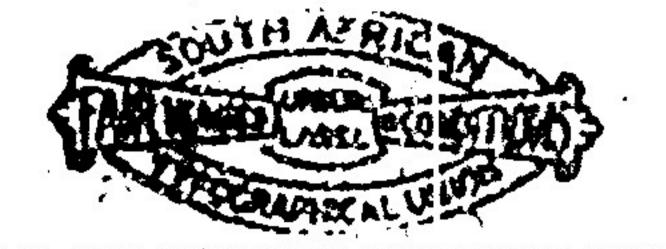
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### The League versus Rex.

The official record of this appeal, now to hand, shows that Mr. Hadfield's unconcealed dislike of the I.S.L. was suppressed, even by a bourgeois bench, in the cold purlieus of the higher court. There it was quite understood why the "loyalists" thrice crew the National Anthem. Why our comrade's resentment at the noise, so far from constituting 'indecent provocation,' was only natural; and why he failed (to the confounding of those who mix up non-resistance with the class struggle) to turn the other cheek-preferring to act in the militant capacity of what Police Col. Douglas called a "steward."

Judge Mason said, He (Trimble) got involved in the fighting and was assaulted. The suggestion that the accused began the disturbance by assaulting Trimble to my mind is not supported by the record and is not supported by the probabilities of the case.

. Whatever may be the position of a man who goes to other persons' meetings, where the people at that meeting desire themselves to sing the National Anthem, the position is altogether different where persons attend a meeting held in a hall kept by International Socialists for the time being, and endeavour to compel them to join in singing the National Anthem. So far as I can judge the initial aggression was almost entirely upon the accused and his associates, and they resented it. . . The accused was the person originally attacked; the persons who attacked him were throughout the aggressors in these proceedings."

And Gregorowski, J. said: "I cannot agree with the conclusion to which the Magistrate seems to have come in the last paragraph but one of his reasons. He says: There certainly was a disturbance at the Trades Hall and many blows were struck by the oppos-ing parties, but to my mind the evidence all pointed to the fact that Andrew Trimble, senior, with whom I was concerned, went there only out of curiosity, with no preconcerted arrangement with his sons or Cowan, was going quietly away, and was unwarrantably and severely assaulted by the accused. . It is true Trimble may have gone there out of curiosity, but there is also the fact that a number of people went to the Trades Hall with the sinister object of disturbing the meeting. It was a thing which had occurred on a previous occasion, and they ment from the Town Hall to the Trades Hall for the purpose of creating a disturbance. If Trimile went there knowing that there was golden to be a disturbance, he is to a contain extent to himme, becomes a man who goes to a place where he expects that here

is going to be a row has to be very careful as to what he does. Burgess evidence seems to state the truth —that the party to which Trimble belonged went there and in order to bring about a row they caused the National Anthem to be sung. The accused did not stand up and shew the usual respect which is shewn when the National Anthem is sung. I suppose he did not because he was in his own Trades Hall. and because he knew that a number of persons had come there intending to use the National Anthem as a weapon, and he was not going to be intimidated or dictated to. That was probably the spirit which prompted him. He did not rise, and he was a marked man after that. The disturbance commenced by other persons rushing at the accused. He was assaulted on his own premises; it is not as if he was a stranger there. He was not bound to allow them to throw him out, as they threatened to do; he was entitled to stand his ground. If in the course of the scrimmage he hit somebody whom he ought not to have hit, it does not seem to me that that can be charged as an assault for which he ought to be punished. In all the circumstances, and considering that the accused was attacked by a large number of persons, and there was this melee, I think the appeal ought to be allowed."

By the way, the appeal also cost money, and contributors to "Legal Defence" are urgently needed by the Treasurer, Box 4179, Johannesburg.

# "No Recognition" of Socialism.

The Capitalist Governments dance like marionettes not knowing whether to recognise the Bolshevik 'Government' or not. 'We won't recognise. We will recognise, 'de facto!' We will deal unofficially. Oh, nonsense, we cannot recognise. Buchanan come home." "All right," say the Feoples Commissioners, "what the devil are rou doing in Petrograd then. vou pack of damned bourgeois aliens. Mr. Rumania, we arrest you on a charge of complicity in the murder of Socialists in Rumania." Un jump die whole concert of Legations, swallowing all their Latin for the recognition," and go in grand andlesses to Louis demand why be violated interesting etiquette thus.

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#### The Movement in Italy.

The state of mind of the workingclass in Italy is well set forth in the reminiscences of Goldenburg, one of the Soviet delegates that visited the Allied Countries last summer. Goldenburg, though a Minimalist himself, always defended Lenin from bourgeois abuse. But there was no need for it in most meetings in Italy. He had to exercise a restraining influence he says, on the revolutionary enthusiasm of the Italian workers. After speaking at a meeting of Social-Patriots, he tells of going to a meeting of workers in the "People's House" at Rome.

"They were just in the act of ejecting a few bourgeois journalists. I was received by Comrade Serrati, Chief Editor of "Avanti," who told the meeting that I had defended Lenin at the Interventist meeting, and then a shout of "Evviva Lenin" broke from the whole house. . When I said I was an opponent of Lenin, I was a little hissed and shouted at, but I was allowed to put forth the position of the Soviet."

At Florence, Ravenna, and Bologna great crowds waving red flags greeted Goldenurg, and they all wanted to hear about Lenin, with "shouts in honour of the Russian Revolution and Peace."

That was before the Bolshevik revolution. Since then also the great military debacle has allowed the Go. man invasion of Northern Italy. The official Socialist Party, which is composed of the anti-war elements of shades of opinion, has been severely tried. Turati, the Parliamento. leader, and Treves, have made deciations in favour of national dollar which have evoked the applease of bourgeois Press. Serrati, the early of "Avanti," and Lazzari, the Terri Secretary, control the Party and "maintain its attitude of the which not even the sciencia of the BOT CAN MILLENIO.

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### The Great Man Theory.

By J. M. G.

The exploded idea that all great social movements are made and controlled by "Great Men" is dying hard. The intellectual labourers in the pay of the possessing class trote it out on every possible occasion, very often unconscious that such a theory is in opposition to the facts.

These intellectuals, the product of their environment, dependent upon the Capitalist class, their ideas warped by dependence, have always maintained. a forecast of human society was impossible owing to the individual being free

to choose what he will do, or what he

will not do.

To Thomas Carlyle is credited "The great man theory." He made history the accomplishments of great men. They were the modellers, patterners, and, in a wide sense, creators of whatever the general masses of men contrived to do or attain.

This idea has been played up in the Press and literature. We find it pervading volumes sold at one guinea down to the penny dreadful. It has played a reactionary part in creating the mental kink that the workers will require the great men to lead them to the promised laud of social liberty.

The fallacy is being used for all its worth by the Press, giving all the credit to Lenin and Trotsky,--or I should say discredit, for the conditions in Russia. They attribute all to the leaders, misunderstanding, or deliberately overlooking the undoubted fact, that these individuals are but the figureheads of a social movement, that was neither created by them, nor yet can be controlled by them. They are the leading actors, the outstanding figures who by their knowledge of the social forces, are playing their part in conformity to those conditions, yet controlled by those conditions. No matter how powerful they may be intellectnally, their greatness is the outcome of the aggregate of conditions.

Modern science has shown how by the evolutionary process in society, we are collectively and individually the product of the past and present. All our modes of thought and our actions are controlled by our environment, playing upon an organism more or less suscoptible, forcing the individual to become active in spreading progressive ideas, or serving the forces of reaction.

Herbert Spencer in his "Study of Sooiology" supplies the best arguments against "the great man theory." He clearly shows that 'the great man' is powerless in the absence of the mater-Intend mental accumulations which his society inherited from the past— poworless in the absence of the co-existing population, character intelligence, and social arrangement. Shakespeare could not have written his dramas without the various experiences. which descending to him gave wealth his thought. If Watt had lived in The merions age what chance would have been of two steam engine?" the land white maided by that while we broce beaut to its beginning menomest the Egyptisms.

History, as it has been written, is the struggle of Kings, Queens and nobles. Of the teeming mass of the peoples we are given nothing. Of their conditions of life, they are referred to but casually. The Great Man theory dominates. Hero worship is the outstanding feature of these histories. Carlyle has made a fetish of the idea; according to him the Reformation would never have occurred if Luther had not presented the petition to the Diet of Worms,—overlooking if he ever knew, that the nobles of Germany were ready to revolt against Rome, and the economic causes which were at the root of that revolt.

The brewer Cromwell is another of his heroes. Yet he did not make the social movement that placed his class in power. Material interests have always been the driving force in social life. And these great men are but the manifestations, the outstanding figures, who do not control these forces, but are compelled to bend and serve in conformity, or be thrown aside.

To scientific socialism is the honour due of making a history of human society possible, discarding the great man theory, and the theory of free will. It has lifted the veil that has shrouded the past, revealing the social evolutionary process dominated by the methods of economic production, eliminating the individual as a creator, holding up the mirror by which we are able to visualise mankind as a whole.

To Marx and Engels Is due the credit of the clearer vision of the past. Yet we cannot imagine there would have been no scientific socialism if there had been no Marx and Engels. These two were but the product of an age that had arrived at a point when the accumulation of data brought to light by the industrial revolution made a comprehensive theory for the first time possible. Working apart from each other they arrived at the same conclusion, giving us the 'materialistic conception of history," clearing the air of the Utopian ideas of their predecessors, and placing Socialism on a solid basis.

That they could arrive at the same conclusion wo king apart from each other, as did Parwin and Russell, and many others in various other fields of investigation, shows that when anything essential is required by society, that essential is evolved by society as a whole, or is discovered by an individual or individuals, who is the product of the past and present.

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#### Russiam Doffmidans.

As there appears to be still some confusion regarding names and titles in the Russian Revolution, we give the following guide to readers:—-

MAXIMALISTS (or Bolsheviks): The left wing section of the Social Democratic Party which split into two after the 1905 revolt. The Maximalists, acting on the Marxian theory, regarded the political revolution as the immediate prelude to the fight for the Social Revolution. The overthrow of Czarism was to be the first shot in the wai of the Social Revolution. They went for the maximum programme.

BOLSHEVIK (or Maximalists): The same as above, the left wing of the Social Democratic Party. Bolshevik means majority. Bolshevik and Maximalist interchangeable titles.

MINIMALIST: The right wing of the Social Democratic Party, after the division of 1905. Although claiming to be the followers of Marx, are or were Reform Socialists (now non est). They regarded the political revolution. that is, the overthrow of Czarism, as all that was possible. After that the Party should settle down to the ordinary routine work of "acquiescent protest' against the capitalist devolopment. Ther went for the "Minimum" programme, therefore Minimalists.

MENSHEVIKI: Same as Minimalist, meaning Minority.

SOVIET: Another name, meaning "Council," for the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates.

CADETS: Short for "Constitutional Democrats," the name of the Party of the bourgooisie. Lukewarm for the March revolution because they knew that they could not check its ouward rush to Social Revolution, the overthrow of Czarism was still desirable to thom in order to allow industry to expand; as the overthrow of Feudalism has been necossary to the rising bourgeoisie in all other countries. But the Cadeus only hope, like Czarism, is in the Cossacks' knout.

SOCIAL REACTIONARY: The Social Revolutionary party was opposed to the teachings of Marx, and was a home after the March Revolution formil Radio icale, Land Mationalisons and vague idealists who have the clarity of Scientike Socialist but like the memo of Socialism. It become the many of the Peachail, and problem in the factor of the factor oconomio dominio, il obio have onomi. an it will in all other construction. Their so-called Could Revuisionality snow his the wilder in the will all will all far from being "Therefore Carlos

#### Trades Hall Spoot.

#### The Government's Trust Deed versus Labour Trust.

It will be remembered that when the Trades Hall Society passed its reactionary regulation limiting the use of the meeting rooms to Europeans only," the I.S.L. sent out circulars of protest to all interested bodies. It appears that as a result of our circular an intermittent correspondence has been going on between the Capetown S.D.F. and the Johannesburg Trades Hall ever since.

The S.D.F. sent its protest in common with others to the Society; and got the reply that we Socialists were more anxious to circulate our own version than the correct one of the position, as the regulation did not apply to coloured members of Trades Unions, and was in accordance with the Trust Deeds.

The S.D.F. wrote to us for an explanation. We pointed out that in the meantime the Trades Hall had, as a result of our agitation, modified the regulation to exclude Natives only, and then put on a most holy and injured face to people at a distance not in touch with their gyrations. Not satisfied, the S.D.F. seems to have written for the clause in the Trust Deeds which applies to the regulation. And now we have it, but a clause which is embodied in the deeds of most Johannesburg buildings, and still does not explain why it is right to violate the Trust Deed when it is a member of a Trades Union, and wrong when it is a member of the I.S.L. who has colour. But let Comrade Harrison speak in his own words:-

"But the following comes from Johannesburg—and from no less an authority on democracy (that word Oscar Wilde truly said has bludgeoned humanity) than the Trades Hall Society. This body sends us this clause to show reason why they were compelled to give notice to the I.S.L., their tenant, because they allowed natives to attend their meetings. It is as follows:—

'It (meaning the Trades Hall) or any portion of it shall not be transferred, leased, or in any other manner assigned or disposed to any coloured person; and no coloured person other than the domestic servants of the registered owner or his tenant shall be permitted thereon or in any other manner occupy the same. Any breach of the foregoing condition shall entitle the Government to cancel this grant and to resume possession of the land hereby granted without payment of any compensation in respect of buildings or structures erected on, or improvements affected to the said land."

Discussion followed in the S.D.F. on the technicalities and interpretation of the clause, and I have been advised to offer the S.D.F.'s version of the subject:---

The conditions are clear as it applies, but like many of the laws on the Statute Book, it has been winked at a long time. Why was it only partially brought into operation, and why was it deliberated riolated when it was shown to be detrimental to the Society's financial interest? The original resolution

was that "Coloured people" would be excluded; finding that such terms affected their bona fide Trade Union tenants it was altered and applied to "Natives." Natives are certainly coloured people within the meaning of the clause, but the Trades Hall Society still violate the same clause by retaining the Trades Unions with coloured members as their tenants. Thence we are to assume that the clause was only made an excuse to get rid of "undesirable tenants."

#### "I.W.W. on the Rand."

"The Sunday Times" has got on the track of an I.W.W. conspiracy. Certain white agitators have got among the coloured people and natives. It has already conveyed the valuable discovery to the C.I.D., and gives the C.I.D. the hint that the postbag of certain persons known to it should be watched. Indeed, the "Sunday Times" hound, with inscrutable countenance concealing the workings of a brain whose profundity and penetration we mortals can never even aspire to, has been waiting and listening outside the window where these conspirators among the native workers have been hatching their fell schemes, and this is what he heard:

"They realised that the salvation of the coloured workers lay with the workers themselves." [Out! foul plot from the womb of Anarchy!

Further, he heard, and conveyed it to an astonished world on Sunday morning, that "the white workers had to realise that they could not overthrow the capitalistic system without the active co-operation of the native and coloured workers."

Enough! Sherlock Holmes, his peril great, runs or crawls the gauntlet of the back yard; past the sanitary boys, and back to the free air of the street again without singeing a hair. With the clues at his disposal he with great pains tracks the white agitators to their abodes; after repeated watching over several weeks there remained no doubt as to their addresses, and looking up a felephone directory be finds that he is right. "The Sunday Times" has done a service to humanity, and, incidentally, to our propaganda.

### The German "Majority",

The Wurzburg Conference of the German Majority Socialists disclosed the fact that they were now far from being a majority in the country. The Annual Report chowed, eage Cambridge Magazine," that they have lost 80 per cent. of members; 50 per cont. annual income; and 58 pur cont. of readers to the line in the line. as the report administration of the second s papers are too dail to want to everywhere that it is the second of the seco clear cut message of the land they may as well read the Press.

#### What is holdish

"The Cambridge Magazine" quotas the speech of M. Poncet, (Socialist) in French Chamber of Depublic showing that Bolo was as much if not more concerned in subsidising the extreme fire-eating jingo journals as the anti-war ones. As a matter of fact there is no proof of a single Socialist paper having been aproached by Bolo. Thus spake M. Poncet.

'To superficial minds it will seem strange that Bolo's choice should have fallen first on two papers whose mainagers inspired or directed campaigns apparently inspired by purely patric otic motives. The 'Rappel' has distinguished itself especially by its carapaign in favour of the annexation of the left bank of the Rhine. This campaign produced its 'contre coup' in Germany, for it was of emineut assistance to the campaign of the Pan-German annexationists on the other side of the Rhine. At the very moment when the German people seems on the point of becoming demonsiis d, how easy for the German Givernment to persuade them with the help of quotations from this journal that the war we are waging is a war of conconquest...

That is the paper that the German Bolo subsidised. It is not the Socialist agitation that encourages the aremy. Reloism is lingoism.

### More Bastilles Falling.

The great revolt in Austria is made all the more significant by the Capital ist Press assertion that it is the work of Maximalists. No wonder dustria wants peace. No wonder they all look wistfully at peace were in not that peace is the Deep Sea and war only a dry land Devil. Austria has been no torious as the country of Metchill koff, the country of the iron hand of militarism, where none dared move all independent thought to action. But that was in the day of the pre-war path trader capitalism. The great protes tariat has come, and the army bas bas come proletariat,—has left the mon stanch of barrack life for the commissuffering of the open trenches; and capitalism, whose last weapon was militarism, is left without a shield a defence when the great working-dis hegins to surge in revolt. Hell, world wide proletarian revolution.

#### DELEGATE.

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# How Capitalism "Educates."

By PEDAGOGUS.

If the children of the workers were to be taught at the hands of teachers of independent spirit, it would tend to make them too rebellious. Hence only the sycophantish man and woman has a chance to hold a post or to advance in the educational service. The "free spirit." be he ever so effective a teacher is weeded out on one or another plea.

But as the need for £ s. d. wherewith to buy porridge and boots might constrain a few 'free spirits'—i.e. Socialists—to teach, even though they have hard times to hold their places, something more was needed. A gag rule was made. Ostensibly it prohibits Government teachers from taking part in political life: actually it is enforced only against those progressive in their tendencies.

I refrain from citing names and circumstances. I know, however, of Natal teachers victimised for publicly calling the book of Genesis "Palestinian Legends." I know of at least one case of persecution which was intended to cause a resignation due to a teacher printing over his own name a very mild article in a Socialist paper oversea.

This is one of the latter links in the system of control of education for the benefit of Capitalism.

It is, our business to treat the teachers exactly as any other branch of wage-slaves. Though educated and white-collared, they are neither more nor less a set of wage-slaves than Jim Fish in the mine, Sammy Simjee on the wattle farm, or Mike Lynch the typesetter.

Just as the natives and Indians have special disabilities in the way of a pass and compound law (there's British freedom for you!) to overcome before they are even with the working-class elsewhere, so the teachers have a special setback, the gag rule. Without paying undue attention to this one item, it must nevertheless be an early-abolished feature in the progress of the workers in the educational industry. It is a good pillar of capitalism, for it helps keep pietism, undue discipline and jingoism dominant in the class-room.

### A Bit Barefaced.

Borar Law has announced that the Brish Government will take Russian with held by British investors in exchange for Treasury Bonds at 3 per That is, the Government will out the opposition of Landowne Lo. who have invested heavily in the Taxpayer in exchange for their water paper.

## The Capitalist Class under Arrest.

As a result of the continued prosecution of Russian and Roumanian Socialists and other breaches of agreements by the Bourgeois Government of Rumania, the People's Commissioners of Russia have declared war on that Government. But the proletarian revolution brings along its own code for everything. It has language which leaves no doubt as to its meaning. In this case the People's Commissioners desire the proletariat of Rumania and Russia to take the Roumanian bourgenisie by the ear and bundle it out neck and crop. They have therefore ordered the arrest of the King of Rumania. In effecting that purpose the working-class of Rumania will flock to the banner of the revolution against their own capitalist class and its monarchical figurehead. Therefore the cables announce that the people of Jassy are still still loyal to the King! Thus is the international class war begun. When the hour strikes for the revolution in Germany, the People's Commissioners at Petrograd will issue a warrant for the arrest of Kaiser Bill. And when the flame hursts forth "somewhere else," (as Litvinost puts it,) the same People's Commissioners, then with headquarters a few hundred leagues to Westward, will order the arrest of Northeliffe's capitalist clique as plain Mr. Windsor

Australian Labour has won a glorious victory against the Billy Hughes reaction. But what makes it more remarkable is the fact, as appearing in the Australian papers, that the question of conscription was veiled in the following phraseology:

"Are you in favour of the proposals of the Commonwealth Government for reinforcing the Australian Imperial forces oversea?"

The anti-conscriptionists had to get a majority against a proposal worded in that cunning fashion. The campaign witnessed the unprecedented spectacle of Premier Ryan of Queensland being hauled up before a police court at the instance of the Federal Government because of certain alleged seditious statements made in the cause of the fight.

"The Herald" (so-called Labour paper) having supported the idea that Smuts is the man whom the workers should support for the next premierchip, a scathing indictment of this "friend of the workers" appears in the English Labour papers by Comrade W. H. Andrews, who points out that it is not for nothing that he is lauded by the Capitalist hirelings to-day, and recells the strike atrocities of 1913-1914.

Next Sunday a Picnic will be held at
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#### 66 Respectable 100

At a packed meeting of the coloured people on Monday last speakers made protest against the anti-colour railway regulations. There were several sleek Indian shopkeepers from Vrededorp on the platform, "respectable" looking. One candid coloured worker from the body of the hall shouted slave-drivers at them.

The speakers made several references to "clean, respectable coloured men," "respectable" coloured men, etc., etc., not in contra-distinction with the coloured exploiters on the platform, but with the "raw native," with whom the railway regulations compel them to associate on railway platforms.

Let us give our coloured friends one tip. Labour is decent in any garb or in no garb at all. If a sleek exterior constitutes respectability then Labour is not respectable. Labour alone is the progenitor of moral health. Re-value your standards! we would rather associate with a dirty hammer boy than with Solomon in all his glory. Let the coloured workers realise that they can only rise by lifting with them all their Bantu fellow-proletarians. "O disrespectable democracy, I love you," should be your song.

As in 1917:--

"Landlord: Well, Mr. Springwheat, according to the papers there seems to be a probability of cessation of hostilities."

of war prices): Goodness gracious! Why, you don't mean to say that there's any danger of peace?"—
'Punch.' 1856.

The MONTHLY DANCES of the League will be resumed on WEDNES.

DAY, FEBRUARY 6th at 8 p.m. at WEST'S ACADEMY, PRITCHARD STREET. Tickets 2s. 6d. each Refreshments provided. All roll up

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of Kally Malan for sale, it said,
from I.S.L. Chies