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Two Unions Where One Grew Before.

All the Reef is ringing with the exposure | in obtaining 250 signatures. Did he (Mr. published in the "Indicator," organ of the 3.A. Amalgamated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association, of Union-splitting activities on the part of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines. Shortly the story is as follows:

The S.A.E.D. and F.A.'s financial membership of Winding Drivers at June 30, 1923, was over 75 per cent. of the total employed on the mines.

The S.A.E.D. and F.A. having to dispense with one organiser, Mr. Gartrell on a ballot failed to secure re-election.

Since then he has made almost continuous attempts to detach winding drivers from the Association, and to get them into what was to be called the "Certificated Winding Engine Drivers' 'Association." The bait held out has been some mysterious benefit to be gained from the Chamber of Mines if the S.A.E.D. and F.A. were split. It was stated indeed that the Chamber itself had drawn up and supplied a petition which was hawked round the engine rooms of the Rand, some months ago, praying for recognition of the proposed new union. The Chamber denied this.

However, the "Indicator" publishes a report of an interview between Mr. Gemmill, representing the "Gold Producers" Committee" of the Chamber, and Mr. Fartrell, representing the new Association. Exaracts from this report follow:--

"Mr. Gemmill explained whe reason he had requested the interview was because three months had clapsed since the position was circulated to the winding drivers, and during that period nothing had been heard from the Association. . . If the Association succeeded in obtaining the necessary signatures to the petition, the Gold Producers' Committee would have no option but to accord recognition to the Association, which would mean all negotiations on behalf of winding drivers would then be conducted between the Gold Producers' Committee and the Certificated Winding Engine Drivers' Association.

"Mr. Gartrell said that he was very sorry to have to admit failure, so far as obtaining the number of signatures stipulated by the Gold Producers' Committee, but he considpred the task set the Association was too evere... The Association had succeeded

Gemmill) think the Gold Producers' Committee would be prepared to accord recognition at the request of that number?

"Mr. Gemmill stated he had no hesitation in replying 'No.' Recognition would not be accorded unless the Association could demonstrate either by the petition or some other means; that a large majority of the winders desired the Association to act on their behalf. . . There was no hope for a general increase in wages."

"Mr. Gartrell: . . If what you say is correct then we must submit and acknowledge ourselves beaten.'

"Mr. Gemmill: 'I am sorry to hear you suggest defeat after the strongly manly fight you have put up, which I admit has astonished not only myself but the whole of the Gold Producers' Committee, and I want to tell you, if your Association is accorded recognition it would experience very little difficulty in arriving at an agreement with the Gold Producers' Committee and no doubt obtain better conditions for the Winding Engine Drivers which have been refused to the Association; but you must clearly understand you have no hope of obtaining the conditions von intend asking for. The Gold Producers' Committee fully recognise the responsibilities of the winding drivers and I know would agree to anything in reason.'

"Mr. Gartrell: Then Mr. Gemmill, what, do you suggest?'

"Mr. Gemmill: 'Have another try for the signatures which will entitle you to recognition, and I do not think the winding drivers will be disappointed."

Perhaps, says the "Indicator," since this plot has ended as did that of the Rockbreakers' Association on the S.A.M.W:U., in ignominious failure, we are giving too much space to its obituary, but it is interesting to members and the public to get a glimpse of the inner machinery of the renovated Chamber in action.

It should be added that the E.R.P.M. have been asking engine drivers to enter their service on a monthly basis "with usual staff privileges" with a letter to be signed by the applicant stating "I am not a member of any Trade Union '-another attempt to recruit potential scabs by offering illusory benefits, says the "Indicator."

In Memory of Com. Lenin.

A great gathering assembled under the banner of the Party at the Town Hall steps of Johannesburg last Sunday evening to synchronise with the funeral demonstrations (the extent of which can be imagined by those who have seen Russian mass demonstrations under the new regime) in the heart of the Workers' Republic. Comrade Roux presided, and among the speakers were Comrades C. B. Tyler, Mrs. Eva Green, C. F. Glass, M. Shall, and S. P. Bunting, who expounded the greatness and deathlessness of our late leader's work and the power of the administration he had built up to "carry on" despite his loss. That his achievement, the victory over the capitalist class, while other's only prate of it, is still imperfectly appreciated by the workers was indicated by the absence of speakers from other working class organisations, notwithstanding that many such had been invited to the platform. Nevertheless the assembled crowd contained a huge majority who were neither Communists nor what the "Star" describes as "foreign 'comrades'" with "broken English accents," but who remained throughout the two and a half hours' proceedings in obvious tribute to the memory of the great fighter, and joined in the repeated singing of the "Internationale" and "Red Flag."

A cablegram was despatched by the Party to the President of the Communist International recording that South African workers shared in the world-wide mourning.

EProfit-Sharing."

The new mine "bonus" is not granted out of goodwill, of course, but as an insurance against unrest. It remains to be seen how far it will go as such a sop; meanwhile a writer in the "Mail" points out that before it becomes payable at all £3,000,000 extra revenue is first appropriated by the companies: that on the present rate of gold premium they net £4,100,000 more while paying out only £400,000 in bonus; while the cheapening of costs by 5/9 a ton compared with 1921 means another £7,730,000 in which the men have no share. Of the £11,800,000 increase of profit over 1921 the workers getjust one thirtieth! Fellow-workers, there is plenty to fight for still!

A Propaganda Gas Attack.

Surely the Press is overstraining its readers' superstitious credulity when it asks them to believe that Lenin's death ("the end of Bolshevism," although Judaism survived Moses and Christianism Christ) has suddenly set all Russia by the ears. "A triumvirate has lead to be formed to carry on Lenin's work" (and to neutralise the triumvirs' mutual jealousies, forsooth); as if Lenin had been in any active work for the last couple of years, and as if arrangements had not long ago been made to replace him in his lifetime. "Strikes in the Urals, pogroms in the Ukraine, unrest in the army, Radek' (it is always Radek, "the notorious Radek") "blamed for failure to Bolshevise Germany, squabbles between moderates and extremists," etc. the old, sold stories from Helsingfors and Riga (with Warsaw now added, it seems), usually boiling down to some brigand outbreak or Allies-fostered plot, indeed the last time the party was "torn by internal dissensions" it turned out to be a debate as to whether or not factics should be included in the party programme! The "Mail" (it must be that musical critic again on the job) is so hard put to it for scares that it dubs the Cadet Rodzianko, just dead, as "another Red leader"!

The object of all this stuff is clear enough, however. At the moment the militant working-class movement all over the world, apart from its grief at the leader's death, is somewhat downhearted at the obstinate persistence of "Social Democracy" notwithstanding the experience of years, confirmed more danningly, every day now, that SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IS PLAYED OUT AND HAS BEYOND. AT FOOTLING ALONG INDEFINITELY WITHOUT REAL ADVANCE, and that nothing now can help but an utter, break with the hourgeoisie. Spread an alarm, then, among these already depressed circles. say that Russia is collapsing, or going capitalist, or that the party is split from top to bottom, with Trotzky sulking in his tent, and Macdonald hesitating after all over recognition and stipulating Curzon-wise against "anti-British propaganda," add a soupcon about Lenin being of "noble birth" (untrue), as much as to say "You hornyhandeds can never free yourselves, you depend on us "-and you might break the heart of revolutionary Labour all over the world. Such is the motive-the same press tactics are familiar in strike time; and we know how sinister is this power of suggestion of the Press-we saw it again in Johannesburg only last Sunday, ecollecting for German Relief, when one householder after another came out with "his OWN opinion" --couched in the very words of the "Sunday Times. !!

· Surely, reader, with all your heaped-up experience of lie factories and journalistic "boring" and "permeation," with all your certainty of the victory of the workers, you are not still so defeatist, so predisposed to believe enemy scares or to "wonder whether after all there is something in them." that you have to pull yourself together with an effort or put on a gas mask to throw them off: Once again let us remind you that it is really the contrary that is true. These methods are a sure indication that not our side but the enemy's is feeling insecure (as he does far more than we think) and are therefore a reason only for redoubling our efforts to/upset him.

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One Big Union.

We gladly associate ourselves with the declaration of the I.C.U. (native) conference at East London deprecating the usual futile Labour talk against employment of natives. That has led and can lead nowhere, and amounts only to beating the air from the white workers' point of view; and the longer it is persisted in the greater will be the fall of the white standard. There is only one policy to counter the worldwide displacement of dearer by cheaper labour, whether the latter be German, Japanese, Indian or native African, and that is the solidarity of labour, to overcome capitalist rule and end capitalist production, and to mitigate its baneful effects meanwhile. Rightly this native conference "looks forward to the day when all European Trade Unions will be opened to non-European workers, whereas Col. Creswell's talk "injures the prospects of co-operation between European and non-European workers, and delays the triumph of the ideals of Trade Unionism and the consummation of Labour rule in this land... and the fusion of all the labour forces into One Big Union." For if not, as Euclid says, then let Labour Parties, White Leagues, etc., etc., suggest any other course, even in the interest of white workers alone and to the exclusion of black, that is not inherently ridiculous, impracticable and Utopian.



A struggle? Of course, and some may grow grey and some may tire of it; but younger men and women, boys and girls, are more than taking their places, building up a mightier army than ever, not yet hardened in the vices of the old world, but rather the more eager to share the glories of the new. "The end of Bolshevism": As well say the sun will stop or the clock travel backwards. Carry on, boys, that is Lenin's message; struggle, get busy, play each your fragment of a Lenin's part, and you will soon find the cause of depression was not external but a reflex of your own slackness, easily cured by increasing your effort in the Great Fight.

Lenin or Macdonald?

On the day of Lenin's death, a Labour Premier succeeds to office in England, and resolves to recognise "Moscow." what a contrast! In all the things that went to make Lenin great Macdonald is lacking. Macdonald kisses the hands of the reigning monarch; Lenin locks him up. Macdonald worships the antiquated monarchic and aristocratic forms he calls "constitutionalism"; Lenin gives out a kingless and nobleless Magna Charta to the workers and peasants. Macdonald, immediately on attaining office, threatens the Indian independence mevement with the capitalist penalties for rebellion—in other words with Amritsar; Lenin, on the very day of the "October" revolution, proclaims the independence of all subject races and their liberation from imperialist exploitation and from all privileges in favour of the former ruling race. Macdonald turns down Smillie's motion to reduce Ministers' salaries (which would have electrified the working-class with a faith in Labour meaning business); Lenin shares the crust and rationed lodging of the common worker. At the opening ci the British Parliament a "brilliant scene" is enacted in the House of Lords with its peeresses gorgeously dressed and bedizened with jewels, while the unemployed mass surges without, "shepherded" by bludgeon-police. The Labour members were inside, staring at the peeresses; we know where Lenin would have been!

Oh for a British, oh for a South African Lenin!

Taking the Hypocritical Cake.

Portuguese natives, it was recently announced, are not to be recruited for a time. One reason is probably to be found in the state of the negotiations between the Union and Mozambique with regard to a treaty. Another is that the mining houses are deliberately taking advantage of the drought and poverty in the native districts (which produce a more plentiful labour market in any case) to break up the old native habit of returning from work to harvest, by prolonging the six months' contracts henceforth to nine months. Even what little land he has left the native is not to be allowed to cultivate. So the grinding process of proletarianisation (with the inevitable result one day) goes on; and, in the tone of "Charity begins at home," it is described as "A strong feeling that we must LOOK AFTER OUR OWN NATIVES FIRST"!

Towards a Trades Council.

Commenting on the sweeping victories of recognised Trade Union officials in the recent Conciliation Board elections, the "Indicator" says: "With such a pro-Union vote it will be a tragedy if the leaders allow anything to stand in the way of the prompt creation of an inter-union co-ordinating body expressive of wider unity and usefulness." In this connection it is gratifying to receid that Trade Union members are coming in more rapidly than ever before.

WHAT ABOUT RENEWING YOUR SUB. TO THE "INTERNATIONAL".

The Lessons of Russia.

Everybody admits that Russia furnishes new and important lessons for the world. That the trade and financial position of Russia is not now what it ought to be, and what it would be if the country's resources got fair play, is also generally conceded. But would our national and international financiers have been able of humanity: to do as well as the Bolshevist Government if they had been blockaded, starved and reviled in the Prese of half the world, as the Russian people and their new rulers have been? It is pretty cool | year ago, and still suffering to some extent) the workers and of the masters of our capitalist governments to ascribe to the Russian system evils for which they themselves are plainly very much to blame. They have been trying to extinguish a rival system of dictatorship, and they have failed; and they seek consolation in the partial failure of their rivals in Russia, a failure which they made inevitable to some extent by their military oppression and blockades.

The governments which claimed to have won the war, and to have made a new settlement of the world at Versailles in 1919, have massacred far more people than the Bolshevists to attain their purposes; and the failure of the capitalist governments to attain these purposes has been complete. They set out to save Christian civilisation, and they have destroyed it for the time being. It is not for them to cast stones at the Russian Government, which at least has had some measure of success. . . Communism in its Russian governmental form has come to stay. Communism remains the basis of that system, although it is modified in some points under the stress of adverse circumstances; just as the Capitalism of its | rivals is modified by discreet doses of Socialism under pressure.

upon the masses of the world is to preserve the immense resources | women are selling their little crucifixes, one writing: "In former of Russia from the contaminating grasp of the great financiers | days I believed in religion, now I do not. I give this crucifix and

it is immensely important for the future.

It would be an irreparable calamity for the working masses, | if the forty or fifty rich men who now control North America, Western Europe, the British Empire and a great part of Asia, were | Germany. able to lay violent hands on the colossal markets and raw materials of Russia.

"Processes of capital are processes of conquest," President Wilson once told us in an unguarded moment. If these men could force their capital into Russia at the point of the bayonet or/in the wake of the blockading fleets, they would have the same stranglehold over the Russian people that they have over the others.

The presence of two rival dictatorships in the world is more in the interest of human freedom than the sole domination of one system, buttressed by a small aristocracy of wealth. Lenin has rendered at least this service to humanity; and in establishing his power he has shed far less blood than his rivals, the associated war-

lords and capitalists...

In a splendid Memorandum, dated the 11th of May, 1922, the Russians pointed out that in repudiating certain commitments | of the Tsarist regime, they were only following the precedents set by the governments of North America and France. When North America threw off the British yoke, it refused to pay the Treaty debts of Great Britain; and the French revolutionary Government did the same. The latter proclaimed on the 22nd December, 1792, that "the sovereignty of peoples is not bound by the treaties of tyrants."

But the capitalist press has always refused to give any publicity to the fine democratic offer of the Bolshevist Government in this matter. It offered facilities and guarantees of great value to the small holders of claims against Russia. But the enemies of Russia were more interested in the claims of a small group of big capitalists than in the welfare of the small bondholder.

It is in the eventual acceptance of this offer that peace may be

found.

From the "Catholic Magazine" (Capetown).

To maintain the ideal of a White South Africa the black man | go there also. is introduced as the means to that end. INSTEAD OF LEVEL-LING HIM UP, the white standard is being levelled down. We are building up Industry and destroying the nation .-- "The Indicator'' (official organ of the S.A. Engine Drivers' and Reduction Workers' Associations).

After an interruption of some weeks, caused by the suppression of the Communist Party and its press in Germany, the "Inprecorr' is now being published in Vienna. The present address is as follows:—

Postamt 64, Schliessfach 29, Vienna VIII.

Charity Abroad.

The people of Russia would be justified, if any people are, in saying "Charity begins at home." Yet it is the Russian workers and peasants who have led the way in relief for the starving workers of Germany. Here are a few episodes of the great Russian outburst

In Saratov (one of the worst famine districts of Russia up to a peasants collected in a few days 10 truck-loads of food and 4,000 dollars. The workers of a wire factory sent, with their gifts for the German workers, an iron broom with which the German workers were "to sweep away the causes of their hunger, which were not of natural origin."

In the Tartar Republic the Government is participating in the relief campaign.

In the Ural country the "Tractor" Co. led off with a donation of 16,000 kgms, of wheat. One workshop resolved to put at the disposal of the German Relief fourteen pounds of bread daily per man at the factory.

At Petrograd the workers of the largest metal factory decided to work two hours' overtime per day on behalf of the Fund.

A fire brigade gave 220 dollars, appealing to other fire brigades to follow suit. The railwaymen's Union gave 325 dollars. Another factory gave 2 per cent. of its wages indefinitely.

In Moscow, besides the gifts at Clara Zetkin's meeting, the Communist Subotnik (Saturday afternoon overtime) has been re-The outstanding benefit which the Bolshevists have conferred vived for the support of the German workers. Many working behind the other big nations. This is a negative benefit so far, but | chain to the labourers of Germany; I should like to see them strangle their bourgeoisie with the chain!"

> The Russian intelligentsia are alsonacting in line with the workers, sending special relief for the starving intellectuals of

> In the Ukraine the red Boy Scouts have held a four days street collection. In the Crimea they are aiming at "a shipload of food for the starving children of Germany."

> One of the blessings of "Bolshevik Rule" is the complete absence of "Sunday Timeses" and "Daily Mails," with all the gutter bourgeois psychology thereby implied.

Charity Begins at Home. or, Look After No. 1.

Lord Incheape, Chairman of the P. and O. Company, cited the following business maxims at the annual meeting of the company:

Don't beat the bush for others.

Trust no one farther than you can see him.

Never say what you do, but always do what you say.

Keep your hands to yourself, and the same with your purse.

Sell your jewels for more than they cost you.

That is the kind of ethics really implied in "Charity begins at home," as recently interpreted by the "Star," "Mail" and "Sunday Times" in order to "crab" German Relief.

The Same in All Countries.

"Rich Germans should help the starving ones." Such is the hig headline that catches our eye.

So they should, of course, but we think we remember reading something about the Christmas revels at the big London hotels having been on a scale hitherto unknown, and now we see that women sleep out on the Thames Embankment. In pre-war days only men down-and-outs slept on the seats there. But now women

Rich Germans should certainly help the poor Germans, but we mustn't forget the story of the mote and the beam.

-"S.A. Review."

The road to a mass-death of the German people is open. One social law after the other is falling. Two-thirds of the social legislation, the result of 60 years of struggle on the part of the German workers, is to-day completely destroyed. "Repeal of Social Legislation!"—is the slogan of the great bourgeois philanthropists, of Herr Krupp and Herr Stinnes, who outdo themselves in charity societies, conducted by beautiful ladies.

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The Labour-Empire Paradox.

UNDER TWO FLAGS:

Labour-Imperialism is bound to get in a six whether under Macdonald-and J. II. Thomas-or under Creswell. While Natal Labour votes for Indian segregation, Kimberley Labour, together with the other parties there, pronounces emphatically against the Class Areas Bill, and indeed proposes to enlist the support of the British Premier to squash it. It remains to be seen what Macdonald--and Thomas-will rise to. Ireland is by no means content; will they agree to its complete independence: Egypt has plumped for that too; what excuse will they find there: And finally India, in spite of all the crawlers' loyal declarations so carefully selected by the cable agencies, is clearly spoiling for the same thing, whether through "revolutionary conspiracy" with the aid of "rifles from Moscow" (we remember that was charged here also two years ago!) plus a boycott, or "constitutionally" if such a word has any meaning in India, for it seems as if "constitution" in India meant "machinery for overriding the will of the majority" and imprisoning men without trial. Law or justice, THE "CONSTITU-TION" OR THE MAJORITY—which will Macdonald uphold? The same, in East Africa, where the Indian National Congress, like the S.A. Native National Congress at Bloemfontein, has dropped the usual "loyal resolution." By the time the people in all these places have got what they want, there will be no Empire left. So much the worse for the Empire which, like "the constitution," is only a cloak for unmitigated snobbery, unlimited exploitation, and the impoverishment and oppression of the masses.

A fine piece of spontaneous solidarity was displayed at Jeppe last-Sunday when, on a native being arrested for carrying a stick which the bobby thought too heavy, the whole of his companions accompanied him to the police station and remained there until, on the intercession of the compound manager himself, the prisoner was released. If all workers demonstrated the same mutual loyalty, on the basis of an injury to one being an injury to all, why, then we should "not be long."

"Capitalism is no less destructive on the body and the soul of the negro than the Slave Trade itself. It wears the disguise of peaceful and mutually advantageous trade, but its cruelty is naked and unashamed. The trade adventurer is on the path once formerly trodden by the Slave Traders."

-Prof. Coupland.

Cheap Asiatic Labour.

The British Board of Trade gives out that in the thirty years prior to 1921 the number of Lascars employed on British trading vessels increased nearly 108 per cent.—from approximately 21,000 in 1891 to 44,000 in 1921. The latter figure is made more significant by the further information that the total number of seamen employed in British vessels is a little less than 152,000.

The ramifications of the British Empire have always been a source of confusion to organised labour. Extending as it does to every part of the globe the standards of living in its many sub-divisions are necessarily dissimilar. This contradiction is harmful to the marine transport workers because of the international nature of the industry. There have been many cases of discord between the white colonial workers, for example, and those of the United Kingdom. over wage rates and working conditions. But by far the most troublesome problem is that of the Asiatics.

In dealing with the Asiatic cheap labour problem the attitude of organised labour has almost invariably been one of exclusion. The most recent instance of this policy is the action of the last Trades Union Congress at Plymouth passing a resolution asking the Government to take steps towards the prevention of the use of Asiatic crews west of Suez. Such resolutions are almost as old as Eastern Shipping itself.

In the case of the seamen, experience would seem to point to the complete failure of the policy of exclusion. So long as Asiatie labour continues to be cheaper than European, trading vessels will not cease carrying Lascar crews. To pass resolutions against them is useless; to engage actively in the work of exclusion is detrimental to the progress of the international movement and the Seamen's movement must above all be International.

The past decade has seen much improvement in the working class movement of Asia. Asia is still very much feudal, but it ence of Western capital. So with its workers; they are being proletarianised. Notwithstanding we are all opposed to cheap labour regardless of nationality, it is the duty of the western workers to look upon the Asiatics as their comrades in the struggle against the common enemy--capitalism.

It is a fruitless task to attempt to hound the Lascars from the high seas. There is but one way to alleviate the contradiction between their standard of living and our own and that is to RAISE THEIRS TO THE LEVEL OF OURS.

The watch-word should be then, NOT THE EXCLUSION OF THE ASIATIC, NOT TO OPPOSE HIM IN THE INDUSTRIAL STRUGGLE, BUT RATHER TO EDUCATE HIM AND TEACH HIM TO ORGANISE HIMSELF AS WE ARE ORGANISED. When the Lascar has his own union to fight. for him against his bosses as we have ours to fight those who seek likewise to oppress us, and when he is welcomed into and becomes a part of a United International movement of transport workers—then we cam solve the Asiatic cheap labour problem together, not to speak of the greatest problem—the overthrow of world Capitaliam.

-"The International Scafarer."

German Famine Relief

The office and house-to-house collection last week-end in Johannesburg has yielded. with other amounts privately collected to date, the sum of £200 5s., of which £200 has been cabled to the Workers' International Relief, Berlin. . .

So much for the efficacy of the Press attacks, which did indeed deter many a mean English (and some German) petty bourgeois from giving, but seemed also to prick almost as many more to give by way of protest against them. . .

The little army of some fifty collectors all told had indeed to stand many low insults and churlish rebuffs at the hands of British patriots, but they carried out their programme and will shortly undertake a canvass of other Johannesburg districts while the general campaign will now be extended to other towns and provinces...

Among other donations was one of 2;-(two shillings) from Mrs. Langley Levy. . .

Among the patrons of the English movement for German Relief is General Smuts, who has also this week been bestowing high praise on the Germans as members of the South African community. . . .

The Johannesburg Press has refused to publish either the original notice of meeting to found the fund, the Committee's manifesto, or the Chairman's, Mr. Ivan Walker's, letter replying to the various Hunnish attacks so freely published by that Press. . .

This week the "Star" featured the following: "Money is still wanted to ensure that the world shall see what South Africa can produce at the Empire exhibition." Oh ves, "charity must remain at home," but for biz the money may go 6,000 miles awayves, even to Germany....

The Johannesburg Town Council, despite floor and gallery opposition demanding that the money go rafflier to the charity which begins at home, viz., to the unemployed of the town, has voted the squandering of 100 times what the G.F.R. collectors took in the Northern Suburbs last Sunday, and even that begrudged by the Press, on feting the useless representative of an effete and reactionary institution, "our future king," when is coming more and more under the influ- | Labour ought to see to it that we have no more kings; and the Press applauds the vote...

> The £10 sent to the "Daily Mail" by Mr. A. W. Baker for the German Fund, or, if the "Mail's" "correspondent" "Britannicus" should materialise with a "Charity at home" fund; then to be shared between the two funds, is being claimed in full by the treasurer of the German Fund. . . .

Leaf, the banker, says England must inport cheap German goods on an unheard-of scale. . . .

The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. J. McClure, of Capetown, says the German Government wickedly fails to provide for the German poor. therefore we should--join in their wickedness!...

As his Master said, from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. . .

Puzzle, find the Hun...

"The destructive powers which can be exercised under the capitalistic system. when unrestricted, are so great that, in their cumulative effects, they have far exceeded the violence of revolutionary moband barbarian powers at open war with our another."

Lenin the Cireat.

by the proposition "Economic history (conditions) produces great men."

Those whom Hegel defined as, "World Historical Men" have been sew in number. While the names of lesser great men-Scientists, Physicians, Chemists, Mechanics, Artists, Poets, Musicians, etc., etc., may be found in thousands inscribed on the pages of "history," world-historical men may almost be counted on the fingers of both hands. Like the intellectual giants they all were, they tower above the world of thought and progress so high that they cannot be missed even by those who have no claim to scholarship. From time to time across the page of history has flashed a world-historical personage. Strange though it may appear, they have, with few exceptions, in every country, in every age, placed their almost superhuman genius at the service of the oppressed, and it is this genius that has made it appear, at a superficial glance, that the making of history has been the function. of great men. Nevertheless it is not true. In the comprehensive relations that Communism, has to do with are presented those momentous collisions between existing, acknowledged duties, laws, and rights, and the contingencies which are opposed to this fixed system; which assail and finally destroy its foundations and existence. These contingencies involve a complete change in human laws, customs, and institutions, and this change is an essential truth, urging the mind and will of man to a consciousness of itself. World-historical men are those in whose life-aims lie this complete change; whose impulse, created by external economic conditions, occasioned the accomplishment of that for which the time was ripe. They may be called heroes, inasmuch as they have derived their purposes and their vocation-not from a calm regular course of things sanctioned by the existing order but from a consciousness developed by outward conditions, which have become a fetter upon progress. These conditions have always' reached a point in history at which the manipulation of economic relationships has appeared to be the work, and interest, of world-historical men.

All great men have been practical politicians. But, at the same time, they were thinking men who knew the requirements of the time—what was ripe for development. This was the very truth of their age; for their world—the new system developed within the womb of the old. It was theirs to know this nascent principle; the necessary, directly sequent step in progress which the world was to take. To make this their aim and to expend their energy in promoting it. World-historical men, the heroes of an epoch, must therefore be recognised as the clear-sighted ones. Their deeds and their words are the best of that time. Whatever they may have learned from others are but limited features in their careers; for in their time it was they who best understood affairs and from them others learned and the masses followed. For the spirit of a revolutionary age is the inmost feeling-the "soul"—of every individual of that age. but in a state of unconsciousness, which the great men aroused. Mankind therefore follows these leaders because the historical conditions of the time create the inner urge so to do.

The old tag, "Great men make history,". The lives of great men have never been viewed in the strong light of Communism, is happy ones. They attained no calm enjoyfound to be standing on its head. We take I ment. Their whole life was labour and it therefore and plant it firmly on its feet I trouble and, in most cases, they died young; were murdered or banished.

> This consolation-craved by envy and littleness vexed at what is great and transcendant-that world-historical men have never obtained that comfort and happiness which only mediocrity and private life can attain: this consolation those who need it may draw from history in their anxiety to depreciate and find some flaw in the life of a great man. For it is true that, almost without exception, the intellectual giants of the human race have been attached to the "lower orders" either by ties of blood, or by the mighty force of truth-loving genius.

> They are great men because they willed something great and accomplished it; not a mere fancy, an intention, but that which met the case created by social evolutionthe need of the age. This mode of viewing greatness excludes that weapon of envy, the so-called "psychological" method, which continues to prove that these world figures do everything under the impulse of some passion, mesn or grand-some morbid craving—and, on account of these morbid passions or cravings, all were immoral men. What capitalist editor has not demonstrated of Nikolai Lenin that he was influenced by such passions and was, consequently, an immoral man?—leaving us to conclude that ho, the editor, is a better man because he has not such passions; a proof of which lies in the fact that he does not smash up and overthrow a cruel despotism, or lead the greatest civilised nation on earth in a general attack upon privilege and exploitation.

> These salaried "psychologists" are particularly fond of contemplating the personal peculiarities of great historical figures. Poor little souls!—as if a Lenin should need not to eat and drink; to sustain relationships with friends; to have passing impulses and ebullitions of temper. "No man is a hero to an editor—but that is not because the former is not a real hero but because the latter is an editor," and world-historical men waited upon by such low historians come poorly off. They are brought down by these intellectual flunkeys to a level with the morality of the exquisite public press. Like the Sycophants of old, their envy, their egotism, are the thorns they carry in the flesh and the undying worm that gnaws their brain is the consideration that their excellent views, vituperations, and damnation with faint praise remain absolutely without result in the world.

> Lenin has lived! and in living, allowed nothing to divert his life's aim. To that aim he was devoted regardless of all else, and, if the weakling bleats that the great man seemed to treat sacred interests inconsiderately, let him tell us how so mighty a form could pass along the straight path of human progress without trampling many a pretty flower or crushing to pulp many an object barring the way!

Lenin has lived! and in living, with a pen of steel has inscribed his name in whitehot capitals high up upon the scroll of human endeavour which holds the names of the giants who have stood foremost in the van of progress.

Lenin has lived! and in living every thought of his became a deed, as every deed of his was a thought. Thus he gave to the world-movement a new soul and thus became

Class Hatred in Our Schools.

The Bath Education Committee has just banned two school hymns: "All things bright and beautiful," with the verse

"The rich man in his castle, The poor man at his gate, God made them high or lowly And ordered their estate": and another with the verse:

> "God has given each his station; Some have riches and high place, Some have lowly homes and labour. All may have His precious grace."

This action is called "hypersénsitive" by the Press, and it is stated that "the hymn was written long before the idea of class hatred was being preached by certain POISONOUS SECTIONS of the community." A very candid admission on the part of those who "have riches and high place" of the reason for "class hatred." and THE FORM IT TAKES IN THEIR OWN CASE—viz., hatred of the man who exposes their position of privilege.

These hymns, or the first one at least, is being taught to the school-children of South Africa also. Let the working-class representatives in the Provincial Councils see to it that the example of Bath is followed here.

Labour in Johannesburg has Already "kissed hands" with the Prince of Wales by voting, with only a few mild grumbles, the £7,500 for his reception. South Africa all round will squander at least £1 per head of "poor whites" on the same object. Probably the natives will follow suit. How long, O Lord? It seems we have to go to the Nationalists to find backbone.

What shopkeepers' "Labour" politics comes to is illustrated by the remark of one of them the other day, that "a Labour Government in Britain will mean a rise of wages, AND THE PRICES OF GOODS WILL RISE IN SYMPATHY."

British Labour, while refusing to dock its Ministers' salaries (still less the King's), is appealing to the impoverished workers of Britain for a "Million shillings Labour Party Fund," and is glorying in the widespread sacrifice which is building up the fund!

The Senate has decided on a day of humiliation and prayer on account of locusts. Why only locusts and not other visitations? Will God in his infinite mercy not deliver us from at any rate ten plagues, as in the days of ancient Egypt? Suggestions are invited towards a list; for example, Smuts, the Chamber of Mines, the "Sunday Times," its musical critic, etc.?

EXCUSE OUR INTERRUPTION. BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION LATELY?

he immortal!

- O to struggle against great odds, to meet enemies undaunted!
- To be entirely alone with them, to find how much one can stand!
- To look strife, torture, prison, popular odium, face to face!
- To mount the scaffold, to advance to the muzzles of guns with perfect nonchalancel
- To be indeed à God!

Lenin is dead-Long live Lenin!!

HARRY HAYNES.

"TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY."

of public prayers for rain, during which the farming community, head as he passed under a crane. consisting of hard-working, clean-living, devout men, notoriously

An edifying controversy on the vexed question of the efficacy ["free from guile" and intent only on the welfare of their herds of prayer figured prominently in the Home Press and in due time and crops, will be praying earnestly for rain, and the rest of the the repercussion of the arguments pro and con was felt as far away | congregation consisting of young men and maidens, equally honest as South Africa when, for a little while, faith in miraculous healing and devout, but intent upon their outdoor sports with the annual through prayer rose by at least one degree above normal. Every-I crop of no less desirable engagements, will be praying even more body knows from experience that belief in something supernatural fervently for fine weather. As we are taught to believe that youth is a powerful mental stimulant and has enabled many people to is the main asset of a nation, it is a fair assumption that in such a struggle against and even to overcome troubles to which otherwise case the barometer would remain at "set fair," by which of course they would have probably succumbed. Thus the savage believes half of the suppliants would be doomed to disappointment, though devoutly in what the educated man derides as a fetish, while the they would have the consolation of knowing that if they kept on educated man believes equally devoutly in divine providence, with I praying long enough, their prayers would be answered in time. In out being at all troubled by the thought of the grave quandary in I the case of private petitions, to incline the scale justly must require which that puissance must frequently be placed by the difficulty of address of a much higher order, and Mr. Hickson obligingly exdeciding which of the conflicting petitions of its many suppliants | pounded how it is that though some benefit may be felt after a shall be granted. The great war afforded the world the extra-I time, answers to prayer are seldom direct or immediate. Much ordinary spectacle of French Christians imploring divine aid against perhaps depends on the fact whether the prayer deserves to be German/Christians and of German Christians invoking divine wrath | answered and on that point a striking instance of a concrete answer upon English Christians, while English Christians n the main for I combined with laudable celerity in delivery may be cited. One bore to trouble providence and believed most devoutly in keeping morning a street preacher in Chicago prayed very earnestly for a their powder dry. In South Africa there is the standing anomaly barrel of pork and received it the same afternoon. It fell on his

AFRICANUS.

Book Review.

"AN OUTLINE OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY"...Plebs Text-world is ECONOMICALLY dependent on every other part of the

school and found it a dry and uninteresting subject this book will tween them is hindered. British industry is brought to a standstill be an eyeopener. They will find that there is more in the study of I because Central Europe is so impoverished as to be unable to buy geography than a mere acquirement of bald facts concerning the British goods. Central Europe, hitherto an economic unit in which physical features of the earth. To quote from the preface: "Pure leach part SPECIALISED on some industry and relied on geography i.e., the mass of geographical facts, is not one of the EXCHANGE with other parts, is split up into numerous rival polisubjects open to rival class interpretations. The depth of the tical states, which put up tariff barriers against one another Atlantic, the number of the tributaries of the Amazon, or the Recently we have seen French Imperialism seizing control of the average rainfall in equatorial Africa, all these are definitely ascer-Ruhr, and as a result throwing into worse confusion the whole tainable (if not already ascertained) and are the same for capitalist economic life of Europe." and proletarian. So far, therefore, as the proletarian requires . . . "It is clear, therefore, that it is the existence of Imperialism. concern the proletarian student."

tions on the course of history "by providing the problems which Nothing is inevitable, and history is made by human ACTION. man had to solve." In the second and third chapters the rise and Hence, unless the workers organise on a world basis to fight cap- . decline of the early civilisations is the theme, and the all-important talist imperialism, and to create a One World Group, this next step part played by geographical factors in this respect. The fourth and of progress will probably not occur." fifth chapters deal with the development of ocean and read trans- "Hitherto the British working class, enjoying a higher stanport respectively and their revolutionising effect on the course of Idard of life, cwing to the prosperity of their masters, have tended world history. Chapter six deals with the political divisions and to look down on their coloured comrades in India and China, and groupings of states. The next five chapters deal in detail with the to side with their masters in defence of Imperialism. The 'palace geographical factors which influence the policy and development (or slaves' at home, enjoying slightly more comfort, have forgotten decline) of the five great capitalist groups, i.e. (1) America, (2) that they are as much slaves as the less privileged 'plantation The British Empire, (3) The Far East (China and Japan), (4) slaves in the outposts of the Empire. This attitude on the part Russia, (5) France, "Mittel Europa," and Northern Africa (these of British Labour has clearly been a strength to Imperialism in order, approximately, of importance.

"dependencies," "spheres of influence," etc., the almosts endless of every group are the same—the extraction of surplus-value expressions which are applied to areas that have been grabbed by [(profits) from wage-slaves, black, brown, yellow or white. The the five great groups, is made plain in simple and interesting form | white workers of Europe and America have to realise—and they will to the worker-student who has but little time to spare for reading. I learn it by bitter experience if they do not act in time—that to the The antagonisms, the politico-economic rivalries between the differ- boss ALL workers are coolies. His only concern is cheap labour: ent great capitalist powers, arising from the peculiar geographical and the opening up of great, hitherto unexploited territories gives partitioning of the world, and constituting the germs of a new him to-day his opportunity. It is of no avail for white workers world war, are brought into focus.

nations: "At the present time the world is split up politically larger profits. The white workers' alternatives are—to accept a among several rival Imperialist/groups. The struggle between these coolie status—or to organise along with the 'coolie' against the groups for control of those surfaces of the globe which have not yet common enemy, the exploiter." been partitioned out among them has the result of throwing the If you want any more, buy and read the book yourself. It's economicalife of the world into chaos. Whereas every part of the well worth it.

book No. 4 (obtainable at the C.P. Literature Dept., 4, world, different parts of the world are POLITICALLY separated Trades Hall, Johannesburg, price 3/1 post free). from one another. Britain wants corn from Russia, and Russia To workers who learnt (or tried to learn) geography in a public | wants machinery from Britain. Both suffer because exchange be-

a groundwork of 'pure' geographical knowledge, he will make the policy of the big capitalist groups, which is preventing the haruse of the books produced by bourgeois authors." The aim of the monious economic development of the world at the present stage. Plebs Textbook is a study of geography "in relation to history and To fight and defeat the variou sections of world capitalism, and to economics, two subjects of vital importance to the workers. Only prepare the way for the One World Group of Workers, the workers in so far as knowledge of geographical facts and factors helps have to organise themselves on a world basis WITHOUT DIStowards a better understanding of the course of social development I TINCTION OF RACE OR COLOUR OR NATIONALITY. It and—especially—the problems of our own day, does geography is quite wrong to think that 'economic development' will in some mystic way bring about ONE WORLD GROUP 'when the time is The first chapter deals with the effect of geographical condi- ripe,' and that therefore we need not trouble much about it.

Moreover, in the long run it will be to British Labour's disadvan-The meaning and significance of "Mandated territories," | tage; for ultimately, at any rate, the interests of the capitalists in the mass—to organise AGAINST the black or yellow worker. For the special benefit of South African readers we will quote Capital will go and 'give employment' to black and yellow workers. from the last chapter, in which "World Unity versus Imperialism" I in their own lands—and the industrial centres of the world will be is discussed in connection with the economic interdependence of the shifted from the 'white' countries to those where labour yields

The Gold Getters.

(The profits of some of the East Rand mines range from three to nearly seven thousand pounds per day.)

THE MINERS.

Oh yes, we're not a happy lot When lowered in the cage To work among the fumes and dust For just a living wage. We drill and blast and lash the rock And send it to the top, But when the shift boss comes along He always goes off pop.

"Come hurry up there, Robinson, And boost the stuff right through. Your bose boy's cut his fcot off? That'll be the sack for you. I thought I made you understand--Whatever's in the way, We've got to make a profit of Three thousand pounds a day."

THE DRIVER. He stands upon the hot footplate For eight long hours each day; With steadfast gaze upon the dials He heeds the pointers' play. The levers to and fro he moves To haul both cage and skip; But you should hear the bosses if By chance he makes a slip!

"Confound it! Brown, this will not do, You're hanging up the mine. The safety catch is broken, so We must inflict a fine. But haul away, 'tis safe enough, We can't have this delay; For we've to boost the profits to Four thousand pounds a day."

THE MECHANICS AND OTHERS. The blacksmiths and the fitters Working at bench cr forge Are chivied in a manner that Would raise a convict's gorge. The foremen stand right over them Like 'tecs upon the spy, And if a workman stops to breathe He hears the warning cry:

"Now look here, Jack, we want that skip, That crank shaft must be done, That pinion for the tube mill, too, Is wanted on the run: We're short of five skip-loads of reef In crushing for the day; And we've got to make the dividends Five thousand pounds a day."

The carpenters and boilersmiths Are all kept "going strong," But unlike "Johnny Walker" They will not last so long. The millman's hand is crushed to pulp, The plateman's "mercuried"—" There's plenty more to fill their jobs; Why should directors heed?

So it's up and down the headgears, In and out the flues. What tho' our mali's piccanin, We help to pay the dues. The shopkeepers are getting glum And talk of going away. (With decent wage we'd help to spend Six thousand pounds a day.)

Oh yes, we're not a happy lot, We're most ungrateful too, For we're told by the Professors That we barely earn our screw. The price of gold is on the rise, Which fact brings down our pay; But we think that we could manage On seven thousand pounds a day. ROUGH FILE.

The Church and the Communists.

Anglican Church, says apropos of the British help the cause of popular education." elections: "One satisfactory result of the We in South Africa are so far fortunate election is the defeat of all the Communist in being free from the incubus of a Statecandidates, and the disappearance from the Iestablished Church. But only last year we House of the Communist member for had the object-lesson of an Anglican Bishop Motherwell."

body is hostile to Socialism is sometimes capitalist dailies for daring to advocate denied by Socialists of a sort who point clemency on the part of the Smuts Governexultantly to that irreducible minimum of ment. And this specimen of ecclesiastical. the black-robed army that occasionally intolerance and priestly arrogance described waves the red flag and loudly proclaims its himself as "Labbur," and Communism as pure and unadulterated Socialism. Com-la "noble ideal"! munists can be under no delusions in this The position of religion and Socialism respect, and here, we have confirmation relatively to one another is somewhat instrong as "Holy Writ."

of Capitalism. It is the staunch upholder liberty to have any religious ministrations of bourgeoisdom in all its forms from he desires, but must arrange for it at his royalty through aristocracy, and cringes be-lown trouble and pay for it at his own exfore power in high places. Its wealth is pense." That is to say the State will be enormous, and it is a lucrative source of in- INDEPENDENT OF ALL RELIGIONS BUT come to 25,000 priestly parasites. The WILL ALLOW FREEDOM TO ITS MEMbachelor Bisliop of London gets a fixed in BERS. Religion will be permitted SO come of £10,000 per annum, and has two LONG AS IT DOES NOT MAKE FOR THE palaces all to his own cheek. Hundreds of SUBVERSION OF THE STATE. worth at least a million of money!

£300,000 per annum.

had well in mind.

voted if not the perpetuating of worn-out surrendered for the general good. Is not superstitions of savage and barbarous ages, Christ there alleged to have commanded as well as keeping in being an immense this? army of predatory parasites. The priests make out that they are of paramount inportance in our social economy. Actually "God-given Opportunity." cine man of savagedom. They exist but to chloroform their dupes and fatten on their ignorance and subjection.

made by a section of the clergy to convince | tunity that the Labour movement of this the masses that they are doing good social service. This may be true to some extent | HEAVAL in India. of individuals, but as a corporate institu- | "I believe that our people, if they get tion the Church has ever been on the side the opportunity, can do such things as of reaction and the oppression of the work- will make the Indians believe that we ers. Just as they were the bitter enemies of mean what we say when we tell them the French Revolutionists of the 18th Cen- that we want India to be the brightest tury so are they the ruthless foes of Social jewel in the great British federation of Revolutionists of the twentieth. In Labour's FREE PEOPLES"!! bitter fight to establish Trade Unionism the This is like the usual talk, when a Churches, headed by Wilberforce, beat it strike is on, of "settling" it back, and as Mr. Joseph Clayton (a Chris- stead of WINNING it for the strikers. tian authority, by-the-bye) says, "In its | "Tranquillity" again! "Staving off" the weakness the Labour Movement found the inevitable self-emancipation of the work-Bishops always among its enemies." The ers and peasants—that seems to be the same author writes, "Not a vote was given role of imperialist Labour, whose British by the Bishofs during sixty years of the official organ quotes the above rubbish by nineteenth century for the Bills introduced Lansbury with evident applause. by men like Lord Holland and Lord Lansdowne for the saving of life, and for the removal from the Statute Book of blood-MATE!

In its issue of the 14th December, "The thirsty laws hateful to decent honest men," Church Times," the leading organ of the land "Never did a Bishop come forward to

declining to petition for the reprieve of the That organised religion as a corporate Rand strikers, and attacking one of our

genuously put by Mr. H. G. Wells, who The Anglican Church—the Church of says, "If under Socialism you care for re-Good Society—exists on the strong (?) basis ligious interests, the citizen will be at

thousands of the toiling masses in his dio- It is rather premature on the part of the cese are on the brink of starvation, a stone's editor of the "Church Times" to rejoice throw from his palace doors. The Church lover the downfall of Communists. The takes tithes, and gets relief from ordinary moral significance of the elections is that rates. And we get some idea of what Communism is gaining rapidly in England, Church property is worth when we realise and the fact that close on \$0,000 votes were that the ground on which nineteen derelict polled for a few Communist candidates churches in the City of London are built, is standing on a Communistic programme, and hundreds of thousands more for Labour can-The property controlled by the Ecclesias- didates in constituencies where no Communtical Commissioners is valued at many mil- list stood, is eloquent enough. The loss of lions. Then there are the mining royalties a seat by a small majority is a mere detail from which in Durham alone they get in election eering warfare. With the advance of Socialism, the Church is trembling for This State-created Church is an anomaly her wealth, her power, her privileges, and and a standing danger. Both Russia and it matters but little what form of Socialism France have shown how ecclesiastical pro- first succeeds to power, her fate is none the perty may be dealt with, and this no doubt less sealed and her alarm justified. And if the pious editor of the "Church Times" we are to judge from the Gospel analogy alone there is nothing very extreme in the And to what purpose is all this money de- doctrine that private property should be

"I believe in my heart," said Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., at a meeting in Of late years a desperate effort has been | Wakefield, "that it is a God-given opporcountry has to-day to STAVE OFF UP-

READ AND PASS ALONG TO YOUR

What "Lenin" Means.

Several leading Labour lights, on being asked to take part in last Sunday's funeral demonstration in memory of the greatest leader of the working-class movement that history has so far produced, replied that they did not feel able to do so because "really they knew nothing about the man." What, did they not know of him, as representing his party and people, that—

Lenin overthrew the capitalist power and class; drove the money-changers out of the temple; translated Marx into action; created the army necessary to success; actually carried out the Labour objective, whereas others only pass resolutions about, it and as often as not belie them by continuing in deeds to support the existing system, and others again have yet to learn even to desire any change in it?

Lenin, having succeeded in this overthrow, has founded a new world, a new age, in which the mean and sordid psychology of bourgeoisdom is actually passing away and interest is becoming ever more centred not on individual but on social gain?

Lenin's government for the last six years has been, despite the utmost hardship, so popular and so stable that it needed his death to change its personnel and even his death could not change its policy, whereas elsewhere great "statesmen" are toppling over one after another like ninepins—Poincare's turn next?—as dead in their lifetime as Lenin is alive after his death?

Lenin was what he was because he was neither philosopher nor organiser merely but above all "ever a fighter," a passionately devoted agitator, everywhere working up unrest, resistance to exploitation and tyranny, disputes, strikes, rebellion and revolution—an "extremist," a perfect "undesirable," who instead of treating every daily struggle as an "untoward event" to be "settled" as smoothly and tamely as possible on any old terms, always aimed at converting it into a first-class political issue?

That is what "Lenin" means; that is the secret of his achievement, and the one road to success in the Labour movement.

"Uniteteli Wa Bantu," "the mouthpiece of the native peoples," apprises the latter of the end of Lenin's "infamous career," the only fact about which thought worth recording is that he butchered the Tsar and his family. Well, well; there are Tsars in Africa who should not be too sure of escaping a similar fate.

. A "Bantu Men's Social Centre," largely subsidised by the Chamber of Mines, has just been opened in Johannesburg. Its constitution "has been so framed as to climinate the possibility of the club being used for political propaganda."; for "non-political" always means "pro-capitalist" (as the I.C.U., which also professes to be "antipolitical." might do well to note). The Mayor, at the opening, told the assembled natives that "they had to thank white men for the sacredness of property and person under which they now live"; about as cool a piece of hypocrisy as we can remember to address to members of a race almost the whole of whose "property," the land, has been taken from them by white men, who thereupon shoot and bomb them wholesale-and will do it again, as witness the recent bombing display at Wolmaransstad before a crowd of "awe-stricken natives."

Young Communist Notes.

CAPETOWN BRANCH.

The inaugural meeting of the Capetown Y.C.L. took place on the 21st inst. Nine enthusiastic comrades were present, and immediately set about the business in real Communist fashion. Com. Dermot was appointed secretary, (Miss) P. Sief treasurer, Rodofsky librarian, and (Miss) Soloman assistant librarian. It was resolved to communicate immediately with the Y.C.L., Vohannesburg, asking for its assistance.

There is every hope that this body will be a real live wire.

The branch meetings will be held every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Communist Hall, 145. Long Street, upstairs.

They make an urgent appear for funds and literature, in order to get into harness speedily.

All young workers wishing to join are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Y.C.L., 145, Long Street, Capetown.

JOHANNESBURG STUDY CLASS.

The meeting at 4, Trades Hall, next Tuesday night (February 5) will be devoted to the formulation of demands for young workers and apprentices. An open letter to Mr. Sampson in connection with his proposed amendments to the Apprenticeship Act will be submitted for discussion before being sent. All welcome!

BENONI.

The Young Communists were invited to attend a meeting of a local temperance organisation last week. A lecture was delivered on "Robert Burns." The lecturer avoided all reference to the revolutionary proletarian outlook which is such a characteristic feature of the work of the great Scottish poet. Not a word/was there about "A man's a man for a' that," or

Wa would be a traitor knave,
Wa would fill a coward's grave,
Wa so base as be a slave.

Let him turn and flee!"
ulthough a number of Burns' love poems
were recited.

However, the poet's revolutionary reputation was maintained by the Young Communists present, in spite of the efforts of the chairman to hinder discussion.

A vote of sympathy with our Russian comrades and the Party generally on the loss of Com. Lenin was passed at the last Benoni menthly meeting.

GERMISTON.

A picnic is being held at Victoria Lake on Sunday, March 2, to celebrate the formation of a Germiston Branch of the Y.C.L. Tickets 2/6.

Trolleys leave the Town Hall, Johannesburg, at 7.30 a.m., and proceed to Germiston by the following route: Harrison Street, Commissioner Street, Eloff Street, Marshall Street, Jules Street, and Main Reef Road. Arrangements can be made to pick up passengers on the way.

YOUNG WORKERS' SPORTING ASSOCIATION.

FOOTBALL SECTION: Meeting this Friday (1st February) at 8 p.m., Trades Hall. All prospective players should attend.

BOXING SECTION: Meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. Place, 18a, Lovers' Walk, Fordsburg. All young workers welcome! Gloves provided.

Communist Party Notes.

On Wednesday night Com. Glass delivered a lecture on "Lenin, the man, his life and work," to a crowded audience.

Next Wednesday, February 6, the monthly branch meeting will be held, and will be called upon among other things to elect a chairman in place of Com. Sam Barlin, who has gone down from Johannesburg to Bethlehem—we hope only temporarily.

The Treasurer asks all members to attend and square up their subs.

New Books Just Arrived.

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	Wm.CobbettEasy Grammar	1	3
	F. J. AdkinsEnglish for Home Stu-		
	dents	1	, 3
	Hy. Alexander-Common Faults in		
	Writing English		3
	Norman Angell—The Press and the		
	Organisation of Society	4	Û
	Alfred Barton-A World History for		
-	the Workers	4	0
	1. Bogdanoff—A Short Course of Eco-		
	nomic Science	6	0
	Fred Casey—Thinking		0
	Wm. Cobbett—A History of the last		
	Hundred Days of English Freedom	5	6
	J. W. Draper—The Intellectual De-		•
	velopment of Europe, 2 vols	15	Û
	Anatole France-Penguin Land		6
	Anatole France—The Revolt of the		
	Angels		Ú
	Jos. Lynch-Business Methods and		
	Accountancy in Trade Unions		
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-	Conrad Noel—The Battle of the Flags	4	n
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	tion	5	6
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	Mary Heaton Vorse-Men and Steel	4	0
	Upton Sinclair—King Coal	2	6
	Upton Sinclair-The Book of Life	9	B
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	Rutgers-The New Policies of		
	Soviet Russia	5	Ŋ
	Albert Rhys Williams—Through the	 -	
-	Russian Revolution (illustrated)	10	13
	More new books will be announced	ne	xt.
	week. Postage extra.		

The war was fought to end war and militarism. It was won—and anti-militarist propaganda for the first time becomes a crime-both in the victor and the vanquished countries!

The Butcher's business of S. Kuper and Son at Stand 428, Hoofd Street, Boksburg, has been transferred to Berman and Grusd as from 1st January, 1924.

AUGUST MENGE.

18/25/1.

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