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Massacring Women and Children.

A Capt. Overbeek writes to the Yellow Press that the utterances of the extremists in which they put black and white on terms of equality are calculated to bring on a repetition of early South African history, the massacre of

women and children.

We did not know before that these early historical massacres were caused by extremist utterances of this nature. Nor do we know who are the "extremist" who "put black and white on terms of equality," or "inflame black against white." For our part we do not pretend that either black and white or capitalist and worker (which latter is what we dwell on) are equal, and we urge white and black workers not against each other but to co-operate.

what we dwell on) are equal, and we urge white and black workers not against each other but to co-operate. Wedo know something however about historic massacres of women and children. There was that one in Johannesburg in 1895, for instance, which, as Capt. Overbeek will of course admit, amply justified the Jameson Raid. Long ago there was that Massacre of St. Bartholomew, in which his ancestral Huguenots were victims, not of Kaffirs, but of that great religious opponent of Socialism to-day, the Church of Rome. In the same civilised white. country, in 1870, the French bourgeoisie, supported by German militarism, did 30,000 Socialists to death, when 'no quarter was given to any man, woman or child" and "at one execution since last night 500 persons have been shot, and there are invariably women and boys among them." Per- " haps that is the sort of massacre the Captain likes. Well, what about the deaths in the South African Concentration Camps, when out of a population of 110,000, 18,120 died in the eight months from June, 1901, to January, 1902, and of these 12,929 were children (see Blue-book)? Let us come to the recent massacres of women and children by the Japanese, our gallant Captain's comrades in the great war, in Siberia: to the thousands of women and children massacred in Finland with the support of the German bourgeoisie, now his allies against Bolshevism, repeating their role of 1870; the massacre of women and children in Italy during the last general strike—which British soldiers had something to do with; the massacred women and children found in Dublin and other towns in Ireland after the rebellion was crushed; the lynchings of Socialists, including women, in America, not by the 10 per cent. blacks but by the 90 per cent. whites; the assassination of Socialist leaders, including women, in Germany the other day, where there was no question of inflaming black against white—at least not so far as colour of skin goes. In Jobennesburg in quite recent times we read that women with infants are

charged by mounted police; and whenever I.S.L. meetings have been broken up our women comrades have been attacked indiscriminately with men; one of them, who was wounded in the Trimble affair eighteen months ago, is lying seriously injured in the Johannesburg hospital to-day as the result of last Sunday week's affair.

Again, what about the massacre of Scotland's infant life in one-roomed tenements, as revealed by the recent report of the Scottish Housing Commission, "ashorrible and tragic document" according to Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, who added "the conditions it describes are a disgrace and a shame to

a Christian country"?

But the greatest massacre of men, women and children in all history is being caused by the capitalist Powers in Europe, to whom the Captain is so loyal, under our very eyes. Whatever may be said of the starvation blockade of the Central Powers during hostilities, what is going on now is far worse. "Although the Belgians know we have no other adequate source," writes a nurse from Dusseldorf on 1st February, 1919, "they do not allow a drop of milk to cross the Rhine bridge, so that frequently children under a year old have no milk for days and are. succumbing to the most trivial maladies."

Cologne writes: "For a piece of soap and a lump of bread or a few bisciuts. a soldier could live with a German girl for a week. I cannot conceive that such ill can be done as is being done by the continuance of this innuman blockade, and no just punishment fol-

low.

These are just random instances of the unspeakable atrocity being committed by the Powers throughout Europe. It is said that 800,000 Germans have perished in consequence of the blockade. Winston Churchill positively glories in it. "We are holding all our means of coercion," he said the other day, "in full operation or in immedante readiness for use. We are enforcing the blockade with rigour. We have strong armies ready to advance at the shortest. notice. Germany is very near starvation. All the evidence I have received from officers sent by the War Office all over Germany shows, first of all, the great privations which the German people are suffering, and secondly the danger of a collapse of the entire structure of German social and national life under the pressure of hunger and malnutrition. Now is therefore the moment to settle."

And what is being done against Socialism in Germany (for that is what it is all for) has been done against the Soviet Republic of Russia ever since its establishment. Who is responsible for the starvation (and equally for the terror and bloodshed) in parts of Russia? Who but the Allies, who have prevented the importation into that

country of all the rolling stock for which it has long cried out for transporting food, coal and other necessaries from place to place; who have occupied the grain and oil districts, who have stopped all shipments of agricultural machinery (miserably insufficient even before the war), seed and raw muterial for industries, and are doing their utmost in every way to harass and starve the people, women and children of course included, to distraction and death? In particular, "the greatest effort of the 'Council of Ten' is to keep Russia and Germany apart," hecause Germany is the country best able to supply Russia's immediate needs and also because, as Lenin says, "the success of the world revolution depends in the greatest degree upon Germany. "Rather than allow Germany's manu-

"Rather than allow Germany's manufactures to aid Socialist Russia, the Allied Governments, seem prepared to maintain indefinitely a military occupation of the whole of Germany."

In their efforts to prevent the growin. and establishment of Socialism by force and falsehood, their only weapons, but for which Socialism would have become universal to-day, this Council of Ten is plunging the people of the greater part of Europe into untold misery, holding them in the grip of relentless famine, forcing them to slow painful death and sub-human degradations: "methods of warfare more inurderous than hand-grenades and poison gas, because they affect not the soldier, but thousands upon thousands of innocent persons, women and children. An alarming increase of infant mortality has ensued, with sever detriment to the health of young mothers, who in enormous numbers had to pay with their death for malnutrition at the most crucial hour of their lives: while tuberculosis has assumed imansions unknown for decades."

So let Capt. Overbeek ask him-eli whether the chief "massacres of women and children" to-day are the handiwork of Socialists or of his Imperial-

ist friends.

But we can readily adopt, and address to all the workers—yes his own returned soldiers included—the Captain's declamatory call: "Awake, South Africa, awake; for as surely as you continue in your state of apathy, so surely are you allowing your doom to be sealed!"

Details by mail of this week's proceedings before the Maritzburg Magistrate in re Jones and Greene are to hand too late for insertion in this issue, and will be published next week.

W. den Bakker came up on the 8th inst., on a charge of creating a disturbance and assault. The charge was withdrawn and another charge of assault laid against him. The case comes up for hearing next Friday, 16th inst.

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On the Drum.

Our Legal Desence Fund needs immediate assistance. The case of Ivon Jones and Laurie Greene at Maritzburg is costing far more than the "Luke Messina" case last year, and we desire also to assist towards the defence of 'Msimang at Bloemfontein. Besides. the new anti-Socialist legislation threatened by the Bismarcks of Parliament may involve yet more cases in the near future. Certainly one could wish for a better destination for Socialist funds than lawyers' pockets; but meanwhile, with Courts constituied as they are, the fraternity seem in certain classes of case indispensable. Pull yourselves together, then, all readers of this paper, and 'let your light so shine" be collecting and remitting donations for the Fund forthwith on a scale eclipsing all previous efforts... A fiver is it? Hallelujah. A sovereign? Praise the Lord. A widow's mite? Amen, so let it be. Where thy heart is, there let thy treasure be also.

Barking up the Wrong Tree

Last Sunday night, at the West end of the Johannesburg Town Hall; Capt. Garrett was supported by a force largely increased as compared with that of the week before, and collected with the wowed object of smashing up the I.S.L. meeting which, as "Bolsheviks" do not believe in such violence, bad already been called off some days before as announced in last week's "International." It was a case of "Come, and come armed," and many were armed with ugly lead-loaded bludgeons ob tained from a military store; and these were obviously disappointed (to use the "Mail's" word) at being baulked of a chance to shed "seas of" Socialist, "blood." Their "menacing attitude," however, did not result in a mounted police baton charge any more than in the anti-German riots, in contrast with the recent affair butside the local Court House, or with the Market Square afray of 4th July, 1913. On the contrary, j the guardians of the peace, whose policy in these matters is avowedly inspired by prominent public officials, evidently considered that there was nothing for them to do.

We do not believe that the roughs in the crowd consisted mainly or largely of returned soldiers. They were rather collected in the purlieus of that class of club whence the "Rand Daily Mail" draws its "inspiration." Nevertheless it is true that in South Africa, as in other countries returned soldiers have for some time past been used as pawns by political parties of all shades except the I.S.L., just as the economic grievances of the poor Dutch are exploited by Nationalist leaders; and Stmday's gathering was no exception. Clearly their carefully instilled misconception of our propaganda of "working class solidarity irrespective of colour" is being traded upon to spoot. them into taking up the cudgels on he. half of the propertied and privileged class—the capitalist class in short against the movement which alone threatens its sway, a movement by the way which in Europe is very largely composed of returned soldiers themselves! Their numbers are now being replenished almost every week from overseas, and no doubt they have been sedulously drilled on board ship to accept their destiny of "knocking hell out of the South African Bolshevists" just as readily as they are always credited with accepting their duty "not to reason why."

Such hard words or hooligan exploits' butter no parsnips — beyond a free drink—when you have got neither pay nor job, but only the kicks minus the halfpence; and it was remarkable that the soldiers in the crowd, whether or not they came to break up those who "tease" them by pointing the way out of the world's grievances, eventually occupied the pitch with a pow-wow about their own—only to be kidded as of yore by those stálwarts "from the trenches "who preside over their associations that the true remedy was to "approach" the very Government whom they had been attacking!

Well, let us leave it at that for the moment. We are quite as content as many of them seem, to be to "wait and see." It cannot be long before they will discover their way out too in the teachings of the "International" and the organisation of the working class to which most of them belong.

The Returned Soldier take the Hindmost.

The following recent article in the Montreal Gazette shows how the ruling class regard their dupes and victims when they no longer need them:—

The disturbing feature of this situation is an apparently fixed idea on the part of many returned men that the country owes them a comfortable living rather than the comportunity to earn a comfortable living.

It has been to tered by a disposition on the part of civilians and civilian societies to coddle the soldier, overlooking the somewhat important fact that those who served their country as soldiers in the var did what was their plain duty; and would have incurred shame and reproach had they not so served. The soldier who returns to Canada must not be encouraged to think that, being fit, he can avoid service in the hardest buttle of all, which is the battle of life.

So soon! So soon! It was bound to come. It was foodald again and again. But most of us thought we should have to wait at least three or four years. We thought that the patriofeers, ior every decency's sake, would keep on singing "our splendid men" for that length of time. But no, before the war is ended, before the boys are back, before the peace is signed, we have the most loyal, the most British, the most Imperial. Canadian daily newspaper practically telling the soldiers to forget all the high-flown war stuff, to get right down to cold facts and to not expect overmuch from a grateful country.—Exchange.

All comrades will be sorry to hear that owing to the brutal assault on Comrade Mrs. Marynen by the "patriots" and "heroes" at the Town Hall meeting on April 27th, she is still suffering in the general hospital.

Sporting Schemes.

The capitalist class are between the devil and the deep sea. With a system of society bankrupt, in face of demands from the workers more or less revolutionary, they are devising all sorts of schemes to continue the system of exploitation.

Amongst the many schemes to continue their strangle hold upon society is better facilities for sport to the working class.

The Star' had a leading article a few days ago pointing out what was being done in Britain in this direction. In South Africa we have the same idea: sporting facilities for the workers, cricket, football and miniature rifle clubs to amuse the toilers and divert their minds from the problems now in society's melting pot awaiting solution.

What futile schemes! What puny efforts to stay the onward evolutionary march of economic forces that will not be denied!

These sporting schemes will fail toand as they have failed in the past. In Russia, before the great war, the industrial capitalists introduced the same scheme of sports to divert the workers from Nihilism and Revolutionary Socialism. I remember reading in "T.P.'s Weekly" a summary of what was being done to inoculate the working class of Russia with the so-called sporting instinct. The writer of the article made no bones about the object they had in view with their sporting schemes. He was more honest than the editor of the "Star" and other schemers, and holdly stated that the object was to divert the workers' attention from the sordid conditions under which toiled.

The scheme failed in Russia, and will fail elsewhere as all schemes must that touch, if at all, only the surface of the tangled skein of necessarily antagonistic interests as between an exploiting class and an exploited class.

All these schemes for reform, these palliatives for the workers, these platiludes of humanitarian treatment for those who had too long been looked upon and treated as mere cogs in the wheels of industry, these welfare schemes and 'new social consciousness' stunts, if they ever could be put in operation, which I deny, are useless to-day. The capitalistic system, by the very nature of its construction, has no place for such humanitarian schemes. Every channel of its activity is absorbed in the production of commodities for profit. Profit is its god, and to maintain profits it will be peaceful or warlike, whichever suits that ond best. It will have no hesitation when profits are endangered in sacrificing human life in the workshop and mine. or upon the battlefield: all ends justify the means. To the capitalist class humanity is but a pawn in the game of profiteering. Perish humanity, perish everything that is worth living for, so that profits may be maintained. It is the beginning and end of all the activities of this class, and these actions can only be curtailed by one class, the working class, why by taking control will eliminate class rule, and give that social liberty and opportunity for recreation and sport that our present society cannot give.

The Causes of Indian Unrest.

What are the causes of the Indian unrest? Following upon Jusrice Rowlatt's Commission, which appointed to enquire into Was "anarchism report upon and revolution' in India, the Indian Bills, kuown as Rowlatt Bill No. 1 and Bill No. 2. These Bills were passed in the Vice-Regal Council and, notwithstandug the opposition by the non-official members and protest and petition by responsible men and public hodies, became the law of the land.

Some Points.

Some of the points in the Bill, to which strong objections are taken, are: 1) Sudden arrest without warrant on mere suspicion, and detention without irial; (2) conduct of the proceedings secretly in camera; (3) the person under trial ignorant of the name, etc., of the accusers or of the witnesses against him; (4) the accused not conironted with his accusers or the witnesses against him; (5) the accused not enjoying the right of defending himself with the help of lawyers; (6) the accused having only the right to a written account of the offences attributed to him; (7) no witness allowed in defence; (8) judicial procedure quite different from that to which Indians are accustomed (rules of evidence may be ignored); (9) trial or investigation of indefinite duration.

Here is a typical clause, for instance:

33. (1) Where, in the opinion of the Local Government, there are reasonable grounds for believing that any person has been or is concerned in such area in any scheduled offence the Local Government may make in respect of such person any order authorised by section 21, and may further by order in

writing direct:

(a) The arrest of any such person without warrant:

(b) The confinement of any such peron in such place and under such conlitions and restrictions as it may specify, etc.

Scheduled Offences.

The scheduled offences include: Asfaulting the Governor-General, Governor, etc., waging war against Allied Asiatic power, abetting mutiny, and the following offences, if connected. with any movement endangering the safety of the State, namely, rioting armed with deadly weapons, promoting ennity between classes, belonging to a gang of dacoits, belonging to a gang of lilieves, assembling for purposes of committing dacoity, mischief by injury 10) public road, bridge, river, or chanuel, any attempt or conspiracy to commit or any abetment of any of the above offences.

We have never heard in the history of criminal procedure that previous conviction shall be a relevant fact on the trial of an offence alleged to be committed by an accused, but that is what section 5 of Bill No. 1 does. The fact that a person has habitually and voluntarily associated with any person who has been convicted of an offence under that chapter is also "relevant."

Unquestionably the law takes away the remnant of existing rights as a British subject, of liberty of person and property, and of the freedom of speech.

In a manifesto Mr. Gandhi states that the steps to be taken would be considered the most severe in Indian history, but he had come to the conclusion that passive resistance was the only course open.—Charlie Nulliah, in the 'Natal Witness.'

A Message from Hungarian Socialists,

The Ido Federation of the Hungarian Socialist Party sent from Budapest in the International language, "Ido," a message from Hungarian Socialists to the workers of the world, from which the following is extracted:

(Note the contrast between the suavity of Smuts as reported by mail this week and the actual Allied brutality

that has since ensued):-

What is happening in Hungary at this moment? The Revolution, with hardly any bloodshed, overthrew an old degenerate tyranny and the Hungarian republic was born. The people's Republic rapidly cleared away all remnants of feudalism, established complete democracy and an enlarged possibility of Socialism.

The Entente which promised to free the world from the yoke of German absolutism has subjected Hungary to the backward and greedy imperialism of Roumania, Serbia and the Czecho-Slovaks. These Empires belong to an inferior stage of development to that of

Hungarian democracy.

The people's Republic secured liberty of association, assembly, and the Press. The Entente army of occupation has established a press censorship and denied the freedom of association and assembly. The people's Republic declared for Socialism and the rights of Labour. The Army of Occupation killed the young germ of our Socialist State, trampled upon our educational organisations and, instead of freeing Labour, created a new slavery.

the Hungarian working class to fight by terrorising them with the menace of the very Powers which now reign in Hungary as conquerors, destroying the first fruits of the Revolution. Will the world proletariat, the organised working class of England and the workers of Italy look quietly on whilst the occupation on the pretext of restoring order strengthens the counter-revolution?

We do not whine "territorial integrity," we demand the integrity of the democracy. We demand the triumph of right over all kinds of violence, not the triumph of violence over the people's rights.

The Hungarian counter-revolutionary leaders hope to excite Chauvinist passion and by its means to suffocate the strongly developed Socialist movement.

On the day after the murder of Liebknecht and Luxembourg the murderers assembled for a drinking bout at the Hotel Eden and had themselves photographed.

A Dastardly "Joke."

Mr. Harmsworth; Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, recently admitted that the notorious Anarchist decree nationalising women was "possibly" not a Bolshevik decree. It is well known that the "New Europe," which was originally responsible for circulating the fabrication, has eaten its words like Luke Messina.

The "S.A. Review" of April 25 quotes a statement given to the "New York Times" by Jerome Davis, an anti-Bolshevik Y.M.C.A. official who was. in Russia from April, 1916, to November, 1918, and was in Samara, only a short distance from Saratov, shortly after the alleged date of the alleged decree at the latter place. The Samara Anarchists said the "decree" had been published by the rich—counter-revolutionaries—to discredit them; and they published a handbill to that effect. Later on one of the wealthy men of the town admitted to Davis that the "decree," had been prepared as a joke by some of the rich young men of the town. As for the similar "decree reported from the Anarchists of Vladimir, the story was scouted by every Soviet man that Davis met. And, as has been pointed out elsewhere, Anarchists do not believe in nationalising anything.

We never hear of the Sisson tabrications ("German gold") now: they were bowled out within a few weeks: and so it will be in this case also Indeed you find such lies already recanted in European newspapers while they are still plodding their weary way round the press of the Empire.

Any comment on the work of the Industrial Conference at Bloemfontein is deferred pending evidence that it has done any work. Thousands of pounds it must be costing, only to produce so far aimless schoolboy debating society speeches or resolutions reproducing second-hand ideas on negrophobia, "taking over," and joint boards Crawford makes a speech on the lines of a "Star" leading article, and a telegram from the Government about an Industrial Advisory Council is accurately timed to arrive when the flounderings of the Conference are at their worst. Such are the slow and painful stages through which the Labour movement it seems musi necessarily pass, and as such we must welcome them.

The French Foreign Minister on March 26th gave the following figures of troops in Russia:—

Archangel: 13,100 British, 4,820 Americans, 2,349 French, 1,340 Italians, 1,280 Serbians, and 11.770 Russians.

Siberia: Czecho - Slovaks. 55,000; Poles, 12,000; Serbians, 4,000; Italians, 2,000; British, 1,600; French, 760; Japanese, 28,000; Americans, 7,500; Canadians, 4,000; making a total of 118,000 men to which Pichon says must be added 92,000 Russian forces.

East Russia: French, 140,000; Roumanians, 190,000; British, 140,000; Italians, 40,000; Serbians, 140,000; Greeks, 200,000.

It is by no means certain that these are all the Allied troops in Russia.

Ivolution and Revolution.

If words could speak, like Oma; Hisyam's vessel of clay, what startled eries of pain would pierce our ears when we read some of the lead ag artielse of the would-be intellectual editors of the capitalist press. One of them esid a few days ago that he believed in evolution but not in revolution. By evolution he meant a process of gradual reform. Evolution does not mean a process of gradual reform. Evolution is a succession of revolutions. Some revolutions may take ages to be accomplished, but some take place almost in the twinkling of an eye. Revolution is a complete transformation of function that lifts existence from one plane into another. A succession of such revolunons lifting existence from plane to. plane is evolution. A change, however grest, that simply keeps existence travelling in a circle on the same plane is a mere reformation; such a change does not constitute revolution. Reform is a part, revolution is a greater part, and evolution is the whole. Uni-cellular organisms may differentiate into a hundred thousand species but until a radical change in function takes place a higher life than that of uni-cellularism cannot be attained. But the coalescence of two cells on the basis of sub-division of labour implies a change of function and constitutes a revolution which lifts existence into a higher plane. The coalescence of many cells with formation of organs implies a further change of function and constitutes another revolution: and the whole process involving revolution after revolution and plane after plane is evolution. Time in itself does not constitute evolution but changes in function do. Hence mere reformation of the capitalist system does not constitute evolution even if the reformation lasts a million years. Until the eystem undergoes a change of function and thereby lifts life on to a higher plane the term evolution is irrelevant.

The functions of the capitalist system produce a small but enormously wealthy class, a larger middle class that can just about manage to live on its salary on the lines of "middle class respectability," and an enormous wage slave class that as a class lives on a bare subsistence line. While the functions remain unaltered reformation simply means differentiation in its methods of exploitation: a reduction in working hours implies retrenchment, introduction of labour saving machinery and speeding up of labour in order to counteract the tendency of a fall in profits. A change of function on the other hand involves the abolition of profit and all its attendant evils of unemployment, poverty, prostitution (mental-and physical) and ignorance. A change of function opens up a new plane of existence—Socialism. That is what Socialists mean by the social revolution. -Whether the change in the functions of the system will be brought about by a speedy and bloodless revolution or by a long, bitter and bloody struggle the capitalist must soon decide. The Socialists prefer the former. but if the capitalists force the latter on they they must take up the challenge. Comrades, prepare for the battle that is bound to end in the complete destruction of scientific barbarism! Long live the social revolution.

P.R.R.

"Greek Mercenaries."

To the Editor, "International."

Dear Comrade,—I note that a Greek comrade takes exception to my remarks anent "Greek mercenaries" fighting the Bolsheviks. I cannot now refer to the newspaper report stating that Greek regiments were fighting the Bolsheviks in the Ukraine, but I have looked up my paragraph, and agree that in view of a state of conscription in Greece it was quite unwarranted to term them "mercenaries" (in the absence of any statement to that effect). In Sweden they opened recruiting bureaus for the Russian White Guard, but the latest information is that the Swedish Socialists closed them up with a threat to recruit for the Red Army. The same thing is going on in other countries. But I had no intention of holding up our Greek fellow workers to obloquy. Have not our English poets, Byron and Shelley, sung the heroism of the Greeks? But the Property State had its inception in Greece, and with the advent of private property Greeks who were disinherited had to look for jobs, and the first kind of jobs offered to them was military service. Hence they hired themselves out to surrounding nations. My point was that, as it was in the beginning, so at the end of the Property State, military service promises to be the last form of labour for hire.

Forgive me, Comrade Macridis, if I unwittingly appeared to slander the Greeks. All working men are my comrades.—D.I.J.

M. Raymond Pericat, writing on the eve of the recent bogus "International" at Berne, says it consists, as regards the majority, of the stay-at-home patriots and rabid never-enders of the working classes of the world, men who accused the German majority of responsibilities and complicities which they themselves shared to the full. At an hour when the Revolution is growing everywhere, sweeping autocrats into the refuse heap and threatening even the dictating "democracies," this Congress must forsooth be discussing the League of Nations, which will serve as a most powerful weapon against revolution and the International, a cartel of bourgeois governments, an association to exploit the peoples kept in a state of serfdom, a coalition of the capitalist and governing classes of every land. Militarism. bound together by a new pact, will serve as an international police charged with protecting the bourgeois social order. In face of the gigantic movement of the peoples in the throes of revolution, how paltry and ridiculous appear the beggings and prayings of "patriotic" groups to be admitted to a place round the green table at the Peace Conference. No, the International cannot be reborn at the hands of those who killed it.

According to Col. Sir S. Hoare, the Peace Conference is costing £20,000 a day more than the South African war.

The "Handbook for Rebels" and the "Grammar of Anarchy" have been seized by the police in all parts of Ireland as seditious. The greater part of the former, at least, consisted of speeches by Sir Ed. Carson and Sir F. Smith, now Lord Chancellor.

League Notes.

May Day Celebration Committee meets on Sunday, the 11th inst., at the Palmerston Hall, at 10 a.m. All Secretaries of sub-committees must bring their full reports. Comrades are urged to settle up for the Social immediately.

A meeting of the Building and Printing Press Committee will be held at the general office on Sunday, the 11th inst., at 10.30 a.m. All members are urged to attend. — W. H. Andrews. Secretary.

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Will branches and comrades who have unsold copies of "The Workers' Revolution in Russia" kindly return them to this office, and they will be credited with 6d. per copy? This is urgent, as we are sold out, and there is still a demand.

Literature.—We now have on hand a thousand copies of Jim Connolly's 'Socialism Made Easy,' at 6d, per copy. Send your orders.

Adult Study Class every Sunday at

10.30 a.m. in the Balcony Tea Rooms.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

A special general meeting of the Branch will be held on Tuesday next. May 13th, at 8 p.m., in the Palmerston Hall. The business to be brought forward is of the greatest importance.

Study Class every Friday in Palmerston Hall, at 8 p.m. All comrades

welcome.

JEWISH-SPEAKING BHANCH.
Study Class every Wednesday in Palmerston Hall, at 8 p.m. (in Yid-

Branch meeting on Sunday, the 18th inst., at the Palmerston Hall, at 9.30 a.m. Business important, including election of officers.

KIMBERLEY.

There are prospects of a branch of the I.S.L. being formed in the Diamond town. The local group is increasing in numbers and we shall hear more of them anon.

A correspondent in England tells of a Belgian refugee shopkeeper's family who, having been hospitably maintained in an Essex household, got a letter from a brother in Aerschot, early in the war, begging them to return, as the new German Governor was a milder man, and the shop was intact and waiting for them. They were accordingly passed through the military lines of both contending armies and lived happily in Aerschot, in no way victims of rape, forced labour, or other atrocities. for the rest of the war.

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