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The Conference will be held on Sunday, January 5 next, at West's Academy, 125, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, at 10 a.m. If the delegates are skilbul to seize the big possibilities of the time it may be a momentous gathing in South African history, Events ure showing more clearly than ever that it is only on I.S.L. lines or their aubstantial equivalent that this country can come into line with the movement in Europe. The I.S.L. is the trustee of the revolution. May it rise to its responsibility on January 5.

Capetown Leads.

Congratulations to the Industrial Socialist League at the Cape on its. pluck and success in filling the City Hall, and the press, with its unanimous resolution against Allied intervention in Russia. May that fine meeting: (be it b'industrial or "political") be the first beacon in a chain which shall extend throughout the Union. In Johannesburg the Theatres Trust, controlling practically all the switable lialls, continues its short-sighted boycott of Socialist meetings, but the rapidly growing volume of feeling on the situation will not much longer be denied an outlet now; and we have noted the Albert Hall example. In many ways, however, and particularly with regard to the new burning question of "solidarity irrespective of colour," Johannesburg is behind some other centres, to which therefore we may fairly look next to to take up the torch from the Mother City.

Bertrand Russell got six months for saving the American troops in Europe would be used as capitalism's police against Jabour. He thought of England, but the defence of England lagainst the Revolution is taking place far beyond her borders, as most strong defences do. The Americans march into Coblenz and the British into Cologne solely in order to support "loran-order" against Socialism. As in the case of the Paris Commune, and of Russia, they do so on the invitation of the local capitalist class—the real traitors to their country.

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A Native Congress.

Members of the I.S.L. have been deputed by the M.C. to attend the meeting of the S.A. Native National Congress at the Village Deep Wesleyan Hall, Floff St. Ext., on the 16th inst. and following days. Not that this body is a satisfactorily representative one; it seems to be built from above, and the tendency of its leading spirits has in the past been rather to foster racialism, of black against white, while at the same time placing overmuch stress on the importance of social equality with, if not aping of, Europeans. Nevertheless, it is most desirable to increase working class intercourse between white and black workers, and advantage must be taken of any opportunities for that however scantv. An understanding of the range of ideas prevailing at such a congress is very necessary to white Socialists, who in their turn may find occasion for widening that range, or assisting in the formation of working class consciousness among those present. What seems to be required is some sort of (unofficial) native councils, embracing the whole working or agricultural population, all over S. Africa, with congresses of delegates from such Councils. If the S.A.N.N.C. could replace itself hy such an organisation, it would be the best day's work it could accomplish.

Wheels within Wheels.

A typical incident occurred in connection with the Committee, originally convened by the League, on preparedness for the coming workers' control. The members of the committee having increased it had become necessary to hire a hall—always a difficulty to the I.S.L. Eventually, though to the misgiving of many, the S.A.I. Federation Hall-was taken for a meeting last night. Yesterday afternoon the Assistant Secretary of the Federation rang up to sav that according to Colonel Douglas of the Police (an "old friend" of I.S.L. meetings) announcements of the meeting had been spread at the Milner Park treat the day before, and la bodies of returned soldiers had arranged to break it up: and that consequently Mr. Crawford had given peremptory instructions to close the hall against the meeting. On being questioned, Col. Douglas stated that this information had been received by him from the "Comrades of the Great War." No announcements of the meeting had been spread: it was called by letters to individuals. And outside the hall last night there was not a trace of meeting breakers or of strangers of any kind. But the door was closed, and most of those who had come for the meeting adjourned to the Palmerston

Hall. Thereafter Forrester Brown came out and said that Douglas had put the wind up Crawford, but now we had better come in and hold our meeting: which was of course a worthless offer. On the reassembling at the Palmerston there was observed in the hall at least one complete stranger to the movement and old collaborator with the craft union leaders, who retired on being noticed.

The meeting itself listened to an interesting sketch by P. R. Roux of the future workers' control of production and distribution, and decided to exchange ideas with other revolutionary bodies in South Africa, the initial work being entrusted to the I.S.L. (experience having shown that that body has collected the bulk of the revolutionary. elements among the white workers in Johannesburg) subject to the control of the Committee, with Comrade Tinker as secretary.

Beelzebub v. Beelzebub.

A fortnight ago the cables stated that the Russian Soviet Government had offered to supply the German prople with wheat, but that Germany had refused the offer.

Within a couple of days of that we read how Lenin vainly appealed to the local Soviets to provide food for the hungry Russian prisoners returning

from Germany.

This week, "many people in Petro. grad are insane through hunger. Thousands have been starved to death."

Russia "feeds others, herself she cannot feed," ne suppose, like the farmhouse where you can't get milk or eggs.

Yet private letters received here from Bolshevik Russia — one from Witehsk is the latest brought to our notice—breathe surremo satisfacion. "We are not in want of anythey all say.

In one and the same issue of the daily press, which assures us that the German Soviets are repudiating Bolsnevism, recently appeared the following cables:--

(a) "The Commandant of Berlin, addressing the Berlin Soviet, assured them that the Bolsheviks plundering the ourskirts of the town would be ruthlessly suppressed."

ib) "The Berlin Soviet passed a resolution against the proposed Constituent Assembly, demanding a congress of representatives of workmen

(c) Every Ministry in Germany has two commissaries, a majority Socialist and an independent Socialist."

(h) is nure Bolshevism, yet the same body is being protected against "Boll shevist plunderers." It must be indeed a 'house divided against itself,' majoritv versus independent.

Conservative Socialism.

ous of redressing social grievances, in order to secure the continued existence of bourgeois society." To this section belong economists, philanthropists, humanitarians, improvers of the conditions of the working class, organisers of charity, members of societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, temperance fanatics, hole and corner reformers of every imaginable kind."

The above extracts from the Communist Manifesto, written 70 years ago. show that even then our industrial system had developed antagonisms, and that reformers were endeavouring by sops and other misleading schemes to amoliorate the workers' conditions. If the e schemes had been honestly applied there is just the possibility, a remote one certainly, that our present phase of society would have had a long er loase of existence. But to-day the chauce has gone for ever, as the r consciousness of the workers cannot be denied by the clamour of so-called S gialists for 'uplifting of humanity fads. "We are all Socialists to-day." cry these misleaders, many consciously and deliberately lending themselves as tools to the capitalist class.

These misleaders are operating in all industrial countries. We have them in S. Africa. In the Labour Party of Britain and in America they are more conservative and reactionary than the capitalist class, and in Germany we see how they are endeavouring to prevent working class control in that country.

The economic mills grind slow but sure. Just as our present industrial system was inevitable, having its source in and springing from Feudalism which it destroyed, so our present, form of society from its inception carried the germ of its own destruction by creating a propertiless class whose historic mission is to destroy it and inaugurate the new society. Industrial capitalism has been forced by its very nature to keep on expanding. Owing to the necessity of its expansion it has exploited all parts of the world, forcing barbarians and savages to come under its sway. It has annihilated space and brought the remotest paris of the east in instant communication with the west.

·Starting on the basis of individual capitalism, the world wide nature of its expansion has somelled the formation of trusts and combines until to-day we have analgamation of capital in all the productive and transportation industries. The individual capitalist is a mere parasite, the industries being curried on by paid manhovees from the musiagers to the office bor or andrilled labourer. We have a monegair of entire. centralisation of ite means of production, and socialisation of labour die concentration in large workshops and factories, the workers being merely coas in the wheels of industry, to be thrown aside when not required or useless as means of producing profits.

Such is the problem confronting society, a system of production for profit, upon which these apologists are endeavouring to impose an ethic of humanitariansm. This effort is futile. The system must go as past systems have gone, and give place to the cooperative commonwealth. J.M.G.

"With whom are we Dealing?"

President Wilson's question to Germany before the armistice (doubtless put in the light of unpublished information before him that Germany was already town by a political revolution) calls for remark. Why his curiosity on the point? The despotic government of a Tsar, the non-responsible government of a Kaiser, or the absolutism of a Sultan have been good enough for the Allied, so-called democratic, governments to treat with hitherto. The Tsar's Duma, elected by the Russian landowners, had no difficulty in securing their recognition. But governments elected by millions of people and controlled by the people are not to their

liking. Similar questions have been put before. Reuter cabled that when in November, 1917, the Bolsheviks, immediately on getting into power largely on their peace programme, offered peace to Germany, the Germans rejected it, saying they would only deal with a restored monarchy or with the constituent assembly when called: just as Bismarck refused to deal with the Paris Commune which, unlike the Paris capitalists, was anything but pro-German. Nevertheless, one of the latest "damning documents" is an alleged insistance by the Germans in January. 1918, on the re-election to the Russian Government Central Executive Committee of certain individuals including most of the Bolshevik leaders and the Menshevik leader Martoff. This re-election was the duty of the All-Russian Congress of delegates, who were continually being returned or recalled by a population of 180,000,000 continually meeting in local Sovieta (that is the Bolshevik improvement on a hurricane general election), so that it is not easy to see how one or two German agents were to influence it. Besides, what did it matter? The Russian resistance was finally broken, so that whoever else might have been re-elected would have been forced to sign the Brest Litovsk terms just the same, regarding as void the terms dictated by a force to which his constituents never appealed. Those who, like the Allkis, demand (and are perhaps busy trying to purchase) "stable government" with whom to deal and on whom to impose harsh terins, though they would like it to be a government pledged to uphold, : instead of to destroy, the eduitalist system, vet have in fact to put, up with the government which commands undisputed popular support if they want to take the best chance of their terms being cailled. As a mailer of fact, of course, éver since Germany's debacle began in duly, her alleged tools in Petrograd have not only been able to snan their fingers at her, but were themselves the source of the "agitation" which brought that debacle about.

To-morrow, perhaps, it will be the jurn of the Socialist Governments of United Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria to ask the capitalist Allied envoys "With whom are

we dealing?"
Wilson's question puts to the working masses of the world the dilemma:
either support Socialism against Capitalism or commit suicide.

The Fruits of Victory.

The other day Britain stopped a shipment of goods from Germany to Sweden and insisted on the goods being supplied from England instead. This economic boycott, alias trade monopoly, is the "freedom of the seas" --- England's price for "guarding the ocean highways': and not of the seas only, for the surrender of Hun locomotives will just about kill the overland commerce and industrial life of Central Europe as well, justifying the boast of an English Minister the other day that England is now supreme in the world, not only in the industries in which she was supreme before, but in all others besides.

Our gallant troops, who won this priceless triumph for their bosses, are now also reaping the fruits of victory. They, or if they are dead their dependents, were presented, like charity school children, with, in effect, a penny bun apiece at the "treat" stood them on Wednesday at Johannesburg. Was degradation of the masses ever carried further in the city of "bread and circuses," but not, so far as we know, of unlimited drink as at Milner Park?

The blacks too have not fought and bled in vain. They got their reward in the shape of a gracious speech by Buxton about the wicked agitators who sought to teach them disobedience to authority. But if we are not misinformed, that meeting, which was very palpably engineered by official and clerical Europeans ("fathers of the natives"), lacked the support of large numbers of native wage earners who were absent at the time attending other meetings along the reef to reiterate their weally widiculous demand for 1s. a day rise.

And when that demand becomes insistent again, the penny-bun men will be marched out once nore to the tune of "Rule Britannia" or "The Volks-lied"—each breathes the same brand of liberty—to teach the bob-a-day men "their place." Oh, a glorious victory—for the bosses every time.

York "Call" New says: The country has discovered thing at least about democracy -- tiint jt must Tilean moro than old-fashioned wilitieal democracy. The idea that when everybody votes you have a democracy-that is prefty well explode!. When one or two men, assisted by a Wall Streat bank or two, can silently and secretly corner tho steel supply of the world and chiain control over one after another of the basic materials of industry, as well as hundreds of thou ands of workers in the factories, raising prices and manipulating markets at will, anyone who is honest knows that that is not what people mean when they talk about American democracy and volunteer to die for it. When a labour man. convicted of a heinous crime by the use of the blackest perjury, can be blocked for two vears in a nation-wide demand, voiced by the President of the United States himself, for a fair trial on honest evidence, the thinking citizen knows that this is not what the American people mean by democracy.

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German Gild.

Very reluctantly, for the sake of the weaker brethren, we devote valuable space once more to this subject in view of the batch of documents, some of them new, reproduced by the "Star" last Friday from the 'Christian Science Monitor" of Boston as a sort of "Take that" blow to Com. Andrews.

An Old Cag.

We discover little that is either Christian or scientific in the compilation. After all this stunt is a very well worn one. As regards concocted documents, Pigott and Dreyfus are stock instances, and more recently we have the Mooney case and that of the Ausgralian 1.W.W. Locally, General Botha's Native Affairs Department provided us the other day with the story told by Luke Messina, required to support the threatened kriminal charge against the Socialists which had hung fire so long for want of it. As for bribery, in this war every spacifist, every International Socialist, every striker even, has been accused of taking onemy gold---in German, British. in Britain, German. In the case of the big German and Austrian strikes early this year in sympathy with the Russian Bolsheviks, for instance. "English gold" was the shriek of the German press: one might conclude that it only the stingy English had sprung a few more quid the strikes might have succeeded and the war been "won" ten months earlier! Those who supported the Stockholm Conference were, in their respective countries, indiscriminstely called by their political opponents dupes, enemy agents or traitors. This very paper, it has been repeatedly insinuated in the Press, is financed by Germany. Ex-detective Andrew Trimble twice declared that he had refused German gold but the International Socialists had accepted it. Last July General Botha, an authority no less distinguished, said that enemy agents had been inciting the natives to strike.

"Every man has his price."

Capitalism professes to be unable to explain the labour movement on any other hypothesis than the corruption with which, as we have lately been reminded by Mr. Staten's Commission, the capitalist system itself is honeycombed. All Socialistic and all pacifist movement at all times is-must be--bought and paid for. Movd George himself must obviously have taken, Kruger's gold to be a pro-Boer. When Lenin in 1903, long before this war was. dreamt of became leader of the Bolsheviks in Russia, and Trotzky in 1905 became chairman of the Council of Workmen's and Peasants' Delegates, it must have been made worth their while, otherwise who should they have done it? In the latter case Japanese gold was in fact alleged. We have not heard who bribed them as youngsters to serve time in Siberia, or at the outbreak of this war to attack the German Majority Socialists and get deported from the Central Empires as anti-Kaiserists. Nor do we know who squared Trotzky at Halifax, where the British detained him on his return to Russia, to "undermine the lovalty of the interned German sailors there towards their officers," on whose behalf the

British-officers, as members of the same class, therefore intervened. If Brest Litovsk was the result of bribery and not of hopeless defeat in the field, then the armistice of last month was equally reasonably the result of the Kaiser and von Hindenburg being not defeated but bribed. It is quite possible, sindeed, that the Russian counter-revolutionaries did take German gold to acquiesce in that defeat of the Bolshevik Government--so bitter is their class hatred that they would sell their country to beat their class opponents; and the like may have occurred in the case of the German Junkers. Anvhow, if Lenin and Trotzky were bribed last year by the Kaiser, Liebknecht is by the same token to-day in the pay of the Allies. We have no doubt that someone is already busy compiling a set of original and photographed documents proving this to the hilt.

The real Bribers and Forgers.

Let us ask in our turn which countries financed the Tsar to suppress the revolution of 1905? Who, if not France and England, provided millions to the anti-Bolshevik pro-German Rada of the Ukraine early this year? Who, if not the international capitalist class, rejoiced at the rise of values as the Huns approached Petrograd? What was promised Japan to intervene in Siberia? Who found the thirty pieces of silver, and much more, offered by Lockhart to the Red Guards to play Judas? What consideration has been promised by the Allied Governments to the Russian counter-revolutionaries or Liberals Kerensky, Miliukoff and so forth, if they can overcome their enemies the class conscious workers? What bribes were offered by the rival belligerents to Bulgaria, Roumania, Greece, etc.? And in another connection, who tock the German gold in South Africa as revealed by O'Flaherty and Bleloch?

Revenge: Timotheus Cries!"

The bankers, bondholders and high financiers of the enemy and Allied countries, the real rulers of the European Governments, who conferred together at Berne in July, 1917 (when the power of the Bolsheviks had become evident) on the measures to be taken to preserve their class power in this world—the churches had already arranged for it in the next—evidently resolved to stick at nothing, especially after Lenin and Trotzky exposed their secret treaties. We'll pay them back in (a counterfeit of) their coin, said they. What though Socialism has existed these 70 years, and their Socialism in particular twenty-five cears before "German gold! was dreami of? We'll d----d welle make our inflamed public forcet all that and swallow our tale to-day. Socialism is true and right: but if we can rush our workers into believing that it is bought, it will at once become false and wror even on its intrinsic merits. At all costs the Bolshevists must be heaten: whether by the Allies, as now attempted, or by the Germans as attempted in Finland, in the Ukraine and South Russia (where it was the Russian bourgeoisie. the Allies' friends, that invited the Huns in) and at Brest Litovsk (where the Bolsheviks were simply défeated by main force. no other explanation being either possible or necessary)—we, the bouncing bankers of Berne, care not a rap. The brib-

ery and the wholesale murder stories will do our trick.

The Season Opens.

And so in that same month, July, 1917, when it had become plain that the Russian revolution meant business, i.e., Socialism, the Provisional Government, the hack of that same class, the tool of the Russian bourgeoisie, in order to defeat the Petrograd rising at the time, circulated, especially among the Bolshevist troops in Petrograd itself, forged documents representing that Lenin and Trotzky, lifelong Socialists, war-long war-on-warites (as indeed were Gorky and the Mensheviks too), who had throughout notoriously desired even a defeat of Russia as the quickets route to Socialism, and rightly so, as the case of Germany confirms :--that these men had suddenly become what they were and always had been only because they now received pay from the Kaiser! The "Monitor's" "evidence" represents them as being warned so long afterwards as Jan. 29. 1918, that "the connection of the lierman Government, with the Bolshevist workers has leaked out, and that the Russian troops are hearing of it." As if they had not heard of it, and of course of its repudiation too, for six months past!

On Tour.

Pah! never mind. Repeat a lie o:ten enough and it is believed. Is it played out for the present in Petrograd? Then tet us send it on tour, like a bioscope film, round all the Allied countries: Northcliffe meantime buying the "Novoye Vremya" ready for a return visit later on. Thus in Oct., 1917, we find it published in the English "New Europe" in the form of "hearsay to the seventh degree" evidence. It was not long before the very same magazine said: "The usual stories are told of Trotzky having been bribed by the fermans. 'German agent' is the most appropriate label for anyone who does not suit us. Trotzky's Socialism is sincere." Undeterred, the show next apbears on the French stage, in the "Petit Parisien," the source being unrevealed as before, and the "facts" so clumsily presented as to make one dubious of the mental calibre of our Minerry of Information staff. In April Litvinost wrote in "Justice": "The documents are obviously forged, and manate from the Kerensky-Miliukoffex-Tsarist camp, probably aided by the German Government which is in terof Bolshevism"; and the "New Europe, again published an exposure by a Russian anti-Bolshevik, pointing om inter alia the absurdity of alleging to the financial business was worked to ugh the Nia Banken of Stockholm, e scolled by an intimate intend of 13 -All-Branting. Yet through that bods the "Monitor" still allowes 51400,000 roubles to have been remitted to the Bolsheviks by the "German Imperial Bank." at a time when no intermediary bank was any longer requiredi

Home Again.

Yet still never mind: business as usual. Sufficient time has now elapsed to start again in Russia. Now it is the British in Murmansk who, having bought the support of the local higwigs with money and of the feckless poor with food. do not scruple to seduce the more intelligent elements by once

more circulating these same forgeries there; while in Moscow Lockhart's plot was to be aided by forged secret letters and agreements between Russia and Germany—no doubt the same series again.

American Edition.

Finally, at the eleventh hour, the American Government—no other could be so brazen, for even in England these allegations have never, so far as we have noticed, been endorsed by Government, nor by any Russian statesman-boldly fathers a revised edition, "with photographs," of the whole dossier—with dates revised too!—for all the world as if it had never been heard of before; and gives it out "Special to the C.S. Monitor, 'from which it has no doubt been taken over by the whole American and Allied Press. Bo not be dazzled by the Government inprimatur. Remeinber Unamberlain, and the Jameson Raid. Remember the Ems telegram, Nakob, Luke Messina and the other cases already referred to. Think of the interests at stake! After all, where is the difference in "propaganda" value between suppressing truth through the censor and suggesting falsehood through the "Monitor"? In America more especially, no one takes either Press or Government statements very seriously, while their detectives (and these letters are compiled by detectives) are notorious. "Soon," says the "Labour Herald," "we expect to hear that Lenin began the war and Trotzky sank the Lusitania, although on the first occasion these 'proofs' were speedily shown to be barefaced and clumsy forceries." The "Round Table" declines even to discuss the stories of Lenin's and Trotzky's "corruption."

66 By their fruits ye shall know them.57

And now, what did the Bolsheviks do with the alleged money? The "Monitor" itself supplies part of the answer. "Document 13" is a German complaint to Lenin, dated Feb. 25, 1918, the very period of the Brest Litovsk "negotiations," of "a propaganda for a national risino and a strugole with the Germans and their Allies. the Ukrainian." Document 14." dated as early as Feb. 7 even, before the 'traitorous peace' had been secured, is a like complaint to Trotzky that "his promise that Socialistic agiintional literature would not be circulated among the German troops is not being fulfilled" (there is no evidence even of such a "promise under duress.") "Document 46" is a German demand for the recall from Finland, Litva and Courland of ail agitators of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies. In 'Document 47' the Germans "order" the Bolsheviks to cease the agitation in Finland which had finally "led to the German landowners being declared outlaws!' and to "take immediate steps for the restoring of the rights of the above-mentioned landlords." Other, documents confirm that the Bolshevists were active against the Germans, and vivo versa, in Vinland and the Ukraine. Nor were these German "orders" complied with Much later on, we still find Count Mirbach protesting against the anti-German proparanda sauctioned by the Bolchevik Government. In Finland it was a square fight between Red Guards and

Hun-led White Guards. The Hun domination in the Ukraine, and no doubt in Bulgaria, Roumania and Poland (where the pro-Hun legionaries have just had another Jewish pogrom, a thing still common in anti-Bolshevist recions, but rigorously, suppressed under the Bolshevik regime) has all these months been undermined by—whom? Why. those Hun tooks the Bolsheviks. And it is perfectly clear by now that the real conquerors of the Central Powers themselves are the people by whom at Brest Litovsk such conquest was expressly threatened with all the faith and confidence peculiar to scientific Socialists. That's what the Kaiser got for his money—a rod for his own back. The "Star" knows perfectly well that the Bolsheviks never once played Germany's game, but only their own.

Four Square.

After all, why should there still be such a persistent outery throughout the Capitalist world against a couple of rogues long since exposed and thus rendered impotent? We hear no such outery against our corrupt Provincial Councillors, for instance: they are finished. But these two men are still a "peril to the British Empire"! How is it, after all this disillusionment. that they are still at the helm in Russia, and that the only considerable forces against them are non-Russiand Why no they go on battling instead of retiring on their ill-gotten gains, secing that according to the "Monitor" the flow of German gold stopped nearly a year ago and they have long since done what they were paid to do? It they wart more, why don't they got the Allies in turn to bribe them to "chuck it." not their troops to kidnap and murder them? Why? Because the policy of Lenin and Trotzky is the policy which all Socialists are strivities unbribed, to carre out, and would be unworthy and incompetent to carry out if bribed. Because the motive of all the "bribing," whether by the Imporial Bank or by Lockhart, is the motive of the German peace at Brest, and of the British war on Russia to-day-an in tempt to crush Bolshevism everywhere

-the same motive that made the Gomans go on invading Russia after making peace with her and makes the A:lies, equally inexplicably on any other ground, wo on invading Russia and Germany too desnite the recent annistice, and despite Russia's recent request for peace to which it seems they have not even replied stating their terms—for there can be no terms between Capitalism and Socialism. But the more frenzied the outery, the more confident we may be that the Socialist Republic and cause everywhere flourish. The Berne gang know in their hearts what was also recently noticed by Mr. Staten, that the real Socialists are the only incorruptibles: that though professional labour leaders may be venal, the Labour movement itself moes on desnite them, and is the only movement that we had neither bought nor paid for. That is true no less in Russia than elsewhere. Last July Mr. Arthur Ransomo, the best Unwish authority on the Russia of today, but then still doubtful of the issue there, wrote: "I only ask that men shall look through the fog of libel. These men who have made the Soviet Government of Russia, if they must

fail, will fail with clean shields and clean hearts."

Crucify Them!

Pah! never mind. Publish the stuff again, and again, though it lose bite each time; and see to it that the censor rigorously suppresses any statement of "the accused's" case or reply, and indeed prevents them if possible from even seeing this ex parte case against them until it has already gone round the world. For once this story is discredited the whole charge against the Bolsheviks of being pro-German collapses, and nothing will stand between "us" and the world wide victory of Socialism.

(Note: Although without any idea of what Lenin's reply month he, we shall deal destructively with the alleged documents in detail as space permits. The chief of them, the alleged order of the Imperial Bank on banks in Stockholm, was disposed of in our issue of March

29 last.)

League Notes.

BUILDING & PRESS 10,000 SHIL-LING FUND.—Our big push: Don't forget the Picnic this Sunday, the 15th, at Driefontein farm No. 3. Single tickets, 6s.; double, 10s.; children, 1s. Food will be supplied. Note the time: Trolleys leave Town Hall at 7.45 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. An enjoyable programme of games and sports has been arranged.

MARX' "CAPITAL."—Final notice: this matter will be definitely liquidated on December 26th, all tickets must be in before this date.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH meets on Tuesday, 17th, Palmerston Hall, at eight o'clock. Business: conference and other important matters.

The open air meeting on Sunday afternoon on Fordsburg Market Square was addressed by Comrades J. Black (chair) and Stuart. Com. Andrews said a few words and Com. S. Goldman distributed literature.

In the evening a successful meettry was held at corner of Maddison and Marshall Streets. Appresiown, Comrades Tinker, Tyler and Bones doing the speaking and S. Barlin the literature.

THE STUDY CLASS will be held as usual on Friday evening at the Palmerston Hall, at 8 p.m.

Saturday at Thomson's Buildings, and among other matters decided to have an "open" meeting one Sunday in each mouth. The first meeting of the kind will be held in Thomson's Buildings on Sunday evening. 22nd inst., and Com. T. P. Tinker will speak on "The spread of the Revolution."

GERMISTON BRANCH will meet at 7.30 p.m. in Comrade Colin Wades's Surgery on Tuesday, the 17th.

Creditors and Debtors in the Estate of the late JOHN WHALAM GAMBLE 36722, and surviving spouse MARTHA GAMBLE (born Reinecke) are called upon to lodge their claims with and pay their debts to the undersigned within FOURTEEN DAYS of the date of publication hereof.

Attorney for the Executrix.

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