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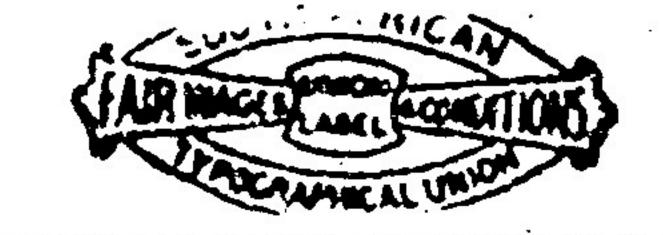
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The Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

The I.S.L.'s anniversary pamphlet describing the Workers' Revolution in Russia of November 6th, 1917, and containing the text of the Constition of the Socialist Republic there, is now ready, price (cash with order), 6d.; by post 7d. Quantities will be charged for at the same rate.

All Socialists and all interested in the Socialist movement, in fact, all workers who wish to be abreast of their times, should make a point of securing a copy of this up-to-date compendium of FACTS. Call at the Head Office, 54, Fox Street, or write to Box 4179, Johannesburg, with remittance, and without delay, as the issue will probably be sold out quickly and cannot be reprinted.

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Socialism under Duress.

Now that the Allies are claiming military victory, though it is not really a mere military defeat that the Central Empires are undergoing — even the "flu" must have helped—we may recall the view hitherto taken by many International Socialists, ourselves inoluded, that a stalemate would have been the ending to the war best calculated to foster the Socialist Revolution: and that anything more decisive would mean a working class swollenheaded on the one side and soreheaded on the other. When a proletariat only turns to Socialism under the smart of nationalist humiliation, can much more be hoped from it than from the proletariat which has forgotten its Socialism in the flush of nationalist conceit? The difference between the Bolshevik movement in Russia and its reflection in Bulgaria, Austria and Germany is seemingly that the majority of the Russian population were against the war all the time, whereas in those other countries the majority were probably as patriotic, as the British or Americans. As the I.S.L. has declared at two Annual Conferences, opposition to capitalist war, patriotism and militarism is a touchstone of the true revolutionary proletarian spirit. Except ve be war-on-war-ites' (in the proper sense of the word) ve cannot enter into the Kingdom of Socialism; and those who say "we had to beat our masters' enemies first, then we are with you," or anything equally compromising, will necessarily remain outside the Socialist pale until they are of a better mind.

However, there it is: these Central workers have had or will have not to best but to be besten by their masters'

enemies before they come to reason, to which a stalemate might never have brought them so near. Must we the: doubt the permanence or sincerity of their conversion, like the devil who when sick a saint would be? By no means. Leaving aside the conversion of Saul of Tarsus under eireumstances of fear, the permeation in a highly dereloped capitalist society of bourgeois ideas among the wage-slaves, their demoralisation through State "educa-Mion," cadet drill, Press, Church, and the rest, becomes so complete that it requires a shock to bring them to their senses, just as a shock sometimes restores à man's speech or hearing. Just now, indeed, the Entente is busy trying the eel-balancing feat of giving them the shock without bringing them to their senses, for it finds its battle-ery against militarism and autocracy coming truer and being taken more literally than it ever intended. Again, the Russian workers no more than anyone else became Socialists out of their inner consciousness, but under the whip of centuries of Tsarism, not to mention their defeat by Japan. The pressure of a war is in a way only the same whipping compressed into a few years. For that matter, Socialism itself is after all the product of capitalist duress. Which suggests further that there is still in every working class to-day a fund of latent rebellion against capitalism and war which is only kept down in every country by martial law and the like, and which asserts itself, as now in Austria, the moment the army ceases tto be formidable, because in the last analysis it was not so much the prevalent patriotism or mob law as the fear of Government force and punishment — in the last resort it was the capitalist army's bullets and bayonets -that kept the workers' rebel instincts down. Recall for instance, to what a high degree of understanding of the class struggle, though not of the weapons in it, the white workers of South Africa attained in the first few months a of 1914, and shortlived as it was the bruth. same pitch can be reached again.

But let us admit that if we relied on these factors alone the outlook would still be doubtful. The clinching argument for the spread and ultimate world-wide triumph of the Social Revolution is the attractiveness of its results. Once the sweets of real economic liberty, equality and co-operation have been tasted, no one will go back to the old wage-slavery and war.

As appears from the recently adopted Russian Soviet Constitution, now being published by the I.S.L. in pamphlet form, Russia has already established the political scaffolding as well as the economic foundation of an actual Cooperative Commonwealth, and, so far as one country can do it, is feverishly busy, amid enemy bombardment on all sides, in erecting the structure itself. The Allies, U.S.A. and Japan as well as the Central Powers are doing their

utmost to distract her from her task; to starve her into despair (that is what, their repeated reports of famine mean -they cause the famine, if in no other way by refusing her the rolling stock, machinery, e.c., necessary to develop her resources); to starve her also of outside proletarian support by suppressing the news of her proletariate exultation, concealing her achievements from the rest of the world, and misrepresenting them as so many atrocities; to bribe her army and seize her public men (see Litvinoff's report published last week); and by military occupation or persecution to strangle the infant Commonwealth at birth. But their job is made more difficult by every flicker of sympathetic movement in Germany, Austria or elsewhere—yes, event in South Africa; and we have something more than a flicker by now in Central Europe. However poor the motives from which the movement in the defeated countries has sprung, it will, we hope and believe, last long enough for the workers there to learn. if not yet by experience then at least by report, of the 'vision splendid' of Socialism in practice, and that will be their security against backsliding.

And the workers of the "conquering" countries -- though statesmen have declared it is impossible to say who really wins a war? Well, if they are to kick against the pricks yet a little longer—giving their bosses ample time to sell out war stocks—so much the worse for them. But a veld fire does not stop at fences. Australian tabour, to quote one British country, has advanced greatly though unspurred by defeat. We do not despair of the British or Americans any more than we expected to despair of the Germans or Austrians had they won their masters' war. Despite two or four years of ultra-Frussian slavery, they still remember that they are slaves. It is significant that their governments, as little as or less than any other, dare trust them with either common liberty or honest

SOCIAL.—The Entertainment Committee is arranging for a Social to be held on Saturday, November 9, in Professor West's Academy, 125, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, commencing at 8 p.m., in celebration of the first anniversary of the Bolshevik Dictatorship in Russia. Comrade W. Reid will be in the chair, and addresses by Comrades W. H. Andrews. S. P. Bunting, I. Israelstam and J. Den Bakker will he interspersed with musical items and (we hear) a sketch entitled "Ici on parle français." Refreshments will be provided by the committee. Invitations are being posted, but should any comrades be omitted will they kindly take it as an inadvertence and assist with their company at the celebration of one of the most important events in

Equaliv.

Just as the Utopian conception of absolute liberty for the individual, with fraternity or the brotherhood of man, As a reife of 18th century Thought, so equality persists with all the tantastie mappings of the pullosophers who were desired the wonderful discoveries of the iblicentury.

These philosophers taught that all men were equal. This they held was a Balural law, and one of the pillars upon which should be mised, the superstruct.

ture of the ideal society.

The housevenisie at the close of the French Revolution mised their ideal society to the emotional cry of Liberty for all, Projectiffy or love of humanity, and Equality to every unit of society. The society based upon these three viriues was to be lasting, meting out justice to all. Yet we know this fallacy of their contention, a fallace that is still persisted in and intelligible the intellectual apolegicis of capitalistic society, and still believed in as the basis of the ideal society by humaniarians and Ulopian socialists.

Modern science has fully demonstrated conclusively that equality does not exist amongst mankind; nor ever will? exist no matter what form of society we may have; and to think of using such as the base or even as a pillar. of the future Socialist Commonwealth?; is Utopian and shows an ignorance of the discoveries in biology and the seigntific basis given to sociology by Marx

and Engels.

Mankind, physically and mentally, is as varied as the leaves on a tree. Just as no two leaves are exactly alike, so with mankind we have all 'types of physique from the vigorous ideal type. of build and health to the weakling whose effort to exist is one long struggle against infirmity. Mentally we have the same phenomena of the varying brain capacity from the powerful intellect to the imbecile.

This fallacy of the equality of mankind being a law of nature is an exploded idea to all except the surface skinming humanitarian and Utoping Socialist, or the intellectual hinelings of the empitalist who designedly, in the sinterests of their economic musicis, distort everything that would if properly understood undermine the power of the possessors of the economic

forces.

The apologists conveniently ignore the economic basis of society and sidetrack their readers and audiences by holding forth on the great liberty, humanitarianism and equality that prevail under our present system of society, thus blinding the masses to the fact of the system being the most insidious because hidden form of slavery. In the eyes of the law we are all nominally equal, but economically and socially there can be no equality whilst the majority are denied the right to live; no equality whilst a minority are in possession of the tools necessary for producing the necessaries of life.

The basis of the Socialist Commonwealth being Co-operation, it will give equality to the individual. He will eniov equality with his fellows in the use of the necessaries and luxuries of society. With his fellows he will share according to his physical and mental ability the responsibility of producing those necessaries and luxuries, the very nature of the economic basis of society

assuring him economic and social equality with a follows.

Thus only can human equality be realised, as a law of social life inherent in and growing out of the co-operative economy of the system. Not as a natnial law can there be equality. All haman sociatios, no maiter what their last, are simply were mas lored upon mankind wherewith to overcome the destinctive nature of the forces around them, either by destroying them or by making them subservient to their will.

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JOHARNESEURG BRANCH.

Fig. the faird time the Partle delign. open-air propaganda meding had in be abandoned owing to rain. It is time arrangements were rado in a hall in Johamesburg where the L.S.L. can hold weekly me tings in comfort despite weather conditions.

· LECTURE. -- Comrade A. Goldman will be the speaker in the Palmerston Hall on Sunday next, November 3, ai

8 o'eloek.

MONTHLY MEETING. --The mouthly meeting of the Branch will be held in the Palmerston Hall on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., commencing at 8 p.m. The main business will be in connection with the forthcoming Confer-. ence, though much that has been neglected of late through various causes has been attended to since the special mecting.

STUDY ("IASS.—Comrade Stavirt will speak on "What does Revolution' mean?" at the Palmerston Hall, on Friday next at 8 p.m.

KRUGERSDORP.

On Saturday, the 26th, the Erugersdorp Branch I.S.L. definitely got into its stride. Twelve new membere Billed up, and more would mobably have golfed up but for the epidemic. Officers were elected and all the necessary arrangements made for active work in the West Rand area. The Branch meers next Saturday, the 2nd November, and thereafter on the first Saimday in each month, ai 7.30 p.m.

GERMISTON.

The local branch met as arranged in Comrade C. Wade's Survery and got through a -rod deal of routine business. New members were enrolled and preparations made for a wide distribution of the Bolshevik Anniversary Pamphlet.

BENONI. This Branch is getting into harness. A sub-committee to report on the constitution at a special meeting has been elected. The Sunday School starts on Sunday next. New members from the mines are coming in and it is proposed to make a special organising effort for the first two or three weeks in November with the assistance sof the Organiser.

Unfortunately at the last moment the Benoni comrades were informed that the Boksburg North meeting could not take place as advertised "owing to the influenza." Notice will be given when the postponed meeting will be

held.

The Plasterers and the Federation.

There is much to be said for the contention of the B.W.L. that the Plasierers' Trade Union should fink guy with them, in fact us an advocate of endustrial unionism one would wholes heariedly support our lamest effort in this direction. When, in wever, ene sees that the Master Builders' Association is, jointly with the Federation officials, coercing the plasters to join the federation and consequently to es come under the arrangements made by the Building Trades Joint Board one is inclined to make further enquiries.

It is very much to be feared that the B.W.I.I. is being made a catspaw by - the advanter of the Joliev of joint. bourds, working agreements, and conciliation grantly. It the Federation officials in homest in their desire to Thake one main of all building workare when they for take stone to induce the A.S.C. and J., the Operative Bicklever and the Masons Societies to link up with the B.W.I.U.? On the conimaly every encouragement is given to these sectional unions to remain so. It is only unions which refuse to come under the domination of the Federation-Chamber of Mines combine that are attacked. The Johannesburg morning paper comments on the strike of the Federation men against the Plas. terers thus:--'It is recognised that . the Joint Board movement has done a great deal of good to the industry" (not the workers, be it noted), "and the Plasterers Trade Union is regarded as a source of weakness that must be removed. This is enough to damn the strike in the ever of class conscious workers.

THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

The report in the daily Press of two meetings of A.S.F. men in the West Rand District is interesting reading. The honest members of the A.S.E. will no doubt be surprised to find that reports of District Committee meetings, which are essentially private, find their way into the capitalist Press. This has now become quite common when their decisions language to favour the Federation, and therefore the employers', point of view. When the opposite is the case no publicity is given them.

The report of the aggregate meeting held on Friday last was obviously a fake, because the meeting was so miserably small (less than twenty being. present) that no decision at all was arrived at, and so the position remains

as before.

2 How simple is the operation of the organisation on the job by means of shop stewards formed into works and mine committees, when compared with all this muddle and chaos which is the result of attempting to federate craft unions!

When the London police went on strike, the Government deputed Genveral Smuts to deal with the situation, and he, doubtless still swollenheaded with his triumphs of 1913-14, refused to negotiate with the delegates of the Pélice Union. He was promptly displaced, and next day the Prime Minister, Sir Geo. Cave, Winston Churchill and W.m. Brace had to meet the Union delegates and settle in their favour.

Reform' and Labour."

Our Johannesburg Municipal elections, have come and gone, the candicases have once more abolished the sams with their months, the slumdicellers and their poverty still remain as heret dore, and the Bribery Commison is still in its funk-hole. It is now our turn to moralise.

The Reventioning Socialists, Alberta as see the chas conscious workers, see ends and appreciate thorogenly the the that exists dustween the interests and the own is planted class on the one e diand the interests of the capilladist . Loding chas and its deputies on the en, and they consequently reject the security and continues all pleas and and the second with the surgery of identify and the state of t The full little William Military with the transfer the same and के के में कारण कर वाकार के लिल में कार्य के निर्देश हैं। secomes, of manufacture and distribu-Research and Son (or, in puli Mostly, the means of life) is entirely in the hand-diffuse capitalist class (the manifest, which is thereby enabled to Lo' l'absolute power over the lives and discuss of the properties working case (the majority) whose only asset is ales, fower to prosince, manufacture, and distribute wealth for the lew.

Thus a small minority has the power if e and death entirely in its hands. If you wen't work on our terms, you had go to the trenches ; or, if you wan't go to the trenches on our terms we shall not employ you. you can story.

Out of this primary factor the rest follows in all its hideous procession. The International Top Capitalists and their petty imitators versus the International wealth sproducers; the idle web versus the overworked poor; the overfied versus the underfed; the overviolized versu-the underelathed; the Englision-housed / with their fluirkerdom aversus the sitte dwelters; the robbers versus the robbed; the rulers, their groudies and place hunters versus the subjugated; the master versus the slave; the war makers (in the rear) versus their victiens (at the front); the dopers versus the doped; the dupers versus the duped; and so on throughout the whole gamut of antagonisms generated from power debauched.

Now municipal government is a local aggregation of capitalist town interest made up of land companies, municipal bond-holders and their banking agents, large and small merchants wholesale and retail, municipal contractors and builders, and so on. All these interests strive for representation through their elected deputies on the Town Council and the heads of departments in the Town Council service. The top capitalist having large resources and many opportunities of operating his wealth delegates to the small fry of his class and other paid hirelings—such as petty attorneys, parsons, electioneering - agents, swindling craft labour lieutenants, unreal estate agents, wild cat petty company promoters, racing touts, licit and illicit liquor sellers, and others who live on the proceeds of the underworld and demi-monde-the administration of his urban estate.

Given such conditions, all appeals for clean government and personal in-

tegrity are carrie

It is quite into that these interests do not al all times and at all points eginchile; but one point and at all times diete ite amendelen in bittinete, that Wordens Who are rubbed by them and their class at the phint of preduction (which includes all operations needssory for the transformation from the The material to the finished product and its distribution to the consume:), and when they employ either directly or indirectly through their various swindling outlits, or emporately through their municipality, shall work for them at an ever more strong ous pace ior an over merasing output and at outil even denimanting real real realistication. The Works has no illusions upon this There is been considered and controlled and into he middle awatemed to the fact that lange becates all the wealth die milien ister er serierat with a meres of subsision ourothly worked out and tabulated ior him by some paid official. The face of this flagrant robbery the worker has got to fight an unhill struggle with this robber class to keep pace with the cost of subsistence. It is beside. the point, even if true, that the war has made the singgle caster than it otherwise would have been, the "inemployed question having been drawned in the blood of millions of workers.

The primary interest of the working class in the numicipal thieves' kitchen and its administration is to recognise it for what it really is, viz.: a corporate capitalist employer and exploiter of labour; and therefore to use it to increase his wages, shorten his hours, wheek speeding up, ensure fixity of denue of employment, exclude incompetent involuties, enhance workshots control, and ruildessly break down victimisation. All these necessary aims can materialise only by organisation our correct lines and the employment of mass tactics. The Municipal Industrial Union controlled from the bottem (i.e., by the workers on the job) must be the reply to united capital and its demities, just as the reply to a league of mational capitalists must and undoubtedly will be the International Workers of the World.

T. M. W.

Our Intilligence Deparment.

Readers of the "International" who have correspondents abroad will greatly assist the Press Committee if they will ask their correspondents to forward them from time to tinge cuttings from the overseas press bearing on the progress of the class war and cognate matters on the different fronts, which cuttings should be forwarded to the Editor, Box 4179, Johannesburg. Whatever the future has in store, the capital-. ist class will resist to the last the free circulation of news contrary to its interests; and nowadays it is facts and the true meaning of facts that constitute the most convincing propaganda. Many people will disbelieve anything unless they see it in the "Mail" or ""Star"; our aim is to make them doubt everything until they read it in the "International." pending the day when a World Socialist Associated Press replaces the present lie factories.

Round the World.

is nothing more than an average type of Labourite, Irish and anti-British, and in this sense anti-war and anti-conscriptionist, but he is not a Socialist. State capitalist, yes, pure and simple... when the Australian Socialist Party apure Internationals) longer for free speech in Brishams, the Labour Party is noted the gaoling of Socialists there, thought they could pass strong resolutions (which never lest Australia) condections (which never lest Australia) condections the depositation of Jahour lesses then South Airiga. It's easier to light the devil abroad than all home.

A U.S.A. Federal trade commission reports that five packing companies control the essential total supply of the waste or the U.S.A. and Entence countries.

do I the naultry down or the red flag brow the Trades Harls at Mechourne, Syd o'y and Brishane, under the War Precentions Act

Simonoff, the Bolshevik Consul in Australia, was prevented from proceeding to Russia by the U.S.A. authorities, who declined to let him pass through Manila.

The proposals submitted by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers for the amalgamation of the unions in engineering, shipbuilding, and cognate trades were further discussed at a conference at York on September 12th. The delegates unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of the principle of amalgamation, and appointed a subcommittee to draw up a scheme. If expectations are realised the amalgamation will include nearly 600,000 members.

There are now in France 50.000 Chinese on road and railway making, repairing machines of all kinds and dependence of the Allies. So also at Vindovskick, when the workmen of the Part work on strike in protest against the Allied troops keeping the elected Bolshevik Councilors in prison, Chinese coolies were brought in as scabs.

In Britain, before the war, millions were on the verge of starvation."
---Premier Hughes.

"The pre-war years were a time of great prosperity in Britain.",—Premier Hughes.

Both correct. Starvation is just what capitalist "prosperity" involves.

Mr. Wadia, having formed a Labour Union among mill-labourers in a suburb of Madras, writes Mrs. Annie Besant, and having gained the huge concession of 40 minutes' dinner "hour" instead of 30 and two small rises of wages, was sent for by Lord Pentland. the Governor of Madras, and threatened for "causing discontent." Labour organisation, she adds, is spreading under the impulse of Home Rule. The weavers at Ahmedabad, led by Mr. Gandhi, struck lately for a rise of wages and won it. The peasants of Kaira district, "led by the same brave man," refused to nav the land tax where the crops had failed, until finally the Government gave way.

"Through Reuter's Agency."

In the daily papers. Reuter's telegrams tell us from time to time about the atrocities of the Bolsheviks. We never hear of anything good done by them for the Russian people, so we must believe Reuter, who says that the Bolsheviks are very bad. "Who are these Bolsheviks?" is asked by many, especially by old ladies. From Reuter we learn that they consist of Lenin, Trotzky and a band of workmen, all in Germany's pay, who, by Germany's help, are governing Russia. Poor Russia, poor Russian people! No wonder the Allies are hurrying up their armies to deliver the country from the yoke of mad Bolshevism! Good old folks who do not know much about Russia may believe all that Reuter tells them about it. But the great mass of readers of daily papers for whom such stories are intended, do they believe?

It is true that German money did at stimes flow to Russia and even through Lenin's hands. And not only German money, but English money as well. This was in the dark days of Tsarism. when the Tsar's "Ochrana" filled Russia with spies and agent-provocateurs to watch for and stamp out the least act or even thought making for freedom—in the days when the best part of Great Russia was constantly under martial law, and when a meeting of more than three workmen was punished with years of Siberia or even with death. In those days there were no legal trade unions in Russia, only underground illegal ones. Strike funds were out of the question. In a small strike the strikers depended on the material help of their comfades from other trades. But in cases of big mass strikes. the German social democracy and their trade unions did help with big sums of money. Even the conservative Enghish trade unions helped. The moneys usually went to Switzerland, and thence through the headquarters of the Russian Socialists to Russia. The German social democracy also helped with money for literature, with men on the borders to transport it into Russia. And Lenin, although personally very poor, at times living on bread and cheese, Lenin, as leader of the Russian social democracy, did handle big sums of money for the Russian movement. This is the notorious German money!

Lenin is the idol of the Russian workmen; he is deeply respected even by his political opponents. You may break Lenin or kill him, but you cannot bend Lenin to compromise. You cannot bribe Lenin or buy him. Lenins are not for sale. If they had been the Russian "Ochrana," at whose disposal was the entire fortune of the Tsar, would gladly have bought one. As for Lenin, he is good so long as he thinks and acts for the good of the Russian people.

The Russian people is not a herd of cattle. There are millions in Russia who think and act as Lenin does, and these millions will rather die for the Russian revolution than return to the old order of things.

Reuter tells you about the terror in Russia, but have you seen the names of the victims of that terror? They are all names of leaders of the Black Hun-

dreds, of Tsarism's ex-Ministers, who in their time shed rivers of workmen's and peasants' blood. In their time they turned Great Russia into pue great prison, where only rendarmes; and officials could breathe freely. Every town or village police officer in Russia was a little Tsar by himself, tyrannising over Great Russia, selling it wholesale and retail, responsible for his bloody acts only to the Tsar and to God. But God is too high and the Tear was too far away! In those days Reuter did not tell you about the sufferings of the Russian millions, you heard nothing about the thousands of inoffensive, innocent people shot, hanged or packed into prisons and there butchered. No, you did not hear much about it. That was a time of "non-interference with the internal politics of of a friendly Power'! To-day, when Fearism is no more, where are all lits true supporters? The special Corps of Gendarmes, the high police officials, the spies, the Black Hundreds, the high clergy, all the disbanded Russian officialdom, who in the times of Father Tsar were in their snug jobs and always near the state pie? As a matter of fatt most of them are still there, their hands still soft; used only to command and take baksheesh, but not to work. These are the counter-revolutionaries who are scheming and plotting against the people. But their plotting cannot go too far when the entire Russian people is armed. Unless help comes from within the task of the Allies in Russia is a very hig one. They will first have Ito turn every town and every village of Russia into a cemetery before they can have their own way there.

For one thing stands out clear as the day. The present Russian Government was surrounded from the start by difficulties, by enemies within and without, as no other government has ever been. And if it stands its ground to-day, after a year of such difficulties, it is clear that such a government can exist only by the support of the will and power of the whole Russian people.

And the fine gentlemen of the Allied Press, who throw mud at the Russian people and its Government, while not a word, not a letter, not a newspaper is let through from Russia—what an ungentlemanly game is theirs!

Behind the curtains of this Allied diplomacy there is something going on against the Russian people and its Government. All these specific telegrams of Reuter's and all the mud that is thrown at Russia by the Yellow Press is intended to prepare and work upon the mind of the public in advance so that any action eventually taken there by the Allies may have been already justified.

B.G.

The Chicago I.W.W. trial produced more damning evidence, such as a letter from one saying he knew nothing about certain fires (ergo, he did); a letter to a new district saying "You must be included with us in your general strike idea"; another saying "the authorities who have been throwing in gaol with no charges are beginning to back down after a general strike call had been issued"; "18 Mexican labourers brought in as scabs turned out to be all 'wobblies' (I.W.W.)"; and a rule of the organisation to expel all members who joined the colours.

She Conquers to Stoop.

The new Government established by the Allies at Archangel have succeeded in acquiring only a precarious tenure after all, notwithstanding their apparent purchase with food of the support of the starving population. They may have bargained with the counter-revolutionaries and local higger-wigs, but, reports Reuter, "the population is opposed to enforced mobilisation or to war; the new regime will have the workers' support only if it 'pursues a Socialist policy and resists every reactionary movement "; "a large percentage of the lower classes and a small percentage of the 'intelligent' section of the people are enamoured of the theory that the workmen must controi làctories, peasants must own all the land, and sailors all tonnage. They therefore favour the maintenance of bodies working in this direction. Under such conditions auxaliempts prac tically to return to the Ad order would certainly be resented, and would only favour the interests of the Bolshevik Government. Tes, the Huns are not. the only ones who can't take a people's "soul" away, not even by shooting in cold blood several members of the local Soviet, as the Allies & White Guards are charged with having done at Arch. angel.

ITS OWN REWARD.

Murmansk, it seems, is surrounded by hills of undoubted mineral wealth. The it not wonderful, 'savs Go. Lanshurin the "Herald," how Providence al ways dumps down wealth on the spots to which we, the Knight Errants of Civilisation,' as Lord Curzon calls us, are summoned by the err of the distressed? From the days when Raleigh not very successfully, sailed to deliver the natives of El Dorado from the Inquisition dogs and the devildoms of Spain' to the day when we freed the Wernhers and Ecksteins and Oppenheims from the tyranny of the Krugera and Bothas and Smutses, it has always been the same. Never before was unselfish knight errantry so requited. Don Quixote discovered no oil fields, nor did even St. George find a bag of gold in the dragon's lair. But "we"—how wonderfully is our chivalry repaid by an approving Providence!" In fact, as Hughes, says, "the economic side of this struggle is inseparable from the military side"; or, as another writer has said. "What are you getting your hand in for if you don't get it into the till?"

Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Pettersen have the sincere sympathy of the members of the League in the sad loss of their second son Johnnie, who died of croup on Monday, aged 5½ years.

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