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# Unemployed Women.

The Public Relief Board runs a Women's Labour Bureau. Councilloress Fitzgerald brought charges of sweating against the Bureau, and a Municipal Commission of Enquiry was appointed to investigate. That Commission finds that an expert woman can earn 3/4 a day making "shorts." But as work is irregular, and the poor women are kept hanging round for jobs, the best average earnings sell considerably below £1 per week. Older women not expert enough for making "shorts" could sew buttons. On this they might make 21/2d an hour, if expert. But 'one old lady said she was only too glad to earn her 9d or Is a day sewing on buttons. Another received from 3/6 to 5/6 per week, and there was no evidence brought forward showing higher earnings on this kind of work."

What is the remedy proposed? "That no further grants be made to the Rand Aid Association or the Public Relief Board unless a guarantee is given by these bodies that their functions will be confined to the direct alleviation of distress among the poor." etc.

It is all very well to shunt the responsibility on the Relief Boards. All that these bodies have done is to expose the sore. The Commission says that "The Women's Employment Bureau is a sweating institution which has diverted a measure of employment from the channels of legitimate industry into those of the most degrading forms of charity."

What topsy-turvydom! Here is a deliberate attempt to hide the root evil. We have heard of higher wages depleting labour from "legitimate industry," but what kind of an industry must that legitimate industry be which loses its "hands" because somebody else offers them 9d a day?

The scandal is not so much that these miserable wages have been paid, but that such a state of affairs exists which compels women to accept them. The report gives a glimpse of dreary wastes of destitution and suffering which never enters the ken of our Labour activities.

The care of the unemployed workers should fall on the workingclass movement. Until the movement is strong enough for that there is nothing but degradation, charity, and petty persecution by the hags of Parktown, in store for the poor

Ustil the working class movement prgabises for something better, wider, deeper than crast benefits, it can never undertake its respoesibilities towards the lower unskilled. Let the workingclass movement arrogate to itself all social duties.

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knowing he must tremble between the sack and the trenches.

The small shopkeeper—parson—lawyer—labour-leader element who are now left to do the dirty work of recruiting dare not attack Corner House or top-capitalist interests. The Corner House wants its men at home. So the shop assistant has to be chivied out, and a petticoat commando mobilized to do the job.

When women ask for votes, they are pretty soon told their place is at home. But when the small capitalist class has to pay its toll of so many shop assistants for Corner House schemes in German East it is Woman, lovely woman, how they do gush over her.

The woman's sphere is the Home, right here on the Rand. Let them fight the Huns who sweat their sisters at od. a day. Let them fight the system which condemns thousands of women to a drain pipe destitution ending only in the grave.

And the shop assistants; your only protection against these scolds who intimidate you into fighting for a King and Country not your own is in organisation. You see, the Shop Hour Ordinace does not help you a bit now. But your Union, if you had one, would. You see, the bos may not lown you altogether, but the Capitalist Class does, body and soul, They can send you to the trenches or to starvation. Your only hope is to organise on the principle that an injury to one is an injury to all.

## Justification.

It is the task of Socialists to clear away the rubbish of an older stage of economic development in order that the workers may take advantage of new conditions in the class struggle. The psychology produced by the economic conditions of yesterday survive and hamper the new development. Thus the psychology of Nationalism having maintained itself beyond the conditions that gave it birth, governments were able to stampede the workingclass into war on their international comrades.

"The International" has for the last eight or nine months. urged on the working class in South Africa that its methods of industrial organisation are hopelessly antiquated to the new conditions of industry. We have seen that wherever any section of the workingclass is in danger, as in July 1913, all craft divisions, even colour divisions, are sunk for the time being to face the common enemy. But as soon as the immediate danger is over the old divisions assert themselves to invite new encroachments again.

Thus the Maritzburg Printing Workers, as reported in another column, again vindicated all that we have urged. Although the question at issue only affected, so far as we can understand; a rise of wages for the higher paid men, lower skilled and native workers rallied to their support to save the situation.

Labour Leaders will have to shift their pegs. The class A woman is like a violet, said Charles Lamb, the least | struggle is ahead of their propaganda. The instinctive class smulge turns her from the lovely to the ngly. That women should | consciousness of even a black skinned printers devil in Maritzburg is more eloquent and more advanced than all our readings of Socialist tactics. How long are working class leaders on the Rand going to stand in the way of the great principle of industrial reconstruction, shoved under their very noses by the humble black and white unskilled workers of a Maritzburg Printing office?

Our remarks under the above caption has given offence in certain quarters, it seems. "Panurge" writes at length objecting to our attacks on the Governor General's Workers' Educational Association. Catesby Holland also objects, and Mark Lucas writes at some leagth. In fact all three letters will all The later notional,"

We should explain here that "The International" is a propaganda sheet, and that the comrades do not shell out their hard earned money to air the views of nonmembers. We have to ask even members. to exercise self-donial in letter writing. except it be on urgent questions of policy or propaganda...

One objection to the W.E.A. is that it is under capitalist patronage. The workingclass movement is the only builder up. of working class character. All that is outside of it claiming to teach the workers is of the devil. We have nothing in common with men who have a foot in both camps."

The only power that can emancipate the working class is the working class movement. As a first guarantee of disinterestedness let would-be teachers as well as would-be learners come inside.

We referred the other day to a "friend" of the natives who, although himself a negrophile, wished us deported because we urged that the natives must free themselves by industrial organisation. The "friends" of the working class are the same. The 'education' they give is that of the Leifeldts and other Corner House smatterers on economics. The W.E.A. cannot consistently and unceasingly educate the workers to the fact that it is their duty to save society by their own organised might. The Governor General would ob-

If, as "Panurge" avers, the W.E.A. friends of the workers are only striving to educate themselves, well then, good luck to them. Let them take a hint from the wellte paper once in a while, without DEED BUILT.

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BY FIERERAT MEANE.

After making several enquiries as to the origin of the Ethopean movement I. have been able to get the following informetion: The originator according to my informant is Rev. Mangepa Make Mokone. This Rev. gentleman was an ordained minister of the Wesleyan Church in charge of the Native section of a circuit where also was an European Minister who was in charge of the European section. The white missionary used to come and officiate in the native church, giving sacraments and making baptisms etc. along with Rev. Mokone.

The latter, although an ordained minister, could not officiate in the European church and give sacraments, etc. The climax was reached when in the European church sacrament and baptism had to be administered and the European minister mas forced to be absent on other duties. He had to go out and request a white minister outside his own fold (Wesleyan) to administer the sacrament rather than go to his co-league Rev. Mokone. It was at this juncture that Rev. Mokone found that the brotherhood was missing on the European side and he there and then tendered his resignation to the Wesleyans and founded the Ethopian church, where he would work with his people in harmony and thus effect the segregation that the white people wanted..

Under this movement (Ethopian) churches and schools are being rapidly established. Naturally, the white missionary is against it for obvious reasons, one of which is that he fully realises that the time is fast approaching, when he will no longer bluff the native in church and religion as he does today, and his 'play of Boss' will come to an end.

It is not surprising therefore that you hear the Pilgrims Rest farmers raising cries of unrest among the native people. All this may be the result of white missignatics whose aim is to put a stop on the Ethopian movement, of course for their awa bonefits.

## Blate the amang ye."

The handless of our soldiers, according Land the land that the land th set til staten Hightander who got five Hibbs to but their hands up in a treach, that the them to bits with a bomb, string "Stire-that among ye."

There is an intermed that the war is caused by the fighting instinct. How aboutd! That is another contradiction of capitalist society: War has ceased to be an expression of the fighting spirit. The war is prolonged to the degree that the fighting spirit is absent. The war is prolonged because most men are afreid to fight. The highest fighting spirit is now only manifest on the side of Socialism.

How have the armies been mobilized? By intimidation of men who are too encumbated to resist, by social ostracism of men who dare not stand alone. By the screw of starvation; by fear of penal servitude men have slunk to the trenches; in large numbers this has been the case. They feared not death, but lived in mortal terror of the sack. Those who have glowed with patriotic courage have not been in the majority.

The men who have fought best have been the conscientious objectors. They have fought alone among barrack bullies. They have fought and are fighting the great fight of resistance to militarism with a pugnacity which has made soldiers wonder.

The type of courage today is Karl Liebknecht. Capitalism has ceased to command courage. Socialism has wrested monopoly of the fighting spirit. And the attitude of fortitude, courage, devotion, and defiance which the Socialists of Europe voluntarily adopt is even tacitly admitted by jingols to be finer than the like qualities imposed on the Soldier under compulsion. In other words Socialism is already triumphant. D.N.S.

## "We are all one today."

This is how they talk on the recruiting platforms: "We are all one today." Bill Hosken has his arm round Dan Dingwall's. neck, "We are all one today." Women sweated in the name of public relief at 11d. a day while the boys fight for justite and civilization abroad: "We ate all- but today:" Capetown Tradiwayants on strate have their forniture sold up by a mile " trate who has shares in the Tremes Company, the Covernent releable will be do scab and brenk the strike, the vicinity. men laving their discharges and the "lest with other men on etribe" so that they may not get bread in this free and glorious Empire, ob, yes, "we are all one today." We, the bouldern are all one today." One in heart and midd and pocbut Bucket shop magnates, limited La-With interesting, bengers de Mille Weighten

## Leeping Flan Hoosens.

By S. G. RICH.

The essentially capitalistic and reactionary adeas and policies of certain missionaries working among the natives in Natal, have shown well in a recent journalistic tilt-at-arms in the columns of "Ilanga Lase Natal."The tilt is of interest to us in that it started because of a lecture by a British Socialist, W. Wells, who is a tea--cher at the Amanzimtoti institute of the American Zulu Mission.

Mr. Wells, back in March, delivered an address, "From Brute to Brother," before the literary society of the students at Amanzimtoti. His talk was a condensed summary of human evolution from savage communism through barbarism, feudalism and capitalism, and of the rising tendency toward co-operative democracy. In the early part of his talk Mr. Wells expounded evolution as a fact, incidentally remarking that certain Biblical stories were mythical. At the end of the talk, he remarked inci dentally that kings, like other capitalist powers, might be expected to vanish in the future.

. The students were much pleased with Mr. Wells' talk, and persuaded him to let it be printed in 'Ilanga Lase Natal." Certain narrow-minded persons who wrote anonymously—notably the younger Astrup, of the Norwegian Mission—came forward with attacks on Mr. Wells and his speech. "Disloyalty" was charged because Mr. Wells expressed his hope for an ending of the "King" form of upper class power. An attempt was made to discredit evolution.

To this reactionary and unjustified attack, two persons replied—Comrade W. C. Willcox and the present writer. The argument came finally to the question as to whether natives should be taught the fact of evolution. Astrup and Co., in fear that it might enlighten the natives to their real interests as proletarians and to the misleading teachings of these preachers, opposed it. At present the "Reds" are victorious and the editor has stopped further discus-\$1 )D.

In contrast to the reactionary attitude of the misleaders, under Astrup, the missionaries of the American Mission have upbell Mr. Wells. Their ground was simply that Mr. Wells had spoken only the plain and obvious truth, which the natives were entitled to hear.

But neither conversion into stock compenter not State ownership removes the nature of capital from the powers of producties. With the stock companies this fact remains obvious.

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is constituted by a capability in machine, it is the State of the Capabilities; the Meal total FREDERICK ENGELS. Call Hist.

## Cape Notes.

Three years ago yesterday was a day of events which placed another huge blot on the executencon of blood thirsty Capita-Asm. We have on the two previous anniversaries advertised in the daily press our respects "In Memorium" of our martyred commades of July 1913, the victims of their atrocious acts; subject of course to their modification, that it appear less nauseous to the respectability. Yesterday it was again presented for insertion by the writer who in consequence was permitted to interview most of the Heads of the "Argus" advertising department, and subsequently it was submitted to the Editor, which solicited the reply in red pencil "not to insert."

The S.D.F. had its half annual meeting last evening and showed a creditable balance sheet if 'bankrupt in ideas." Definite however is to be our future propaganga in spite of our vagaries of the past, for our stalwart Comrade Wraften movedthat the S.D.F. leave questions of religion to those concerned, and preach the economic gospel of Socialism. This was carried by a large majority, though the wording of the resolution was not as above, it conveyed the same idea. We also passed a resolution unanimously condemning the present "diabolical slaughter."

The Labour Party is still discussing the Socialist objective, and we await re-W.H.H. sults.

## The Fanatic.

Dedicated to the great unnamed who have zone down in the fight for Industrial Freedom.

We laugh out loud at your wise old saws. And your tin-pot Tabernacles too: And we don't care a damn for your kings and gods. And we don't care a damn for you.

You've kicked us about for a thousand years. And our women and children too; Though we built you a world that was ours by

And a sight too good for you.

And listen here, though you foam at the mouth. And ourse till the sir is blue, Though you mow us down with your pom-pom We'll sure make an end of you.

And as sure as time and the world goes on. And the sun sails the sty so blue, The earth will be cleaner and sweeter by far.

When its clear and shut of you.

ALBERT YOUNG. in "The Red Dawn." Socialist verses 11-:1.S.L. Literature.

The Johannesbutg Typos are putting in a demand for an increase of 20/- a week. The med met last Tuesday, and gave a mandate for a strike prior to putting their case before the Conciliation Board according to the Transvaal law.

Odly the economical organisation is party of labour, and thus raising a bulwark against the power of Capital. MARX.

## The Old I.S.L.

BY JOHN CAMPBELL.

There are men who whitewash the graves of the prophets and persecute their children. But in order to do the latter they have to twist the sayings of the prophets. And William Morris has not escaped. Today he is the idol of mugwumps who decry cold economics, as if he were not an exponent of revolutionary Socialism.

William Morris and several others founded the Social Democratic Federation. Hyndman and his associates in the S.D.Fwere so enamoured of the concept of the State that Morris, Bax the Avelings and others rebelled against it. The controversy cropped up in many ways. Ultimately it led to a rupture. The result of it was that William Morris, Belfort Bax, the Avelings and others formed the old International Socialist League. The organ of this League was the "Commonweal," which was financed by Morris, and edited by him. In the "Commonweal" appeared "News from Nowhere," "The Dream of John Ball," "A King's Lesson," and many of "Poems by the way." The organisation was a distinct revolutionary break with the S.D.F. just as our I.S.L. is with the Labour Party.

## Every Man a Fighter:

Every man can be a fighter for Socialism. The fight for Socialism is waged best by means of the printed word. You may be in a job, but that should not hinder you getting us subscribers for 'The International," or if you cannot get subscribers. you can always send us names and addresses of class conscious workers, or working men who will read our little paper and become class conscious. Socialism is a seed that groweth without observation, smoulders silently underneath while the flame of patriotism is burning itself out in straw. Don't think because there are no fanfares that Socialism is weak. Help it to smoulder on to combustion by linking up the workers with "The International," the only paper fighting the battle of the working class movement in South Africa.

Social forces operate the same as na-tural ones—blindly, violently, destructively-so long as we do not know them and do not court with them. Once known. however their operation, their tendencies, their effects once understood, it only depends upon currelies to subject them more and more to our will, and with their aid to reach our ends. This holds good especially of the modern prodigious powers of production. So long as we stubbornly refuse to understand their nature and character and it is against this understanding that capitalist production and its defenders are vainly struggling—just so long do they keep the mastery over us. . But oace their nature is understood, they can be capable of acting on foot a true political converted in the hands of the co-operating producers from themonacal masters luto obedient servants. FAEDBRICK ENGELS.

## The Class War in Maritzburg.

Mr. Ivan Walker, the General Secretary of the Typographical Union, has returned to his Johannesburg Office after a full month's strenuous organising tour round the Coast. Simultaneous demands were tendered by all the Cape Typos for an increase of 6/- per week, and this has been conceded all round.

In Durban it was not won without a fight. The men were out on strike for a week. In the meantime the Maritzburg typos had got their demands. But the Durban "Advertizer" imported news forms from the works of the Maritzburg "Witness," the two papers being run by the same Company. Ivan Walker wired up instructions to the men in the "Witness" office to stop sending the forms. This the "Witness" typos endeavoured to do, but the management persisted in sending them down. Thereupon the "Witness" men walked out to a man, all the typos, printers assistants, boys, girls, and two native workers. For the first time in its long, existence "The Witness" failed to appear, and the next day it brought out a process block newspaper of typewritten news. The next day the management gave the men assurance that no more forms would be sent to Durban, and 'all hands returned to work together.

The two native workers were summoned and fined 10/- each for desertion, which fine was of course paid dy the Union.

A fine example of solidarity this. The only pity is that the white boys, girls and native workers are willing to fight side by side with the typos, but are not allowed to organise in with them. One Cause, face to face with the enemy, why not one Union.

#### Defeat of German "Majority."

The strength of the anti-war Socialists of Germany, says the Labour Leader, is illustrated by the proceedings of the general meeting of the branches of the Party in. Berlin. On every motion the "official" point of view was overwhelmingly defeated. In the place of Herr Eugen Ernst. a pro-war Socialist, Herr Adolf Hoffman, one of the most courageous opponents of the war in the Prussian Diet, was elected chairman by 307 votes to 67. The retiring secretary and treasurer, both of whom have supported the majority in the Reichstag. were not re-elected; they were replaced by Herr Weise and Herr Herbst, both members of the "minority." Rosa Luxemburg and Herr Stadthagen were voted vice chairmen; Herr Stadthagen's anti-war views are scarcely less pronounced than Rosa Luxemburg's. It was unanimously agreed to organise a demonstration in sympathy with Dr. Karl Liebknecht.

#### BRANCH NOTES.

#### JOHANNESBURG

The Thursday meeting was carried on by Comrade Jas. Black with a lecture on "Industrial Democracy and State Socialism." The problems arising from the controversy between salvation by the State and salvation by the workingclass through its own organised power, were seriously discussed by the speaker, and gave rise to interesting discussion. The necessity for political action side by side or growing out of the Industrial organisation was emphasized, in order to give a field for propaganda, and to afford a civilized plane for warfare against capitalism. The main part of the lecture turned round the form of the Industrial Republic towards which the development of working class organisation is undoubtedly carrying society.

Sunday evening Comrade Dunbar held the crowd outside the Town Hall. The attendance was good, and the attention keen. So good is the hearing given us outside nowadays that persons not of the League remark upon it with surprise. "The International" sells well, no week passing without the disposal of about five or six dozen in the crowd.

In the Trades Hall Comrade, Ivon Jones spoke on "Barbarism or Socialism." The Council Hall was comfortably filled, and the audience seemed interested in the portrayal of the growing evils of the capitalist system, how it is rushing humanity on to unimaginable catastrophe, and how Socialism through the definite economic and political organisation of the working-class is the only hope for humanity. Literature sold well.

On Thursday this week Mr. L. W. Ritch 'lectured in the Trades Hall on "Production for Profit and the Natal Coolie," of which more next week.

The Labour Party having given up their Tivoli meeting last Sunday, Comrade Bunting made efforts to secure the theatre for our Sunday propaganda, but was informed by the Management that the Labour Party had only temporarily given up their meeting because Jimmy Green had gone to the Durban races.

Remember the League Social next Wednesday in Professor Wests Academy.

#### BENONI.

The Social and Dance pulled off well last Wednesday, several comrades came out from town, and the Hall was comfortably filled with young Internationals and their friends.

#### KRUGERSDORP.

Comrade Mason spoke last Sunday in the absence of Comrade Clark on the necessity for political action in the workingclass movement, which was very interesting and instructive. Comrade Dunbar next Sunday. Roll up! Thompson's Buildings. 8 o'clock.

## Branch Directory.

Benoni.—T. Chapman, P.O. Box 379.
Meetings, Smith's Studio. Lake Avenue,
every Tuesday night.

Durban.—W.S. Mabbot, 353, Point Rd. Meetings at Acutt's Buildings every Thursday and lectures every Sunday night.

Eastern Districts.—Secretary, C.B. Ty-13 · Evans Street, Forest Hill.

Germiston.—E.H. Becker, 54, Queen. St. Meetings in Colin Wade's surgery.

Johannesburg.—Mrs. C. Barnet, P.O. Box 4179. Meetings Trades Hall. Every Thursday.

Western Districts.—Fordsburg, Vrededorp, etc. Secretary, Comrade E.V. Boyd, 49, Solomon St. Vrededorp.

Krugersdorp. — Secretary, P. Somerville, 5 Vlei Street. Meetings every first and third Wednesday and, every Sunday night in Thompson's Buildings.

Head Office.—D. Ivon Jones, Secretary, 5 Trades Hall, P.O. Box 4179.

Capetown.—Intending members see Comrade Wilfrid Harrison, P.O. Box 1176, or Socialist Hall, Capetown.

A meeting of motor workers, all employed in garages, motor works, or as motor drivers, will be held in the Old Trades Hall next Sunday week, the 30th inst. in order to form a Motor Workers Union. It is said that the movement has the support of A.S.E. men. although not a few motor workers are in that Union. The meeting will be held in the evening, and readers are asked to spread the information.

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