be settled by mob law. Workers when the could be contained to the striking that the striking could not be settled by mob law. Workers when we want to freat the maintained wither must be within the striking that the striking work of the striking that the striking wishes must be translated by trusted dele-gates. Mr. Clynes is a warking-man and he knows the needs of the workers. When, therefore, he counsels moderation, it is be-cause he knows that after the pendulum has swung to two extremes, it is always moderation that carries the day. We may be assured that whenever the

Military subscribers on changing their address, stopping or renewing their subscription, are requested to send one of the latest wrappers received, thus avoiding mistakes and confusion. Labour party arrives with a majority in the Labour party arrives with a majority in the House of Commons it will be composed of modgrafe men. Not that moderation is always acceptable. The hopes of the workers ran high when, in 1909, Labour returned teactly-eight abour and Socialist candi-dates pledged to independence, to the House of Commons. But not understanding that such a handful or demandating that miracles they under a such as the con-traction water of the continued an inter-nactine waters which continued almost twenty and the continued almost £1.3.6 (P.T.115) £2.1.0 (P.T.200) £3.8.6 (P.T.333)

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until the outbreak of war, so it may ted that a similar disgust will follow expected that a similar disgust will follow the first days of the establishment of a Labour Government, if it dilly-dallies with things, and it its actions should be feeble. Once confidence is destroyed in moderate men there is a danger of things rushing to the opposite extreme. The extremists then would seek their clance. They would point to the impotence of the Labour party, access its leaders of lack of courage and a desire to make terms with the em-phasers and compiler to seign cover and and a desire to make terms with the em-phyers and conspire to seize power and inaugurate the class war. But there is no reason why they should succeed, It will be our fault if they do. The situation could be steadied by a vigorous propaganda which would change the loss of the struggle from a warfare about persons to a warfare about ideas or things. It is apparent, when we think about it, that the anticipated failure that the could be accounted for in one of two ways. It could be ascribed to the corruption and moral cowartice of its numbers, or it could be

be ascribed to the corruption and moral covariates of its members, or it could be attributed to be and idea—the absence of attributed to head of idea—the absence of attributed to head of idea—the absence of a stributed the conference of the situation which conferenced them. The extremists exvisaging the problem primarily in the terms of persons as a warfare between classes would doubtless seize upon the personal aspect of the failure. But not only are the extremists now trying to make their voices heard, without any social theory in the sense that they have never applied themselves to the task of elaborating the principles upon which a democratic and communal society must rest, but they appear to be unaware that one is but they appear to be unaware that one is necessary. All they see is that power to-day is in the hands of capitalists and they day is in the hands of capitalists and they want to see it transferred into those of the workers. That is very good so far as it goes. But it is insufficient for the purpose of reconstructing society, which they would be called upon to do if ever they succeeded to power; because if industry suddenly changed hands and the salariat succeeded to power; because it industry, auddenly changed hands and the salariat were banished, as they propose, every-thing would not go on sweetly as before. The centre of gravity of industry would have completely changed. This change would introduce a host of probons. It is considered to the control of wage-earners. That is to say they intend to have changes but to have them without resorting to mob-law with its train of destructive consequences.

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