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FALSE PRETENCES TOWARDS IRELAND.

The Plebiscite Proposal Dishonest.

ne proposal, urged from many professedly need quarters, to take a plebiscite in Ire-on the independence question is, in our dishonest one.

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a regard it as dishonest, because we believe
those who put it forward have no idea that
Lloyd George Government would grant
ad Independence if the plebiscite were to
re for it; their hope is merely that a
of the Irish people might declare for some-

believe, too, that the plebiseite proposal forward as a means of evading the respon-y of standing for or against the direct

minion Home Rule Not Offered.

fir. Arthur Henderson, generally recognised he leader of the Labour Party, has said it is appointing that the Lloyd George terms have been accepted by Sinn Fein; but, that if the lish Government's ofter means Dominion Rule, this should be stated in clear

Mr. Henderson, of course, knows too much about Dominion Home Rule to be under the Illusion that the form of Home Rule at present offered to Ireland can be so described.

Let us consider in detail the conditions which are inconsistent with Dominion Home Rule.

NAVAL DEFENCE.

The British Navy alone should control the eas around Ireland and Great Britain

Ireland is not to have a navy; the British Navy remains in control; but it was on the naval question, that the British Dominions first made good their claim to Independence. Under the Naval Agreements of 1907-11, they established their right to withhold their own naval forces in the event of war; to remain neutral in a war waged by the Empire. The Dominions are entitled to possess their own navies, and their contributions to the British Navy are free gifts.

2.-THE ARMY.

The Irish Territorial Force shall conform in respect of numbers, to the military estab-lishments of the other parts of these islands."

The Irish Army is called a Territorial Force, and it is to be limited by Britain. The Dominions are not under such limitations.

3.—AIR SERVICE.

Great Britain shall have all necessary facilities for the employment of defence, and of communications by air."

Apparently Ireland is to have no Air Service. Apparently Ireland is to have no Air Service, and, both for military and civil purposes, the British Air Service is to have the monopoly in Ireland. With a British Navy and Air Force in control of that little island, who could pretend it was independent? The Dominions are wet those controlled to their status is free thus controlled; their status is free

4. — RECRUITING AND FINANCIAL BURDEN OF ARMY AND NAVY.

The British Army, Navy, and Air Force will carry on voluntary recruiting in Ireland and Ireland will be expected to pay her share of the cost of these forces.

The Dominions are not thus obliged to contri bute, and, if there is to be recruiting for the-Forces in Ireland, there will doubtless be barracks and establishments; in short, the British Naval and Military system will remain

But those who insist that there is something new and magnanimous in these terms, will tell us that the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force are of small moment in our daily life, and that so long as Ireland remains at peace with Britain—" and why should she not?"—the substance of tydependence is assured. Such statements are Independence is assured. Such statements are

agree to impose no protective duties or other restrictions upon the flow of transport, trade, and commerce between the ports of these islands."

Cleverly phrased, Mr. Lloyd George, but such agreements are only binding upon the stronger party; in this case, the stronger party, the British Government, does not wish to erect tariffs and Customs duties between Britain and Ireland. The weaker party, Sinn Fein, desires to do so, in order to build up Irish industries, without the difficulty of competition with eldwithout the difficulty of competition with old-established, highly-capitalised British industries

Sinn Fein an Economic Movement.

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The Sinn Fein movement, the Irish Independence movement generally, is largely an economic movement; a powerful mainspring of its force is provided by the Irish bourgeoisie, desirous of becoming successful manufacturers and merchants. They look to tariffs to aid them. Ninety per cent, of the Irish external trade is with Britain: to prevent tariffs being applied to ninety per cent, of Irish trade, is, obviously, to destroy the cherished tariff policy altogether.

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The Dominions are quite free in this respect; they may impose what tariffs they please; that is one of the basic rights of the British Dominions

IRELAND TO SHARE THE WAR

Ireland is to assume a share of responsi fretand is to assume a share of responsibility for the United Kingdom War Debt. In default of agreement, the amount to be determined by "an independent arbitrator," to be appointed from within his Majesty's Dominions.

British Dominions do not contribute to Imperial taxation. One of the great reasons why the Sinn Fein movement has been so greatly accelerated since the war is that the Irish do not wish to pay the British War Debt. No one not wish to pay the British War Debt. No one-likes to pay increased taxation, and whoever finds a conscientious scruple for refusing, is especially delighted. Of course, the Irish are proudly vaunting their objection of principle to labouring under the load of War taxes. There would be an immediate revolt if Parliament were to attempt to force the Dominions to contribute to its ex-penses. Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa would at once prove themselves as anxious as Ireland to escape from the Union. Let there be no mistake, the local Govern-ment offered to Ireland is not Dominion Home

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Union between North and South Ireland can only come by consent. The British Government "cannot consent to any proposals that would kindle civil war in Ireland.

The reply of the Sinn Fein Ministry to this passage, on August 10th, was dignified and apt

"Let England cease to throw her armed forces into the scale on the side of one party to a domestic difference. Ireland will not

OUR VIEW.

bring force to bear upon the Northern minority. Irishmen will effect a 'complete reconciliation' for themselves. This was the course adopted in the case of Canada in 1867, and of South Africa in 1909.'

Yet the quarrel between North and South will not be easily settled: it springs from deep economic causes, and will trouble the island for many a long day.

Some foolish person started the story that Lloyd George's refusal to grant Independence to Ireland, which, he declares, would be to "tear up the United Kingdom," is the same as "tear up the United Kingdom," is the same as Lincoln's refusal to agree to the secession of the Southern States of America. Lloyd George, who loves to pose as playing a grand part, has taken up the analogy, and declares that he is adopting Lincoln's stand. Lincoln, however, refused to assent to secession when the Southern States desired to seede in order that they might safely continue and extend the practice of slavery. There is no such question here. The Lincoln argument did not occur to Lloyd George when he was helping to dismember the Austrian was helping to dismember the Austrian

To Communists, the question of Ireland's Independence is only important because the workers in an independent Ireland would be more free to learn that their real enemy is Capitalism, and because the break-up of the British Empire means the destruction of a great bulwark of the capitalist system.

RUSSIAN MEASURES TO COPE WITH Red sailors of Baltic Fleet have given up 10 per ent of rations to famine areas. Red garrision of Twee has given up two months' ay, over one million roubles. Workers of steam mills contribute 15 per cent, their flour ration. Peasants of Tula giving from 3 to 10 lbs. of grain or desiatin. Tree performances in Patrograd, are discontinuous. FAMINE.

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Free performances in Petrograd are discontinued, and the proceeds of the theatre go to Famine Fund. The 'All-Russian Relief Committee sent three sanitary trains to famine area with food for children. Peasants suffering at Tula had received 25 trucks of grain by barter, but on hearing of frightful continues, in Volga district gave up 20 waggons.

Moscow newspaper employees are to issue a special supplement to be sold at 2,000 roubles each. The issue will be 500,000.

International Proletarian Aid for Russia.

Russia.

Communist Party of France has asked for relief for Russia, and is supported by Seine Trade Unions, Dockers' Union, Textile Workers and Metal Workers, all of whom call on members to contribute.

10,000 francs has already been raised.

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FRANK PENMAN IN LONDON.

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—of men for the Army, of women for the munition factories and other services necessary for the
carrying out of the war. She had been one of
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when the Women's International League held its Conference in the place where she was living, she attended its sessions with the sole object of listening to the proposals to allow women to retain their original nationality when

the bitterest, vulgarest, most bombastic of the muck rakers, who heaped abuse upon Asquith and the other Liberals, who, lacking the courage to oppose the "Jingoes," yet shrank from acceding to their wildest excesses.

This personage, whom he had once looked up to as an important, even a revered, member of his family, he had not seen for a number of years. What he had read of her activities in the newspapers, had filled him with a sharp disgust; he had now long ceased to regard her as a relative; she had become only a name to him.

He had other relatives also in London: one was a woman who had lost her only son, the youngest of her children, and the darling of her

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(Continued from our last issue).

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Frank Penman had a number of relatives in London. One was a well-known lady politician who had been prominent during the war for her "jingo" views, she was one of the first and most strident in demanding the complete blockade of Germany; one of the first to declare that not war material only must be excluded, but food and everything that a people needs; for this would be a war of attrition. She had screamed for the internment of all Germans, Austrians, and others of the nations at war with us, whether naturalised or not naturalised; whether willing or unwilling subjects of the enemy Powers: she had called for rigid coercion of the Shop Stewards and other Labour agitators, of pacifists and conscientious objectors, and she was one of the first to demand Conscription in the political field, as in others, the equal man. Her mental endowments and her alrea considerable services to the Lloyd George Constant pagainst the law that forced her to assume that forced her to assume that forced her to assume the husband's mationality, declaring that elaw that forced her to assume that forced her to assume the husband's nationality, declaring that elaw that forced her to assume the husband's nationality, declaring that end on severetaryship. Cabinet rank should have follow swiftly, and the Premiership before many yet swiftly, and the Premiership before many yet and they remained apart from her husband till the close of the war, boasting that she was only willing to accept the money she received from him for the support of the clildren, and that she was only willing to accept the money she received from him for the support of the clildren, and the possibility of doubt, that Socialism wor have the clildren, and the promise that for the clildren, and the promise that for the promise that for the care that for the care that for the care that for the possibility of doubt, that she was teaching English, to supply her own here the support of the clildren, and the promise that form the promise t ambition she was not wholly selfish, or, at she thought she was not. She was still ob with the idea of sweeping away the obstastanding in the way of the advancement of clever members of her sex, and she told her this was a worthy object,

Her ambitions had missed fire, and for time being, she had abandoned them. Per she would take them up again later; but, or bined with a great capacity for exertion, she also a great indolence in her character, and the present, she was content to drift inactive employing her fine brain with little beyond employing her hine brain with little beyond toilet, to which she gave great attention, a carrying on a superficial daily intercourse was few people. The chit-chat of the mater aunt, which at one time she regarded as an possible waste of time, something not to be dured by an important person like herself, you longer displeasing to her and powerless.

MAX HAVELAAR.

A Tale of the Dutch East Indies.

orten spoken to the Resident about the abuses prevailing in Lebak, and of how little use this had been. When Havelaar was staying in the Resident's house in Serang, he also had spoken of the matter, and had received the answer that this was "everywhere the case in a greater or lesser degree."

Havelaar could not deny this; but he thought it no reason to tolerate abuses, above all when one is appeciated to oppose them. Moreover, he knew that the abuses were on a very large scale. The Resident replied to this, that the abuses were still worse in Tjirmien, another Assistant Residency of Bantam. Havelaar's predecessors had contented themselves with speaking to the Resident about the abuses; they had not presented written report that remains in his archives as a proof that he was acquainted with this or that abuse. Verbal complaints from the Assistant Residents generally brought about a conversation with the Regent, who denied all, and asked for proof. The men who had had the boldness to complain were summoned, and creeping before the feet of the Regent, they begged pardon: "No, that buffalo had not been taken away without payment, they certainly believed that double its value would be paid for it. No, they had not peen more of groundless malicoe—they had been mad and begged that they should be punished for such excessive disrespect."

This spared the Resident the disagreeable task of troubling the Government with an unfavourable report. The rash accuers were punished by caning, the Regent triumphed, and the Resident returned to

By MULTATULI

The persons whom Havelaar had lawfully at his disposal could only keep clear of weeds and underwood a very small part of the grounds close to the house. Havelaar wrote to the Resident asking that this should be remedied, either by the Government supplying him with poil workers, or sending persons under sentence of hard labour to work in the Residency of Bantam, as elsewhere. His requests were refused with the observation that he had the right to put to work in his grounds persons condemned by him, as a magistrate, to "labour on the public roads." Havelaar was aware of this, but he had never made use of this right at Rankas-Betong, or at Amboina, at Menado, or at Natal, where he had also been stationed. It shocked him to have his garden kept in order as a fine for small errors, and he had often asked binself how the Government could thus tempt the functionary to punish small excusable oflences, not in proportion to the condition, or extent of his estate. The very idea that he who was punished even justly, might think that self interest had dictated the sentence, made him give preference to the otherwise objectionable punishment of confinement.

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A BIT OF MODERN NEWS FROM NOWHERE.

By M.I.C.P.

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of this Commission. The Right Honourable Mr. Henderson, for the Government, has declared that they too, will abide by the decision of the Commission. We shall conclude our sittings in two months time; and we shall take the evidence of over 150 witnesses. I hope, therefore, that all the comrades will do their best not to waste time unnecessarily. I now call upon Comrade Winston Churchill to go into the witness-box. (W. Churchill goes into the witness-box.) Garvin: As a former believer in the capitalistic mode of production, and a prominent member of the Cabinet, during the Anglo-American War, you will admit that the interest extracted by the robber-class rendered it impossible for our people to live decently?

class rendered it impossible for our people to live decently?

Churchil: Yes. But that is past, and even ancient history.

Garvin: You will admit that whereas under the shameless and free exploitation which we used to support, the stolen wealth was less than £800,000,000 a year; but that under nationalisation the booty, far exceeds that amount?

Churchil: Yes. But now production has also increased, you know.

LEOYD Grouge: As a true Socialist, you recognise that robbery is immoral?

Churchil: Yes. That is exactly why I oppose confiscation.

Macatanatal friends must realise that the working class movement of to-day is not organised on the best lines, and the failure to completely eximple that our friends will not resort to violence. It is not a day of threats or sectional, action—as we have always maintained. But we still hope. Should we not see the emancipation of the workers, our children will. We fall to rise again, we have always maintained. But we still hope. Should we not see the emancipation of the communist Party—who, by the way, are mostified to the contraint of the country consist of railways, ships, factorics, machinery, etc. and that which at

"The blackguardly conduct of the Government leaves us Communists with no choice. Words are useless. It is now time for action. . . . Long live Soviet Britain! Long live the International Proletarian Revolution!"

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INDIA.

The Moplah rising seems to be the most serious disturbance that has taken place in India for a long time, although unrest has of late been growing apace there. The hoisting by the Moplahs of their green flag of Independence, is significant, and shows that their objective is not the solution of purely superficial and detailed grievances, but an attack on British rule itself. The Moplahs are not attempting a Social Revolution; they are not fighting for the Communist brotherhood of mankind; but they are trying to free themselves from the alien domination free themselves from the alien domination of British capitalism.

of British capitalism.

The break-up of the British Empire may probably be a necessary stage in the break-up of the capitalist system; therefore, all the efforts of the subject peoples of the Empire to free themselves from its control, have a claim to our sympathy and encouragement. The Moplah rising will doubtless be quelled by the British authorities without much difficulty, but it is another evidence of a growing resentment in India, which may in time become formidable. If it be true, as alleged, that Sepoys of the British Government's Indian police and military have taken part in the rising and have supplied British arms and munitions to the rebets they have started a movement that is highly important and may have early and widespread consequences.

JAPAN BRITAIN AMERICA.

WILL POPLAR COUNCILLORS GO TO GAOL?

UNEMPLOYMENT.

MORE WHITEWASH.

FAILURE TO SEE THE POINT.

JOHN TAMLYN: COMMUNIST.

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By T. V.

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Il be surprised to see the workers' demonstrations
ened by singing, exalted children. When there
fighting between the workers and the servants
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Here, listen to this story of "An Out-of-Work's Home," taken from a daily paper: "A corrugated ron hut, 6 ft. square, 5 ft. high, and without any door boarding." James Clewson, a workless slave, ived in it at Rotherham, and paid 6s. per week ent. The "bed" he and his little 8-year-old notherless daughter "slept" upon was an old door, overed with rags; the "home" was otherwise devoid of "furniture." These sordid details were discovered secured this slum-slave, was argued for neglecting for the form of two roomed houses.

In Scotland, amongst a mining population of 500,000, 80 per cent. endure existence in either one

No Room to Live in Rural Smilnd.

Overcrowding 43.6 per cent.

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78 per cent. in two-roomed houses.

Let us consider some statistics on the congested of the congested of the congested overcrowns.

In 1919 Queen Mary visited parts of Brady Street, an eye-sore in Whitechapel, London. She was naturally shocked at the place; she'd have been more than shocked had she made a closer inspection than is possible to royalty. The affair caused some little stir at the time amongst the L.C.C. Bumble-Bees, who assured Mary and the public that the matter would be attended to. "It took them a whole year

over, so per cent, endure existence in either one or two apartment houses. There we have pictures like this: "A wretched hovel, perhaps 10 feet by 12 feet square, in which a family of six to ten persons is huddled together. There is an absence of all, drainage, and the filth, etc. of each cottage is accumulated before the door; indeed, there is rarely any other deposit for filth except the entrance to the dwelling."

This description is by a Government Inspector, published in 1840! 1840—yes, and after 81 years there has been little change, the description still holds good.

In lolds good.

The last Royal Commission on Housing in Scotland bore out the infamy; it stated that "in some areas houses built for miners more than 120 years ago continue to be inhabited." The village in the mining areas of Fifeshire, Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, and the Micola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti have lately been convicted of murder at Redham, Massachus structure of the state of murder at Redham, Massachus structure of the state of murder at Redham, Massachus structure of the state of murder at Redham, Massachus structure of the state and structure of the state and structure of the state are frequently like "quagmires," the houses, consequently, cannot be kept clean, no matter how much the miners' women might be domestic slaves. The "dry middens" are communal—three to a row.

and disease in some of the congested districts we with grief at the loss of her only son.

By CHARLES B. JIMACK-WARWICK

ANOTHER AMERICAN FRAME-UP.

RED INTERNATIONAL.

FRANK PENMAN IN LONDON. - Continued from p

But the lady politician was easy-going an complacent. During the war she had it dignantly repudiated an offer to communical with the maternal aunt; now she obliging advised her as to the dress she should wear the Cardon Party, where she should have it at the Garden Party, where she should buy it, a what she ought to pay.

The lady politician lived beyond her incom in the matter of dress; the maternal aunt, the mother of five children, compelled by a prudent husband to remain economical, had hitherto either made her own clothes, or purchased bargains at the "Sales." But for the King's Garden Party, even a prudent husband will permit

There had been a foolish little discussion between the alien's wife and the bereave between the alien's wife and the bereaven mother to whom Penman was paying his visit of duty and respect, as to whether one kisses the King's hand at his Garden Party, and how the ceremony is performed. The alien's wife who used once to harangue this quieter elder sister of hers, was now brimming over with excitement at the prospect of kissing the hand of the King.

"I should bite it," said the mother, bitter with crief at the loss of her only son.

THE TRIAL OF MALATESTA.

September 3, 1921.

From LE LIBERTAIRE

"I protest against the accusation which is made against Malatesta, Borghi and two other had been set free provisionally, many preparation of forces had been it was necessary for the defence to the richard the public might be admitted the indictment described "Errico Malagonia and enthusiastic in spite of his imade the following statement, among and enthusiastic in spite of his imade the following statement, among and enthusiastic in spite of his imade the following statement, among sort in the undergone punishment at the law undergone punishment at the common good.

"I have never told the workers that they were better than the middle-class, I have always said they were their equals, adding that when a member of the prolectariat attains wealth he becomes like middle-class man and may be worse.

"It is false that I freely my youth and because, can the other can always sought to put obstacles in work.

"It is false that I finetiad to class-hatred. The class struggle is a useful and necessary phenomenon.

"But as none of these is an excitor of hatred, no more are we. We, anarchists, are not for the indicatorship. We are its adversaries, because we wish that all men should be united in work and the common good.

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NTERNATIONAL NOTES.

ce and Sovrussia

outs that the Russian Monarchists grouped gel have concluded an agreement with the marchists. Gray Paalen, leader of a

ch v. American Capitalists in Russia.

Who are the Democrats in Russia?

The reactionary Merkulov Government, which the Japanese aided to overthrow the Soviet and establish itself in Vladivostock, is said to be in a critical position. It is undergoing a financial crisis, and that Roumann's in military manceuves are merely a winter campaign against Russia, ry, in France has received an order ides for Poland, and at Bourges in are being manufactured for use by Roumanian armies.

he workers at a waterworks near Moscow have tributed the whole of their month's rations and for the Famine Fund. Asked how they would they said there were plenty of mushrooms and ies in the neighbouring woods, and, moreover, had their vegetable orandoms

Private Property in Sovrussia.

Roumanian White Terror.

Eleven Socialist prisoners of the White Terror are hunger striking to secure the remission of their daily beatings, and to be allowed out three hours daily in the courtyard.

Lenin says the Trade Unions are still necessary in Soviet Russia to protect the workers from their own State, which still remains bureaucratic.

THE UNEMPLOYED

The Council of Commissaries of Sovrussia has issued a decree permitting the sale of houses not municipalised, but no person is to own more than one house and outbuilding. There seems of late a tendency to make concessions to private property owning in Russia. This causes great anxiety to Left Wing Communists.

Hungarian White Terror.

When Horthy terrorists reached the city of Pées they found 10,000 people, i.e., one-fifth of the population, had deserted it: 6,000 coal miners' families were amongst those who had fled.

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

The Moplah rising, aided by the Sepoys of the British Government's police and military, may be quelled without great difficulty; on the other hand, it may be the opening of a chapter of prolonged warfare in India, which will end only with Indian Independence.

When the break-up of the British Empire comes, it will begin just in this way: an outbreak of a section of the people somewhere, to which the rank and file of the forces of law and order give aid. That the break-up of the British Empire will come some day is assured to us by the evidence of history, and by the fact that Society is in a state of flux, always developing towards new forms.

The Irish struggle is tending in the same direction; the passing of the British Empire, which is one of the main pillars of Capitalism, one of the great outstanding features of yesterday.

The Lloyd George Government's offer to Ireland is represented as an offer of Dominion Home Rule to Ireland, as a great advance on all previous proposals, as an offer of the substance of Independence, the name only being withheld. The offer embodies none of these things; the illusion that it does is another evidence of Lloyd George's great gift for stage management; he is at his old trick of advertising that he has provided a solution for a problem that remains unsolved. It is remarkable that he is still able to gull so many people.

The Labour Party policy, bankrupt of courage, ideas, and ideals on so many questions, is in nothing more bankrupt than in regard to Ireland. Its leader, Arthur Henderson, has said it is a disappointment that the Government's offer to Ireland lass not been accepted. Had he been a strong leader of a strong party, he would have shown that the offer ought not to have been accepted; he would have explained where it failed to reach the standard of acceptability; but Mr. Henderson is a weak leader of a weak party, which professes sympathy with Ireland's demand for Independence, without being prepared to assent to the satisfying of that demand. The Labour Party will not officially declare for Irish Independence, because it is not prepared to run the risk of losing votes and incurring odium by such a declaration; also, because it is not prepared to take the risk and responsibility of granting Independence to Ireland when it becomes, as it intends, His Majesty's Government.

This week the Communist International has devoted to propaganda amongst the Youth—the men and women of to-morrow—for whom all we Socialists, all we Communists, all we revolutionaries are working, if our work has any value or purpose at all. There is no more important Communist task than this of rousing the Youth to the truths of Communism; no method by which we can more surely lay the foundations for the world of to-morrow

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