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THE WRATH TO COME.

All who are weary and heavy laden; all who suffer under in I hand of alliance and even brotherhood. Can we talk of the Cause of justice; all who suffer from the outrages of, the existing bourgeois Society; all who have in them the feeling of the worth of humanity. look to us, turn hopefully to us, as the only party that can bring rescue and deliverance. And if we, the opponents of this unjust world of violence suddenly reach out the hand of brotherhood to it, conclude all ances with its representatives, invite our Comrades to go hand in hand with the enemy whose mi-deeds have driven the masses into our camp, what confusi in must result in their minds! How can the masses longer believe in us?

Wilhelm Liebknecht.

The Trade Unions have concluded their pourparlers with Smuts at Capetown, and the terms upon which the working class are to be handed over for the German East slaughter house are signed and sealed It is useless repining If the Trade Unions had the fibre now for resistance, there could have been no war. But this utter collapse makes it necessary to look forward and prepare for the inevitable recoil which such a coldblooded bartering away of the cause of the workers must have upon the men and organisations responsible.

We need not claim to be soothsayers or prophets. We proceed on the faith which always buoys up our spirits. That we live In a universe the laws of whose motion are moral laws. The waves of Right undulate into every corner of being. To obey them is to be in accord with the process evolution. To defy them is to court disaster. How often have we not verified this in the Labour Movement. Therefore do we say that I rade Unionism as we know it has sealed its. doom at Capetown.

What has contributed to this pliant attitude of the workers' organisation towards the present unnatural and Press fed miasma of Imperialism? (for in South Africa the menace from foes without is so far from being imminent that we have leizure to organise a kind of Babylonian conquest.) We have no call here for the noble if misguided sacrifice of the workers in the belligerent countries. There are two or three reasons forthcoming for the eclipse of Labour. When the day of reckoning comes the people will be say d to the degree that flaws in the South African Labour movement has been faced.

Slaves to a higher oligarchy, the white workers of South Africa themselves in turn batten on a lower slave class, the native races. Himself kicked by his Capitalist masters, the "correct" and accepted attitude towards the "nigger" is to kick him, to teach him his place, and to stand no impudence (meaning "i. dependence") Gingerly attempts to show him that in the extension of freedom for the native lies the only salvation of the white worker invariably aroused storms of execration. And thus has the South African Labour movement grown up, more intolerant towards the native dave thus any working class in the world, and consequently more parasided than any other. To such a movement, talk of the international unity of the working class could never arouse sincere response among a rank and file so placed.

The purely Craft nature of the Unions has also come out in their complete oblivion to the sufferings of the lower paid unemployed white workers, mainly women A friend of ours in contact with the catering business informed us flie other day that the destitution and need among large masses of women, with whom that kind of business comes into especial contact, was apalifig. Acquain'es with Australian and New Zealand conditions, he minimus that he has never seen poverty so abject, widespread or de pairing asex sis in Johannesburg, and bears with especial cruelty on wathin, young and old. o this unjust world of violence does the Trad. Unions extend the

the Workers in which the cries of the most despairing and the claims of the most enslaved are spurned and disregarded? Our movement is not built on the proletarian. It resembles one of those settlements built on piles in the waters. The storm has come, and it is to be doubted whether anything but the piles remain.

The new movement will break the bounds of Craft and race and sex. It will be founded on the rock of the meanest profetarian who toils, for a master. It will be wide as humanity. It will recognise no bounds of craft, no exclusions of colour. The old order and the old leaders have been tested and found wanting. The Capitalists are demolishing them to make room for the finer movement that is to come.

Clear heads, not soft hearts.

In is not enough to have an abhorrence of the barbarism of modern days. We must know the causes of it. It is not enough to have men of honour to lead you. They must know the roots of . dishonour.

It is not enough to have persons who believe in the Prince of Peace. Let them be never so honest and kind hearted, if they do not know the cause of war, and will not see in profits the fount of human suffering, their only resort in time of stress is to go on the recruiting platform and rave like any unregenerate hooligan.

President Wilson probably prefers peace to War. So did Lincoln, but the capitalist and militarists of his time forced war upon him.

Sir Edward Grey is no doubt a tender hearted man. But because London financiers had oil wells in Persia, he had to sign a treaty which robbed Persia of her Constitution, and made him acquiesce in the wholesale hanging, drawing and quartering of brave leaders of that peop'e by the assasins of his Russian Ally.

Dont ask whether a man is kind hearted. If you are not actively kind you are cruel. And to be kind to good purpose næds a clear head. Profits rule the world, and kind hearts without clear heads are responsible for the most barbarous cruelties.

Our Y.M.C.A's who foam so much today about the dastardly murder of Miss: Cavell, where they are not hypocrites, are kind futile people. They do not, or will not, see the deep rooted causes which send women by the million to shame and death around their very doors. They strain at a pill and swallow a sewer.

At a fever hed, a kind heart without a elear head is considered a danger. Society is diseased today. And the greatest enemy of society is the kind heart which is led into all kinds of fancy reliefs and cures, which only aggravate the trouble just because it is not accompanied by a clear head.

Socialism is the ideal and hope of a new society founded on industrial peace and higher life for all men.—William Morris.

Many men rush intowar to get out of wage-slavery. It is a more respectable way than straight-out suicide.—

The Soldiers Creed.

By Ernest Crosby:

Captain, what do you think, I asked, Of the part your soldiers play? But the Captain answered I do not think; I do not think. I obey!

Do you think you should shoot a patriot down, Or help a tyrant slay? But the Captain answered I do not think: I do not think, I obey

Do you think your conscience was made to die, And your brain to rot away?

But the Captain answered I do not think; I do not think, I obey!

Then if this is your soldier's creed I cried, You're a mean unmanly crew; And for all your feathers and gilt and braid, I am more of a man than you:

For whatever my place in life may be And whether I swim or sink I can say with pride, I do not obey; I do not obey, I think.

The Way to Talk.

Trade Unions Stick up for Freedom.

400 shiprights went on strike at Govan, Scotland not long 17 of them were hauled before the magistrate under the munitions Act, and fined £10 or 30 days. Three of them refused to pay the fine, and were bundled into jail like any common housebreaker. But the Clyde men were not having irv. They demanded their release. The Ministry of Munitions appointed a Commission of enquiry, which sat for a fortnight and found it had no jurisdication. This Lloyd George prevarication exasperated the men. The result was a resolution of which the opening and closing sentences will suffice.

"That this Conference of members of the Executive Councils or district Committee of the 23 Trade Unions connected with the Engineering and shipbuilding Industry, representing 97.500 workmen on the Clyde Valley,.....demand the release of the three Fairfield shipwrights WITHIN THREE DAYS, failing which the Trades will reserve the right to take whatever action they think necessary under the circumstances?

This ultimatum was sent to Lloyd George. In his eyes the resolution was an insult, "holding the pistol at King George's head." He demanded the withdrawal of the last paragraph in the resolution, before he would even consider the shipwrights case. The Clyde Trade Union officials refused point blank. After pleading and pressing from many quarters, the Clyde men refused to reduce the resolution by a single word, and in the long run Lloyd George had to eat the leek, and the Union's representatives left London with the assurance that the shipwrights would be released. Next morning the three men were free. The House of Commons were informed that the men's fines had been paid, which was a Georgic fairy tale. Whoever paid the fine, it was not the shipwrights, nor do they know who paid locked up in the interests of public order. them. The men of England have still the spirit of liberty left in them, in spite of their home made Prussian war lords. What a lesson to our abject Crawfords and Millers here, who are lawning on their tyrant Smuts for concessions and cheap trips to Capetown, to be paid for by the blood of their fellow workers in German East Africa.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.—Benjamin Franklin.

Interned Germans were recently put to building huts by the West Australia Government. The Trades Hall Association there free, to "The International." Also a donation of £: s. protested, but got a curt reply from the Minister of Desence. The I to the funds of the League. organiser of the Carpenters and Joinets had a whisper with the Name German's, and as a consequence they struck work, against the common SHOWY.

SNAPSHOTS.

V. SYDNEY VAN LINGEN.

Sydnev van Lirgen is a Graaf Rei net man, where the most stirring event of his life courted. Sydwider has a nev experience of the world the than average Afrikander, having travelled and studied mec hanical engineering in England, Hollard and Germany. He is the rescre a fluent s peaker in toth English ard Dutch. Comrade Van Lingen has



been connected with the Labour movement since Comrade Andrews first Election in Georgetown, and in the trying ordeal of his second election there, Sydney was his higgest and most consistent supporter.

He is now in the Contest for the Fordsburg Seat in the Provincial Council; and is using the Election to preach the principles of International Socialism to the people of that district. Let us all give him a hand, and give the Capitalists another "skrik".

Repudiate the Debt!

British money-lenders had better go easy with their cash. There are ominous rumblings about repudiating the national debt. Standing as it will at two thousand million odd, the people of England will want to know what they are paying for. The workers have already paid and sweated for all the money's worth that has been blown into smoke. Why pay for it over again, and keep up State pensioners on the blood of their fellows. In Scotland, they are already disputing the right of landlords to raise rents during the war. They will now dispute their right to raise interest. Then profits will go. Then God Save the Capitalist system.

The Epidemic Spreads.

The maniacal attacks on the naturalized Germans of Johannesburg contained in a series of articles now appearing in the "Evening Chronicle" are about the last word in gutter journalism. The writer simply foams with epileptic hate. Or is it perhaps the soft soap of the Consumers Alliance over again, the patriotic froth of those who have greedy eyes on the profits of their competitors? The paper referred to is doing its little best to let the worst passions loose again in the town. Its Editor should be

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To the Secretary, International Socialist League, Box 4179, Johannesburg.

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Enclosed find my subscription, 5s., for one year, post

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Our Foreign Cable News.

From Eye-Douthink,

It has been complained that "The International" publishes no foreign cable news to gladden the hearts of the office boys as they travel to town on the morning suburban train or tram.

At prodigious expense we have remedied this detect, and (subject to the whims of the Censor) we propose to publish from time to time foreign cable news after the style of our contemporaries which we trust will add to the gaiety if not to the edification of Nations.

ROTTERDAM, November 31st. (Overlcoked by Censor) Have just learned from
a reliable Australian source that Krupps
have launched in the Lake of Geneva for
the Swiss Government a 100 ton Dreadnought of the latest type armed with points
five quick firing guns. The admiral's cabin
is richly caparisoned with blue plush into
which the Federal arms are worked at intervals, and there is a short distance loud
speaking tube to the galley.

It is stated that, gratified by the success of the Panama canal, the Swiss Government is contemplating a scheme for connecting the Lake of Geneva with the Adriatic by a ship canal. The project will be financed in the United States as it is feared that there will not be enough money in Europe for the purpose. When the canal is completed the Government will be able to float her dreadnought into the ocean and take that part in the councils of the world to which it is entitled.

CARLOTTENBURG, December 1st. (By our trained gull post). It is stated on unimpeachable authority that Herr Wakemupp has perfected an invention for increasing the supply of petrol. It has been found that by feeding cows on oil cake their milk becomes tainted with petrol and by pursuing the discovery Herr Wakemupp has secured milk containing 65 per cent. of petrol. With milk at one pfennig the litre and petrol at 5 marks the decilitre, there is a fortune in the matter. The Berlin public have already subscribed heavily and the Kaiser is selling out his Canadian land holding in order to secure shares.

POTTSDAM. (Secret service message). The German Government at great pains and expense have at last secured the services of an Australian aboriginal boomerang artist to help them deal with the problem of the growing scarcity of munitions. Great sccreey has been maintained and every endeavor is being made to prevent valuable information leaking out to the Allies.

ATHENS, (Special from our Homeric Smiler.) The Greek Government to prevent a repetition of the destruction of publicamonuments such as took place at Louvain, and the Island of Philae have determined to bury the Parthenon in sand and for that purpose have indented for a battery of steam navvies from America but it is doubtful whether they will reach their destination in time. The Athenians are willingly handing over their hourglasses and egg boilers to the Government with the same object.

Mr. R. J. Hall is delivering Sunday night lectures under the auspices of the Durban Branch of the League, which are proving most successful. It is expected that their present meeting place will soon be too small. The Saturday evening meetings in the Town gardens under the leadership of Comrade Andrews are also proving highly successful and are doing, a power of good.

We want to know.

How much per head do the recruiting agents get?

What is the death rate from black water fever among whites in German East Africa?

Have the Germans agreed only to fight on the highlands?

If it takes one hundred hooligans to do the work of two policeman, how many would it require to do the work of a Public Prosecutor?

If the Trades Unions are going to bury the hatchet for all time, (vide Archie Crawford) why pay any more office rent or Secretaries' salaries?

Will the Trades Hall be now turned into a mausoleum for the Hatchet, with Peter Whiteside undergoing everlasting penance watching the lights burning?

If Bob Miller considers he has a "great common cause" with Smuts, has the millennium come, or has Bob gone—clean off his rocket?

If Smuts can stop the circulation of a paper not to his liking. what more can the Kaiser do?

If men have to be sacked to fight for their country, why is that better than conscription?

It there are Edith Cavells done to death by the thousand in Johannesburg to-day—why go to German East to fight?

Stanton's Victory.

Stanton's victory over Winstone at Merthyr Tydvil has been hailed by the Capitalist Press with joy. They regard it as an assurance that the Welsh Miners after all are fairly docide and servile. Let us see.

Stanton was the Miners Agent. Before the war he was a rabid revolutionary of the Ben Tillet order. Now he wants double conscription if necessary. A Britisher, first, Socialist after.

The miners of Merthyr balloted for the candidate, and selected James Winstone, an I.L.P. man, by 7,832 votes, to 6,232 for Stanton, their own agent. When it came to the Election by the people of Merthyr, 1 Stanton got ten thousand to Winstone's six thousand odd. The Electors of Merthyr and the Miners of Merthyr are two very different Constituences. Even so, Winstone minor y was a very encouraging one.

The Holiday: A Camp out.

The Central Ladies Committee are considering details of the proposed Christmas and New Year International Socialist Camp on an island in the Vaal River at Parijs O.F.S. and a delegate may shortly be dispatched to view the site. The idea is being eagerly welcomed by the comrades, and looks exceedingly likely to materialise.

The affair is intended to be of the nature of a holiday gathering, a social reunion, but the management Committee of the League hopes to organise a Conference on January 1st 2nd and 3rd, at which any member may take part in the debate, but only delegates of branches in terms of the Constitution may vote. The Conference might be held in the evening of three days, so as to interfere as little as possible with the more informal proceedings and pleasures.

Some of our Socialist. Comrades at the Cape and Durban hope to be present. All supporters who would be disposed to attend. either from December 24th to January 3rd, or for any portion of that period, are urgently requested to write at once to the Secretary, 6 Trades Hall Johannesburg. stating when and in what number they could come, as arrangements depend on the number of acceptances. It is meant to be a lamily picnic, men women and children, bringing your bedding and utensils; and it is intended that the expenses shall work out at a minimum; especially if the accommodation consists of tents, or a large building which is available on the island, or the like. More details next time.

Things are moving among the French Socialists. The Federation of the Seine had the following resolution to discuss the other day.

"The Federation, begs the Socialist Parliamentary group to indicate to the Socialist Minister that they must accord their votes with the wishes of the Party, and that they should resign from the ministry before October 15 if the Government does not withdraw the censure of political matter and publish in the official journal the relations between the contractors and the State intermediaries."

The Socialist deputies of the Seine are instructed to support the foregoing resolution in the Parliamentary group."

The resolution was defeated by 5,000 votes against 3,500 votes—a formidable minority.

The military authorities in Esse. and district have forbidden many of the Socialists who signed the protest of the famous 700 against the pro-war policy of the party from speaking or distributing leaflets during the war. They were told that this was not done because they were Social Democrats, but because they were members of the Leibknecht group. If they would withorsw their signatures and express regret they were promised that the prohibition would be withdrawn!

A number of political personages in the French Chamber of Deputies have been examined and placed under arrest in connection with assasination of the great French Socialist, Jean Jaures, at the outbreak of the war.

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League Literature.

THE WAR OF STEEL AND GOLD. 2:by H. N. Brailsford.

A study of European militarism in time of peace.

TEN YEARS. OF SECRET DIPLO-MACY. 2

by E. D. Morel, author of "Red Rubber."

This marvellous book written prior to the outbreak of war foretold the events of the past eighteen months, pointing out the inevitable consequences of the intrigues of British, French and Spanish diplomats in Morocco.

DISARM. Baroness von Suttner's great war novel. 16.

PATRIOTISM & CHRISTIANILY. I

by Leo Talstiy.

An exposure in the great Russian's best style of the hollowness and hypocrisy of the former.

HOWTHE WAR CAME. 31.7.

Cold, hard facts adduced from official documents, distributing the blame for the war impartially among the Powers responsible. This has caused a great stir in England, and is among the list of I L.P. pamphlets confiscated by the police.

THE WAR TRUST EXPOSED. 31.

. by Walter Newbold.

Showing how dividends are made in human slaughter. No patriotism in profits. British capital turns out torpedos in all countries to sink British mercantile marine.

THE PRUSSIAN IN OUR MIDST. 3d. by Norman Ingell.

IS BRITAIN. BLAMELESS. 3d.

MOROCCO AND ARMAGEDDON. 3d.

MOROCCO AND ARMAGEDDON. 30,
How the scramble for markets in
Morocco made war inevitable.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SER-VICE. 3d.

The two sides of the question expounded in debate by the Socialist, W. Paul and the Conscriptionist, G. Coulton.

WARS AND CAPITALISM. 3d.

by Peter Kropotkin.

How both are materially dependent one on the other.

ANTI-PATRIOTISM. 3d.

Gustav Herve's desence, on a charge of anti-militarism.

Are you a Socialist or a Censor.

If you are a Socialist send along some cash to fight the attack made on Free Press by the Censor. Show them that we are not to be silenced without a stout resistance.

Police Establish mob 'aw.

With reservee to the prosecution of three members of the League for the assault upon them by an organised band of hooligans at our Town Hall meeting, Mr. R.J. Hall writes pointing out a very important axiom established in English Law, namely that it is the police's duty to keep order at such meetings. This was established in the case of the Salvation Army officers at Weston-super-mare who were imprisoned because the "Skeleton Army" constantly broke up their meetings. In the local magistrates view, the Salvation Army were thus responsible for a breach of the peace. The case was however carried to the House of Lords. The Lord's decision in that case was that the magistrate had really established mob law by allowing the "Skeleton Army" to dictate the closing down of legal meetings.

The police, by prosecuting the speakers instead of their assaulters, have established mob law in Johannesburg, by making it impossible to hold legal public meetings, when such meetings are not to the taste of those elements which control the hooligan and crook strata of Society.

NATIONAL HONOR: A stock-jobbbing scheme to raise prices.

REFORM: A change in the methods of skinning the workers.

CHARITY: Giving farthings with the left from the thousands which the right hand has robbed.

Those who submit without protest to robbery share in the crime, but not in the spoils.

The only thing othat capitalism can give you is the power to rob others; this is the only thing that Socialism will take away.

Labour Papers.

Comrade After wracs to all friends who subscribe to the "Lawyar Leader" urging them to take in the "Lawyar Leader" and "Forward" as well. Through a combination of policedom and Hooliganism the usual Sunday night meetings have been discontinued. At those meetings we used to dispose of a great number of the two official organs of the Independent Labour Party above mentioned. These we organs take up an artitude on the war approximating to ours. Year support is therefore asked for the papers, viz 1/6 a month, post free. Send subscriptions to A. Alper, 29 Quartz Street, I be one sburg.

The latest dodge.

The "Star" suggests that men in the mining industry who want to enlist but cannot be spared should be given a military arm-band. Beware! Hoy's pet ambition is to be able to march railway men to work under the military command of their departmental bosses, like Derby's Liverpool Dockers. To strike would be mutiny. The militarisation of industry by means of the arm band dodge, that is the latest discovery of capitalism.

Smuts' tame Trade Unions may wake up one fine morning to find that they have recruited their members into the servile state.

The main argument for capitalism, is that it gives every one a chance to become wealthy. The main argument against it is that it gives 99 out of 100 the certainty of remaining poor.

The average man today has little time for anything but getting a job and holding it when he gets it—and he's lucky if he holds it. The human race cannot make much progress towards an ideal society under such conditions.

BENONI BRANCH SYLLABUS.

Dec: 6. Business meeting.

" 13. E. Davies. The French Com-

", 20 Business meeting.

B Tanaroff Revolution why, and why not.

Jan: 3, 1916. Business meeting.

" 10. T.C. Davies. Why we are Anti War.

" Business meeting.

J. Den Bakker. Socialism and Anarchism.

" 31. Business meeting.

The above meetings will be held in Smith's Studio 14 Lake Avenue Benoni.

Eastern Districts.

A goodly number of the Elect from the Malvern, Jeppes Extension, The Valley and Jeppes met in Comrade. Light's house last Tuesday and formed the Eastern Districts Branch. Temporary officers were elected until the Conference; and the proposed Picnic at Parijs was discussed. With men like Dunbar, Light, Reid, Roux, Ross, Clingman, to mention only a few, this Branch will get things moving some.

The Kaiser is reputed to be the largest shareholder in Krupp's, and it is said, much of his enormous war profits has been sent to America for investment in American munition factories, so that he is now drawing large dividends from the supply of armaments to the Allied Powers. He is also said to hold shares in companies registered at Somerset House. These facts need not surprise the British or German workers, who have all along declared that the Capitalists who rule us know no country save one capable of explain and acknowledge no Go I but the Freedom