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## "Day's Pay All Round."

On general grounds it has always appeared that unity among white mine workers would be better served if contracting were abolished and everyone put on day's pay. But when the Government White Labour Department, called in for some reason by the Crown Mines men, takes up the cry, it is time to sit up and take notice what the game is. And it turns out that the cry is now coupled with a reduction of contract prices which will put contractors down to the equivalent of the day's pay wage hitherto obtaining. The next cry will be to the day's pay men: "You can't expect to get as much as the contractors. They now get only about what you have been getting in the past: so you must come down in proportion, say from £1 to 16s. 8d. a day." So that the fight for contract rates becomes in these circumstances a fight to keep up the day's pay rate as well, in other words, like every other apparently limited issue, a class issue; just as, on a wider scale, the maintenance of white wages in general is also in the interest of native workers.

## Charity Begins at C. Town?

The "S.A. Review" announces that in the Capetown City Council the question of expenditure on the crownprince's visit was discussed not publicly but in committee. The Finance Committee first fixed the expenditure at £3,000 and appointed a subcommittee, which however reported in favour of £8,000. The Council in Committee adopted this latter figure after amendments for various other amounts from £2,000 to £10,000 had been defeated.

The "S.A. Review" has no protest to make except against the secrecy; but on another page of the same "Review" we read of the desperate plight of the family of a relief worker at Milnerton who happened to fall sick, and therefore ceased to draw any pay, while the (Government) Board of Aid granted only 10s, worth of groceries per week. The wife had to beg for bread and milk—and begging, is illegal; while the rent remained unpaid—and ejectment is quite legal.

But what matter: Money in thousands is not for the likes of them, but only for princes and their flunkeys.

# Round Table Games, or Leg- German Famine Relief Fund pulling Up-to-Date.

"sane" leaders, is round the conference table. The experience of the A.E.U. throws a great light on what can be achieved by moderate and sane methods.

Since the close of the lock-out in 1922 the A.E.U. Executive have submitted to the York Monthly Conferences of the Engineering Employers' Federation and the A.E.U.

147 Questions (or "References" as they are called), and of these,

68 were at once refused by the Employers, 53 were referred back to local conferences or were adjourned,

16 were dropped by the Union (they knew they hadn't an earthly chance).

10 were conceded by the Employers. Included in the above were:

41 applications for higher wages

was granted. It should, however, be recorded that only one man involved.

## The Scarlet Standard High.

The "recognition" of Soviet Russia by the British Government means the establishment of a Soviet Embassy in London, outside which for the first time in their lives Englishmen will view the Red Flag proudly floating as the flag of a true Workers' Government, a sanctuary too for the victims of capitalism in capitalism's capital, and protecting that Workers' Charter, the Soviet constitution, whose noble terms will meet the eye of every visitor as he enters the doors of the Embassy.

Congratulations this week to the Johannesburg Coloured Labour Union for refusing to be fobbed off their protest against the Class Areas Bill by Duncan's promise to Abdurahman that it would not be applied to coloured people--a deliberate attempt to buy off a bit of the united opposition which should be put up by all the races and nationalities concerned—and also by those who think themselves not concerned, but are really the most threatened of all by these extra furns of the screw of helot labour enslavement—the white workers.

The next liouse-to-house collection will The place to settle trade union differ- I take place on Sunday week, the 24th inst., ences, declare the more "moderate" and and ALL helpers are most earnestly requested to attend the one and only meeting at which details will be arranged and distriets allotted, namely, on Wednesday next, the 20th inst., at the Grand Hotel, Plein Street, at 8 p.m. sharp.

The following cablegranis have been received from the Head Office of the Workers' International Relief, 11. Unter den Lindon. Berlin:

. "Feb. 6: The Central Committee sends greeting to your local committee. A conference of the W.I.R. has been held in London attended by 300 delegates from the Labour Party, Trade Unions, and members of Parliament. A W.I.R. conference has been held in New York attended by 250 representatives of trade unions and leading politicians. 300,000 dollars have been received by the Central Committee for German Relief. The W.I.R. is feeding 20,000 persons daily in Germany. Your letter of Jan. 16 received. Remit the money to the London Committee. Munzenberg."

This had already been done, and on the 7th February the Central Committee cabled:

"We acknowledge receipt of £200. Thanks, best wishes for the progress of the campaign. Munzenberg."

An Australian Committee of the Workers' International Relief has been formed in New South Wales, with sections in Tasmania. West and South Australia, and Victoria. The committee is supported by all the trade unions as well as by political organisations. The characteristic of the campaign is a feeling of the utmost international solidarity.

## More Bolshevik Outrages.

According to a cable received by the "New York Times" the police of Moscow have contributed to the gaiety of the Christmas season, which technically was not Christmas in Russia, by expelling from the city nearly 1,000 persons who were classified as undesirables, viz., bootleggers, card sharpers, confidence men, smugglers, drug users, and drug pedlars, keepers of immoral houses, and persons of no regular occupation. Such ridiculous interference with the liberty of the subject could never occur in a civilised community, could it?—Exchange.

# "Peace" Where There is no Peace.

THE COMPULSORY "CONCILIATION" BILL.

the March "revolution." It was natural, thinks "a matter of principle" is involved. terms of "recognition," should support it. perhaps it would be as well if the effect they promised the masters to take before a fact that, as Mr. Waterston pointed out, tions to the winds and agree to terms of QUENCES; indeed in these days it takes a DISTURBER, THE CAPITALIST CLASS, 'this seemed altogether unintelligible and question' of a reception to the Prince of | inexcusable:

#### THE OLD BILL REHASHED.

Since then the Bill has been overhauled . REGISTRATION. by representatives of Chambers of Mines and Trade Unions, and a few clauses have Bill to apply for "registration" to a Govbeen altered or removed and others added. (It has been pointed out that a clause mak- | cluding all changes) of the personnel of their | ing it an offence to stipulate that an em- executives and officers, copy of rules, purployee must not belong to a trade union has poses to which their funds may be applied, been deleted, no doubt to suit the practice subscriptions, benefits, fines, levies and now openly established at the E.R.P.M. ballot rules, and "any other information But substantially the scandalous features | desired by the registrar." Unions with head |

dispute has been reported on by an "indus- trar thinks there is already registered a trial council" or "conciliation board," and | "sufficiently representative" Trade Union, | if as the result of agreement by such coun- he rejects the application-involving a cil or board an award has been made, then scramble for registration in which any a strike is prohibited so long as the award | specious claimant may secure priority. In |

with the supply of light, water, power, sani- to sue and be sued, which for our part we tary, transportation and fire-extinguishing would rather be without! It is doubtful services (whether under local authority or whether these "registration" provisions private control) it further enforces a COM- will even eliminate the unseemly prayers PULSORY award against which it is illegal for "recognition" with which we have beto strike. The Riotous Assemblies Act come so familiar in the past. On the whole relative strength of the respective parties at already curtailed the right to strike in these THE UNIONS MIGHT BE WELL AD-"essential services," and now this Bill VISED TO SEE THAT THEIR RULES DO empowers the Minister, where the Munici- NOT ENTITLE THEM TO REGISTRApality, etc., cannot carry on owing to strike TION. or "usurpation, to carry on himself--as "LABOUR'S" JOINT GUILT. was done at the Johannesburg Power! This monstrous legislation is "introduced! Station in 1922.

How long and in what locality, anywhere | but it is an open secret that it is also sponin the Union, an award or agreement is to sored, even passionately defended and its be binding is decided not by the award rush through Parliament in the first week itself but by the Minister, who may decree of the session abetted, by Mr. H. W. Sampthat an award or agreement may be BIND- son, M.L.A., seconded by Mr. Strachan, ING ON WORKERS WHO HAVE NEVER M.L.A. These gentlemen are inclined to it BEEN A PARTY TO THE CONCILIATION PROCEEDINGS!

#### PENALTIES.

trade unions as well as individuals, so that a monopolist trade (and of the big shops one "offence" may completely destroy a rather than the small ones at that) in which trade union, for every offender is liable up the masters of necessity go far to keep their to £500 and two years. "Striking" includes | employees "loyal" (witness the action of | advocating a strike, and also sympathetic the newspapers printers in the 1922 strike); striking.

a strike ballot, that power must not be in love with it. But it remains none the barricade against militant Labour, and a delegated.

### "ADVANTAGES" LIMITED.

not appoint one if he does not think fit! bourgeois shopkeeper's sigh for "peace in plea contradicts that of the preceding para-Further, he may extend indefinitely the our time, O Lord "-lest biz. suffer. We

The principles of the "Conciliation" Bill month allowed for the board's report on any before Parliament last year were exposed proposed alteration in terms of employment SPHERE SAVE ONLY THE in the "International" of August 18 and | —as for awards there is no period fixed | UNIONS (white or black), support of which

We showed then how such legislation was Moreover, conciliation boards are ruled not the only concern of a Labour Party and simply calculated to destroy the last shred out in the case of dismissal, "derating," its supporters, even its bourgeois supof resistance in the Unions, already sub- lete., of an individual employee, or assessiected to the most ruthless persecution since ment of contract prices, unless the Minister enough, we said, that the masters should (On this some song has been made in Parfather such a Bill, but that officials of liament, pleading for these matters to be Unions, already subjected to subservient made subjects for conciliation boards; but and rush their members into approval of it were to leave the right to strike in such without even taking the secret ballot which cases unfettered, especially in view of the strike was declared—that these "constitu-such individual disputes MAY OFTEN tionalists" should now "throw constitu- INVOLVE REVOLUTIONARY CONSErecognition and a strike prevention scheme | "revolution" to gain a sixpenny rise or IS DRIVEN FROM THE FIELD. Until which CUTS AT THE VERY ROOTS OF even to resist a much more than sixpenny WORKING - CLASS ORGANISATION" - I fall, as in March, 1922! Even the "small | Wales goes to the root of the working-class movement.)

All Trade Unions are compelled by the ernment official, giving him particulars (inof the Bill remain. They are as follows:- offices oversea have to alter their oversea It prohibits a strike until the matter in rules to comply with this law. If the Regis-In the case of disputes on work connected | gains the inestimable advantage of capacity |

by the Minister of Mines and Industries"; partly by their S.A. Typo. Union traditions, REFLEX OF THE WORKING CLASS The penalties for striking are imposed on STRUGGLE AS A WHOLE, but are those of and partly no doubt because when a man

may be urged to consider "the public"; but there are only two classes in the last resort, and the working class, though most of its members may not be Trade Unionists, yet have NONE OTHER THAT FIGHTETH FOR THEM IN THE INDUSTRIAL September 1, 1922, and 25th January, 1923. within which they must be given at all! in that sphere must therefore be the first if

"PEACE" WHERE THERE IS NONE.

It seems to be an obsession of Labour leaders to be for ever trying to fix up "industrial peace" with the masters. This "conciliation" stunt has occupied Trade Union busybodies on and off ever since 1909, during which time the class struggle has only grown more acute, as it must and should do. We have not got industrial peace. we shall not and cannot get it, and WE DO NOT WANT IT UNLESS AND UNTIL ITS then it is war, and the efforts of Labour leaders to avert war are worse than futile, they are playing the enemy's game.

#### AN UNEQUAL TUG-OF-WAR.

The whole assumption that in industrial life under capitalism we have two equals whose disputes only need "impartial" adjustment is false. We have a small master class strong only by means of its ownership of property and hence of political power, armed forces, and a virtual monopoly of avenues for (false) propaganda; in effect, seeing that their property was in the last analysis obtained by force, theirs is a RULE OF FORCE. There is no equality. There is no reason, for instance, why masters should have equal representation with men on the boards, for the men constitute an overwhelming majority over the masters. There is no comparison with a boxing match. There are and can be no Queenscontinues in force. "return for all this inquisition the union "umpires," "mediators" or "arbitrators," berry rules, there is nothing to guide there is only THE NAKED TUG-OF-WAR OF THE CLASSES, however much exceptional bodies of workers like printers may arrange truces. Indeed, it is notorious that even the famous awards of Judge Higgins in Australia really only reflected what the the time could have gained even without them, and the same is true generally. The workers' representatives have been brainstormed into accepting all this paraphernalia which (except where as recently it has been used by the workers to embarrass the masters) is designed solely in the masters' interests; in effect, designed to prevent the workers from tugging while the masters are able to tug away as merrily as ever.

#### SOME EXCUSES.

"Oh but," we are told, "the Unions are down and out, let them take this, they can't which, as we pointed out last week, are NO get anything better, let them make the best of it." Why take anything at all? What sort of argument is that? "From him that hath not "-the power to strike at the moment—"shall be taken away even that which he hath"—the right to strike!

"But the law will become a dead letter. the workers will tear it up when they grow stronger." A consolation perhaps, but a Where a union's rules empower it to take has tinkered at a bill long enough he falls reason for supporting it, never! It is a less a disgrace to a "Labour" Party (whose Labour Party is not excused for supporting hands are already unclean with regard to it by the plea that it is not a very strong So far as there is any advantage to the the Class Areas Bill) that it should take barricade. It may be a disastrous one if it workers in getting a conciliation board, this any other attitude to the Bill than that of is used to destroy a still weak union at one may be negatived by the Minister, who need strenuous opposition, instead of the petty stroke with a heavy sentence. Besides, this

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### Bosses and Facts.

Last Saturday morning, on a dispute about contract prices, three miners on the i Geldenhuis went on strike for the day, and l prices would be immediately gone into in lately anxious to repudiate such a charge we Brown does not stand alone. One of the S.A.M.W.U., but not published on the addressed to that individual two letters | Christian Creed is based. Dr. Grant again. accurate!

the FACTS"!

true-by the bosses' Press.

graph. A weak barricade is still formidable against weak unions. If such legislation store "recognition" of the Union. were ever excusable, it would be when the unions are strong.

#### AN IMPUDENT INTERFERENCE.

being called one by anyone else. Similarly in the public mind that he cannot substant man." the workers may admit to themselves that I tiato his charges, and further, that he stands they ares weak, but they should fiercely resent the masters and their Government taking them up on the point and saying, "Ho, you are weak, are you, then we will to be imparted under the village pump. weaken you." That the unions may not for the moment be in a position to put up a big strike is their own affair; it is NO BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT, it is Commintern." "the notorious Radek" being absolutely no reason for supporting a Bill hauled over the coals for "failure to Bol- "millions are more or less fully in agreewhereby the ruling class is enabled to inter-shevise Germany," etc. Zinoviev, writing in ment." All human history, our author fere in and regulate that weakness, restrain "Inprekorr" of 22nd December last, says: says, is determined by the methods which Labour, and dictate on what is the exclusive concern of the unions. If it does suit the unions to play for temporary peace, that is their business, not the Government's to enforce it.

#### DISARMING YOUR OWN SIDE.

Col. Creswell has often protested against the native indenture system which makes it a criminal offence to cease work in the case of a native; is he now going to "abolish cision, without exception, connected with war had much to do with his conviction the colour bar" and vote for a similar pro- | the events in Germany, was adopted com- | that there is no personal God. "IN THIS hibition in the case of the whites:

It is a great and noble sacrifice, a terrible tive Committee of the Communist Inter- Bishop Brown, in complete agreement with risk such as the capitalist class never takes, Inational, which came to its decisions on the his fellow-bishops, decided that it could a risk of a man's livelihood and his wife's German events after careful examination and family's, for a common cause. The in- in conjunction not only with the German tending striker knows all it involves if his Party, but also with representatives of many argument in America as to which one. OF legislators do not. If he is to be deterred other closely concerned sections of the Comfrom striking, is not the danger of starya- muhist International. tion and victimisation for months and perhaps years itself deterrent enough, that these patronising Parliamentarians are to Another judgeship is being created for come along and offer to "save him from some briefless pal of the Government and the "Truthseeker" (New York): "This himself" by depriving him, as even Craw- additional magistrates are constantly re- crazy Bishop certainly has all the same ford says, of his only weapon, while leaving quired. Increase of unemployment amongst bishops in a frying-pan over a hot fire, and the other side still armed? Yes, Crawford the workers means increase of "employ- evidently he intends to keep them sizzling has been taken to task for encouraging sur- | ment" amongst the shirkers—judges, magisrender by "negotiation"; IS NOT THE I trates, police and military, this crowd being I LABOUR PARTY. IN SUPPORTING THIS necessary in order to keep the real workers, BILL, EARNING THE SAME REPROACH? submissive.

## Moore's Challenge to Jagger.

We have received from the secretary of (after an affair which may lead to a charge like N.U.R.A.H.S. a copy of the petition who, strange as it may seem, although he for assault against one of the management) which he endeavoured to present to Parlia- I is a Communist and does not believe in athe whole shift decided that afternoon not ment during the last session, and which, as I personal God or that Jesus Christ was a to go down on Monday. On Monday morn- well as his request to be heard at the Bar of historical character, has not as yet been ing accordingly some 26 miners remained at the House, was refused. The occasion was lejected from the Church. the surface until about 8.30 when the the charge brought against him by Jagger, I S.A.M.W.U. secretary persuaded them to go I the Railway Minister, of having conspired I below on a promise of the underground with Percy Fisher and plotted to wreck manager that the whole question of contract | Smuts' train. Why Mr. Moore is so desper- | themselves in a cruel dilemma. consultation with the men and that within | do not quite follow. However, he is always | most scholarly of the clergy, the Rev. Dr. a month there would not be a single griev- a fighter, and he quite Fightly challenges | McConnell, has lately published a book in ance on the mine. A report of this little Jagger to repeat the charge outside and which he rejects all belief in miracles, even stir was given to the "Star" by the prove it, which Jagger can't do; and he has the "Resurrection," upon which the whole ground that it conflicted with the manage-dated 31st December and 17th January last another prominent cleric, rejects the Incarment's story and was THEREFORE in- which point out that in 1916, when nation and the dogma that Jesus was "co-N.U.R.A.H.S. was inaugurated, the question | equal with God." THE BISHOPS ARE The writer remembers a case of a leading of its "official recognition" came up, and AFRAID THAT TO PROCEED AGAINST firm of attorneys in Johannesburg who were lits relations with the Administration were BISHOP BROWN WILL DO ORTHODOXY consulted by a workman on a claim he de- eventually embodied in a Notice of April, MORE HARM THAN GOOD. sired to make for compensation for accident. 1919, but that Jagger, on coming into office, He gave his story, and when he had left, began to kick over the traces, and at his a Hearst press man commenting on this the attorneys promptly rang up the mine request the "Working to Regulation" company concerned, asking, "Now what are manual was withdrawn (with the result, explanation UNTIL I WENT TO GALION, however, that the regulations have since OHIO, AND TALKED WITH BISHOP What a worker says is presumed to be been entirely revived), but that neverthe- BROWN. I found a man of only sixtyfalse, what the boss says is presumed to be less recognition was denied, and the charges l complained of were made. Mr. Moore points ! out that they have been disproved, requests their withdrawal and the exposure of their source, and calls upon the Minister to re-

tary has received not so much as an acknow- VIEWS ARE CERTAINLY SHOCKING. ledgment, an attitude on the part of Mr. But aside from his intellectual conclusions. I may call myself a fool, but I resent Jagger that of course confirms the inference I could detect nothing peculiar about the himself in need of a sound lesson in good of shocked "this bourgeois reporter: They behaviour (to omit reference to other absent (virtues) such as used in the good old days to be fond in his book "Communism and

We heard recently of "dissensions in the

arrived at similar conclusions. As a matter | political or ecclesiastical. of fact, after mature examination, every de- | According to the Bishop's interviewer the

## Bishop Brown, Heretic.

The heresy hunters are once more on the trail against Bishop Montgomery Brown

But the wonder becomes less when it is realised that the other episcopal heads are Bishop

They have alleged that he is insane, and observes: "That seemed to be a complete seven, apparently in good health, kindly, cultured, extremely modest, and with an exceptionally keen interest in the movements of the day. I do not claim to be an expert in insanity, but these are not traits which I have been accustomed to associate To these letters the N.U.R.A.H.S. secre- with fanaticism. BISHOP BROWN'S

And what are these "views" that so and all the other grounds of indictment are Christianism," which has had an enormous circulation in English-speaking countries. and has been translated into eight European languages. They are "views" with which, as the "Truthseeker" remarks, "Well informed" gossips have spread the | man employs to get a living. The State and legend that serious differences existed Church are but reflections of various econowithin the controlling organs of the Rus- mic interests. Feudal yesterday, to-day they sian Communist Party regarding the Ger-lare capitalist. With the triumph of the man Revolution. Very knowing Social workers there will be no lower class to ex-Revolutionary and Menshevik readers, ploit, and hence for the first time in history analysing various articles in our press, no need for organised oppression whether

pletely and unanimously. The same com- WAR, AS IN ALL OTHERS, "GOD" WAS People talk as if a strike were a picnic. | plete unanimity prevailed within the Execu- | LEADING THE ARMIES-ALL ARMIES." not be the same God. ONE OF THEM MUST BE A FAKE, and there was little COURSE THE GERMAN GOD WASN'T REAL, HE WAS BUT A CREATION OF THE GERMAN MIND! The Bishop's antiwar attitude brought him in contact with Socialists; hence his book. In the words of until they are done a beautiful brown."

> "\* Communism and Christianism," by Bishop Montgomery Brown. C.P. Lit. Dept. 1/6.



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It is France's turn now (according to the Press which nowadays tells us a new story every week about a Russian counter-revolution) for a "dictatorship," and no doubt a Fascist one at that, and under Millerand, an ex-Socialist like Mussolini. It is perhaps important that Poincare's chief opponent is the liberal Herriot who was strongly in favour of French trade with Russia now l closed down owing to the French Courts. on Poincare's representations, declaring Russia still outlaw while Britain gives l recognition.

This dictatorship stunt seems to be the approved step, now to prevent in advance any labour or radical victory at elections. It is the last and most unconcealed déclaration of all of bankruptey on the part of bourgeois rule, and shows how bourgeois support of Parliamentary democracy was always conditional only on Democracy serving the bourgeoisie.

indicates a stage in the general reduction of was at a loss to explain this sudden outall workers to the level of slum proletariat, burst, unless it is that the" Mail" has sudas being accomplished in Germany-a cry | dealy dried up for stuff to print. At first of atter despair at the present system; and I was inclined to feel a bit "fed up" that as it is not even pretended that any benefit, I was lying here so helpless when the "Sunanything indeed but decay, can result for day Times" was actually announcing my the masses from it, it can only be taken as arrival in those sunny climes, but I soon l

story is followed by silence. That does not earliest possible opportunity. But why this worry our newsmongers, whose aim, assisted | notoriety thrust upon met Now: When I especially by the system of cable news have done next to nothing, and all those which never attempts to explain the miracu- | years I lived next door to the "Sunday lous happenings it reports, is to accustom Timés," didn't do much but did a little readers to believing anything they are told in the cause of solidarity of Labour irrewithout being astonished, still less asking spective of colour-and they ignored my themselves why such things should happen; existence, never knew of me until three

As an example of ultra-pious selfishnes and vulgar cant the following from "The | While the British Trade Union Congress | Orange Standard." quoted by "Forward." is hard to beat:- ...

"It is a marvellous fact that not a single worker of the Salvation Army, of the Church Missionary Society, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or of the Y.M.C.A. was killed in the recent earthquake in Japan. Here we have Gød's protecting care manifested in a marvellous manner.

GOD SAVE THE KING."

Trade union activities in Russia are so wikespread that not a single decree: ci: ailar or Government order which concen is in any way questions of labour or the welfare of the workers can be issued without Council of Trade Unions.

### "Split in the R.C.P."

A rather sharp controversy has been going on in the Russian Communist Party over "democracy." It is proposed to give rank and file membership more say in election of secretaries, etc. An extremely high degree Annual Subscription, 10/-; half-yearly, 5/- of centralisation has hitherto prevailed in the R.C.P.—every appointment from the situation (for Capitalism) and mentioning ttop, etc. Now that civil war conditions are the possibility of Germany "falling into I past, relaxations are proposed the reverse the arms of Bolshevism," the "Mail" process is probably necessary in the other a sections of the International.

> This discussion has been exaggerated by a hostile Press into a split in the party and country; but Stalin, General Secretary of the R.C.P.; says: "Complete unanimity lexists on the main political and economic Party members, and the principles of our internal and external policy remain unaftlered. The dispute is on the following questions: Should the Party be a homegeneous organism, endowed with a single will, or should it admit the formation of fractions and groups which only come together on a basis of contract: And secondly, is the 'New Economic policy' justified or ought it to be reviewed?"

That the Soviet State feels itself more secure than ever is illustrated by the fact that it has mitigated the sentences of the Social-Revolutionaries condemned to death in 1922 and commuted on condition that that party ceased its counter-revolutionary activity—although that condition has not been fulfilled, but the activity no longer matters!

## From a "Stormy Petrel."

Com. Ivon Jones writes from Yalta:

I received some cuttings from the Rand So far as it is taken up by the masses, it Press about "the Stormy Petrel," etc. 1 a precursor to the fall of the system itself. Lgot to see the joke of it all, and even came However, for the moment the French to a resolve to fulfil the appointment at the years after I left South Africa? "Oh, the ways of the heathen Chinee are dark."

> contracts for railway material (e.g. for (South Africa) are going not to England but to Germany because there, among other things, hours have been lengthened, as well as wages reduced, owing to the virtual suppression, due to starvation conditions and military dictatorship, of Labour organisation there. Yet still British workers will say they are not concerned about the conditions in Germany as "charity begins at home "!

> The Bishop of Johannesburg takes up the cant cry that the natives are a "child! people." air?

## White's Homage to Red.

In a leader entitled, "Is Europe Reviving?" in last Wednesday's "Rand Daily Mail," occur some quite interesting observations. After dealing at some length with the utter hopelessness of the European scribe comes to the (oh! so brilliant and profound) conclusion that Russia is the one bright and hopeful spot in the otherwise black picture.

Following a statement that production in Russia has increased and is increasing (by the way, the "Star" editor last week stated questions amongst the immense majority of that Russia was in chaos and that production was fast on the decline), our worthy editor of Abe Bailey's newspaper goes on to say: "As we have all along predicted would be the ease, Russia is gradually becoming a republic of the French or American type. The Soviet Government may try to deny this tendency. The movement may fluctuate at times. But the tendency in the direction of more moderate methods, and of turning to private instead of State enterprise once more, is distinctly marked. Russia is coming back."

Obviously, the wish is father to the thought in this, as in many other, cases. Poor fool! Fancy comparing revolutionary workers' Russia to the reactionary capitalist French or American republics! But the reason for attempting such a patently ridiculous comparison seems fairly plain. In the minds of many people the one-time adamantine resolve of the British Government not to "shake hands" with the Bolshevik "murderers" is still quite fresh, and it has become necessary, therefore, to justify the departure from this traditional policy which the recent British recognition of Russia constitutes. The need for restoring trade "normaley" in Europe, the necessity for taking advantage of Russia's enormous potential markets, is, of course, the real mason. But even this will not satisfy many die-hard imperialists. Hence the " Mail" penman, with an almost charming naivete, tries to pacify these die-hards by telling them that the Bolsheviks are going to be good boys--that they have seen the error of their ways and have decided to become more moderate, that they have abandoned Communism as a failure and are relintroducing Capitalism.

A fool's paradise! But the awakening will surely come. The political power in Ruseia is still in the hands of the Communist Party. It gained the power on the strength of the Communist programme and is not likely to abandon it. As a recent communique from Moscow stated, "the Soviet. is demanding reduction of hours of Labour, Government will continue to mount guard over the conquests of the Revolution." Communism remains and will remain the goal of the Russian Workers' Republic, and although apparently devious routes will have to be taken as in the past six years in order to get there, Russia will eventually carrive at the goal she has set herself. The reactionary and hostile hopes and dreams of world capitalism (and the "Mail" editor. will as surely be dissipated as are morning mists by the rising sun.

C.F.G.

Does the Bishop exploit his | For the year 1923 the expenditure of the child, does he suppress him, does he shoot Soviet Government amounted to 102 million the cognisance and approval of the Central him down, does he bomb him from the sterling and revenue to 90 million. In 1924 Russia will have a balanced budget.

## How the I.W.R. Works.

The locked-out glass-workers of Weisswasser sent a deputation to Berlin to the I.W.R. asking for help, as distress was rapidly increasing among them. Until their to-supply them-daily out of its own means helong to.

The Executive Committee of the Workers' International Relief has decided to éstablish in éach soup-kitchen district a medical dis- | spending those Ministerial salaries!- but all pensary. Well-known Berlin and Leipzic physicians have undertaken to co-operate. It is intended to organise the distribution of medicines and preventives against tuberculosis. Rachitis and under-feeding. Children's homes are also being established in Berlin, Thuringen, and at the seaside.

The second transport of 250 destitute children from Thuringia, Leipsic, Hamburg and Berlin has proceeded to Holland.

On January 20th a general conference, convened by the I.W.R., took place in Britain of the whole of the organisations interested in the work of relief for faminestruck Germany. The British Committee is already supported by the leading English working-class bodies as well as by numerous representatives of the liberal bourgeoisie. Similar action has taken place in Scandinavia.

Workers' International Relief for over 1,000 l ments. German children to be received by families in Russia, Holland and Czecho-Slovakia. A first party of 50 left for Holland shortly after | Soviet Government; and the Commintern. | Trigger, who consulted the Attorney-General. Christmas. The W.I.R. also expected in | "Hughes has separated several phrases who "found no fault in the" letter, which, mail week to open a Children's Home in from their context and added several more it seems, merely invited the royalists to Germany in the course of January. Just of his own imagination, thus deliberately come and geason verbally on the subject before Christmas it opened in Berlin the falsifying the sense of the article. As a matter in dispute; and by a strange coincifirst soup kitchen for students, providing matter of fact, there was not one single dence, an unknown writer from Abe Bailey's for 200 (largely out of funds provided from word justifying his assertion in the article," | "Union Club," where these Marshall-Russian youth organisations), and further is the reply of "Russian Information and Square-Daily-Mail gangs are recruited, provision for starving "intellectuals" is in Review." contemplation. Relief in kind from France is being distributed at Frankfort and Cologne, while a representative of the that the oil scandals will facilitate the because the "Sunday Times was no doubt tress is particularly acute, to organise a new relief campaign there.

News that the Moscow Industrial Bank had closed its doors has re-echoed through the newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic. Ingenious sub-editors connected this rumour with the arrestain October of the late chairman, Krasnoschekov, discovering that the latter's peculation had accasioned a "deficit" of 15,000,000 roubles. It is true enough that the Bank closed its doors. A sentry was even posted to keep people away. This was for a portion of one day, at the end of November. And the reason was, all the employees had taken a holiday, escorting their elected delegates to the Moscow Soviet.

Rumours of a "deficit" are peculiarly unfortunate. Although the expenses of the Bank were very high, as a result of the organisation of forty branch offices through- "it wants to give privileges to one class of out the Soviet Union, it made a net profit the community." in 1923 of 1,000,000 gold roubles. The Bank, which is in correspondence with the principal credit houses in all European capitals, has assets of 85,000,000, and is about to double its capital.

## The Workers in Power.

After all, it is very encouraging to see the change of attitude towards Labour in the Reuter and other cable messages Britain, especially "semi-official" admission to work again, the I.W.R. is able which, formerly couched in anti-working I class wein, now, being necessarily pro-Gov- feting the English crownprince next May with 2,000 rations. It is intended to con- ernment if not Government controlled, are while we have so much distress both at tinue the relief after the end of the lock-out. [pro-Labour and speak of Ramsay Macdonald [home and abroad which could be materi-The "Gorlitzer Volkszeitung" says: "The with bated breath. The personalities may ally alleviated with those sums: and in International Workers' Relief considers all be poor, and we may bridle at such snob- reply to those who consider this fetingthose in want, regardless of the party they beries as the new Labour women's "Half- "matter of national importance," the circle Club" in London for initiating speakers of the Johannesburg Branch of the Labour members' wives into the art of entertaining along hourgeois lines and no doubt | Hall steps meeting on the 2nd inst. emphasthe same the spectacle, or rather the acceptance of the idea, for the first time in Britain. all the interests opposed to the working, of the Workers in Power is the big thing.

## A Government Forger.

The Republican Senators of the U.S.A., lin a public sitting, have been strongly attacking State Secretary Hughes, accusing I Justice, of publishing forged documents in connection with Bolshevik agitation in America. They say that the documents are not instructions from Russia to American Communists at all, but are of American I manufacture, and have been in the hands of reactionary circles in America for many weeks past. The Foreign Reightions Committee of the Senate has accordingly been l charged to institute an investigation with Invitations have been received by the a view to finding out the origin of the docu- lay a charge against the editor of the "Mail"

"Izvestia" which he asserts identifies the C.I.D. gentry, who passed it on to Major

rise of a "third party" (Farmer-Labour, no doubt), to prevent which Republicans if violence should occur, and so it refrained and Democrats must do some "housecleaning." Can they? Or is not more bribery their only hope?

Many of the new Labour Ministers in burg. Britain are being boomed because they l began life as workers. Yes, but what are they now? Climbers, snobs, "self-made men''? The revolution needs something never yet produced an apologia for itself. It better than "has-beens."

shoddy to cover their shrunken limbs, but Its votaries forget, too, when they complain Messrs. J. R. Ogden and Sons, Ltd., pearl of their feelings being offended, that their and diamond merchants, 41. Duke Street, own spokesmen and press are daily and Piccadilly, London, have just sold a pearl hourly offending the feelings of the worknecklace for almost £50,000-which would ers, who however almost invariably refrain give five working-class families about £4 a from any breach of the peace on that week for 50 years. The purchaser votes account, for reason and history and philagainst the Labour Party, no doubt, because osophy are all on their side, and even if a

--"Forward."

READ AND PASS ALONG TO YOUR MATE!

## Fat's Only "Argument."

Unfavourable comment has been made in many quarters on the expenditure of £7,500 from by the Johannesburg Town Council, £8,000 by the Capetown Council, and so on, on Communist Party and Y.C.L. at their Town ised that the Prince is not being entertained as an individual but as a representative of class. During the meeting a "royalist"; violently assaulted a member of the audience, not a member of the party but presumably a sympathiser with the workers rather than the crownprince. Next morning the "Mail" reports that "one of the speakers 'was , attacked for insulting H.R.H., and a few-days later in the same thim, as well as the American Department of | paper there appears a letter purporting to come from a woman whose sex had precluded her from taking part in the affray. and ever a suggestive Latin nom de plume meaning "One word is enough for one who understands," applauding the royalist's success in the "encounter" and urging a dozen more to attend the next Communist meeting.

Thereupon the appointed speakers for that meeting proceeded to Marshall Square to for publishing an "incitement to violence": Hughes also complains of an article in but the sergeant in charge referred it to the Avrites to us in the same strain.

. As a matter of fact no violence occurred last Sunday partly because it rained too The American capitalist Press fears hard for heroes, and especially, we expect. warned that there might be a prosecution from that final "one word" of incitement, which "People would otherwise have "said" in accordance with the grand old traditions of the last ten years in Johannes-

But the fact remains that violence is the only answer these people have to Communist commonsense. The capitalist class has cannot produce one. Relying on force for its position, it is without any argument to There are those who cannot get even justify itself, and falls back on force again. worker does how the knee to the capitalist gods it is not from conviction but only from fear, snobbery or ignorance. The working class may on occasion be in a position to administer a coup de grace, but all the preparation is ideological. The argument is allon their side.

## The White Terror.

(By Anatole France.)

(From a Foreword to the French edition of Jack London's "Iron Heel," which has ! just been published in book form.)

their own bodies.

ground for the assumption that on that day (be it near or distant) Socfalism will again l be ground under the iron heel and choked in blood.

We will not compromise the future. belongs to us. The Plutocracy will fall. Now, in its fullness of power, one already recognises signs of its collapse. It will disappear, because every caste regime is doomed to death. Wage Slavery must disappear, because it is unjust. It will fall at a time! WHEN IN IS STILL INSOLENTLY BOASTING OF ITS STRENGTH. exactly as Slavery and Serfdom fell.

And when one observes it closely one notices already fo-day that it is worn with every country brought about, the war which | so much and so widespread devastation, Circumstantial details are not wanting:- both these being occasions when the nativethat the international Oligarchy has itself been shaken, and the day is approaching when it will come crashing down on a ruined Europe.

I cannot, however, say that it will collapse at one blow and without a struggle. It will offer resistance. Its last war will perhaps he long drawn out and be marked by ups and downs. Oh, you heirs of the prolethe war, and if ever cruel reverses cause you and exclaim with the noble Everhard: "It harans. is frue we have lost this time, but not for always! We have learnt several things. TO-MORROW WE WILL TAKE UP THE STRUGGLE AGAIN, MORE EQUIPPED AND STRENGTHENED IN WISDOM AND DISCIPLINE!"

## "Padishes."

not even pink!

## "Conciliating" Government Servants.

A correspondent writes that one of the Puzzles of the Industrial "Conciliation"; Bill is how far it applies to Government) The two revolts which form the subject servants. The Public Service Commission of the book which I here present to the is supposed to function in disputes between French reader are of a bloody nature. They them and the Government, but as regards exhibit in the plans of those who provoke Railway and Harbour Servants (who are them such treachery, and in their carrying forbidden to strike anyway) there is no out so much cruelty, that one asks oneself legislative provision for Conciliation Boards, whether they would be at all possible in and the Railways and Harbours Select Com-America, in Europe and particularly in mittee last year turned down the suggestion France. For myself I would not consider that such legislation should be passed. All them as possible if I had not before my eyes | that exists is a Departmental Notice which the example of the June days and the crush- is only renewable year by year. The present ing of the Commune of 1870, which reminds | Bill seems to leave it to the Minister to me that against the poor everything and decide whether, where trade unions include anything is permitted. All proletarians of men working in the Government service, Europe have, like their American class com- | these men shall share in the benefits (?) | rades, felt the imprint of the iron heel on obtained by those unions under the Bill. It seems likely that one result of the Bill, I One of these days, however, the fight be- despite the clause giving the Registrar tween Capital and Labour will again flare power to recognise only one union per indusup. Then one will experience days like try, will be a multiplication of unions (such those of the revolts in San Francisco and as is indeed now taking place) catering for Chicago, the indescribable horror of which such men, and a defeat of any movement to-Jack London has already portrayed before- wards the idea of "one big union for every l hand. Nevertheless, there is absolutely no industry, having uniform industrial and political ideals." In general, the Bill appears to subject the Government services i and their unions to all the restrictions or l obligations of the law while excluding them from any of the benefits.

> For our own part, we have failed to discover these latter and can only suggest to l the workers to carry on propaganda to upset l both this Bill and all other legislation l impeding the right to strike.

## Russia in Rumour.

age. The war, which the large industry of | "Morning Post," conscious that English | gen, and this theft still continues. AND ideas about Central Asia to-day are gener- | NOT A SINGLE MISSIONARY IS HEARI) was their war, the war from which they ally as vague as those about the Garden of PROTESTING against either the Bondelhoped to acquire further wealth, has brought | Eden, announces a "rebellion" in Bokhara. | swart massacre or the Bullhoek slaughter,

hands of the insurgents are being mur- property. dered, and stores of food and arms plundered. The railway line has been cut near Kokand. Red troops have been sent from Taskhent and Samarcand to suppress the insurrection."

Not only is there no truth in this communication. but all reliable reports show that tariat, oh you future generations, you chil- Bokhara is signally flourishing. Only one dren of the new times! You will conduct of the brigand chiefs who were causing trouble two years ago is now at large, skulkto have doubts as to the success of your ing in the Eastern mountains. The Red cause, so will you again pluck up courage Army there consists only of native Bok-

is on a mission to Russia on behalf of the [ (" legally " or illegally, its all one), and German Scientists' Association, to find out | because of their present position the colour what prospects Russia can offer to a group | requires an increase in the number of pattern of German Professors in the fields of chem- It's the same story as Canon Palmer's over istry, electrotechnics, hydrotechnics and lagain. machine construction. In an interview with What with these and Truter's "with Press representative Prof. Miller stated criminals," lewd fellows of the baser of To-day the Russians in the spirit of irony | that owing to the deplorable economic situa- | the Communists who need a special service have a name for all trimmers, opportunists, Ition in Germany many technical colleges | service all to themselves, there should be and Parliamentary careerists; they in deri- will shortly have to close down, rendering a an opening for all the unemployed by well as sion call them "radishes." Why radishes: great part of the best teaching forces desti- ting absorbed into the police and military They quickly explain, because a radish is tute. Many of the Professors have already forces. That indeed seems the only forces only "Red" on the skin-scrape the skin received invitations from America, but they of the "poor whites" in South Africa to and the inside and heart is quite white- prefer to help in the reconstruction of shoot down the working class-themselver Russia.

# Canon Palmer Bowled Out.

Said the Reverend Canon Palmer at the Cathedral Hall. Johannesburg, the other day:-" Before the white people came to Africa the native peoples were both healthy and moral. It has been suggested that the missionaries are responsible for the breakdown of the tribal life and the vast wave of immorality which has swept the country I answer that they are not responsible."

Yes, my déar Canon, but a mere negative will not suffice. Most people are aware that the capitalist class could never obtair. cheap labour except with the assistance of their beneficent friends the missionaries The Canon says it is "our so-called modern civilisation that has wrought the downfall of the native tribal system and brought into native life the appalling curses of drink. immorality and indiscipline." And has not the missionary system developed more perniciously during capitalism than ever before? As a matter of fact the missionary system is necessary to capitalism; hence the utter futility of the Canon's further question: "How else may a reform le brought about SAVE BY THE WORK OF MISSIONARIES: "

He actually quotes from a 1913 Govern ment Blue Book:

- (1) "That there is nothing inherent in the Bantu race which would prevent then: accepting the Christian religion to the full. and it has already had wonderful result amongst them:"
- (2) "That there are only two alternativeto the restitution of tribal life, CHRIS-TIANITY and EDUCATION"—in other words "civilisation," which just before b. said was the cause of all the trouble.

The natives are well aware that IN PRO-PORTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT () CHRISTIANITY HAS COME THE DI-PRIVATION OF BOTH THEIR PRIVATI AND THEIR COMMON PROPERTY. Their The Helsingfors correspondent of the lands have been stolen by millions of mot-"All Communists who fall into the resisted the theft of their lands and other

> The reverend gentleman is attempting time "facing both ways" stunt, but has only succeeded in making a terrible hash of the whole affair. Let him come out into the open definitely, and he will deserve, and obtain, the heartfelt sympathies of all downtrodden natives.

Meanwhile Col. Truter in his 1922 report says the Cape Province is inadequately policed. "A large proportion of the population is composed of the lower coloured and native class who have criminal tendencies." Yes, why are these people "lower" celoured and native? Obviously because they are poor. And why are they poor: Because The well-known German Professor Miller I highly civilised gentlemen have robbed them

W. GREEN

# Trotsky's "Shears."

RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEM TO-DAY.

presentation of the deviation of industrial THIS COMBINATION THE AUTHORITY presentation of the deviation of industrial THIS COMBINATION THE AUTHORITY development from agricultural development, OF THE SOVIET STATE. It is just here at present the main problem occupying the that the decisive battle is now beginning to

leading question was the preservation of the private middleman wants to attach himbare existence amidst the struggle and its self to the peasant and gain his confidence, emergencies, bread was naturally the dear- he will gladly furbish up the old lies of the est article. And during the years of famine landowners and put them once more into and failure of crops, the prices for corn pro- circulation, of course with more caution than ducts were relatively higher than those for the landowner in his day, because since industrial products. Since September, 1922, then the Soviet Power has been strengththese conditions have been reversed. Since ened. this time the prices of industrial articles have constantly risen, and the price of bread has comparatively fallen.

The following situation results: On the Sone side a trustified and syndicated state Lindustry, banks.-trade unions, a proletariat enjoying the eight-hour day, and whose con- practical adaptation of industry to the tive PEASANTS NEWSPAPER—such a ditions of living improve daily in many agricultural basis which can give us an newspaper as would really get into the material and cultural respects—and on the other side a poor peasantry, emerging ignor- our economy and politics. When there is a understand, and which would strengthen ant and stupefied from Tsarism, working disproportion between the various parts of the relationship between him and the prolewith the primitive methods of their fore- our industries, it means that the State has tariat. lathers, and receiving a mere pittance for at its disposal a large amount of dead the work performed. The result of this tre- capital, which burdens the whole industry l mendous disparity between industry and and raises the price of every piece of calico convened at Moscow by the Executive Conagriculture is naturally that the peasantry and every packet of matches. is unable to buy anything.

If the two points of the "shears" are to approach each other again, industry must either become cheaper or agriculture dearer. There is no lack of suggestions in the latter direction—even to suggestions as to a combulseory state rise in prices for agricultural The export of corn, and the appearance of Russian agricultural products on foreign markets, will have the effect of taising the prices of Russian agricultural broducts. And hand-in-hand with this there s a general improvement and advance torards sound economics in Russian agricullure, of which the recent great agricultural exhibition in Moscow afforded the nost striking proof.

hed in the interests of the working masses.

## Trotsky's Views.

Inssia and elsewhere that Trotzky and new capitalists. enin were at loggerheads on the question SYSTEM IN INDUSTRY. totzky replies:—)

#### NEPMEN AND PEASANTS.

Chant, the city middleman, who seek to guidance of the industries. sup connections on the market with the ant as grain producer and buyer of in-

Comrade Trotzky's "shears" are the re- dustrial products and TO EXCLUDE FROM whole of Russian political economics. develop. Here also politics are serving eco-During the years of civil war, when the nomic interests. It is easy to see that when

#### ADAPT INDUSTRY TO AGRICULTURE.

reiteration of the word "union" (between town and country) in every possible strain (although whose breeding place is provided by the in itself it is a good word) but the apparatus of private trade, we need an effeceffective solution of the central questions in hands of the peasant and which he would

#### THE "CRISIS" AS REGULATOR.

Under capitalism the natural, and in the end, only economic regulator is the crisis, of advanced peasants. Even the hundreds that is to say it is the only means of bringing the different branches of industry together and the total production of industry into harmony with the market demand. But in our Soviet economic organisation, which presents a transitional one between Capitalism and Socialism, industrial strade crises can in no way be regarded as the normal, still less the only means by which the single parts of the peoples' industry can be brought into harmony with one another.

#### PRIVATE TRADE, vs. THE STATE.

The discussion on the "shears," and the enormous profits. But in addition it is re- of friends to read their newspapers aloud. indeavours of the Soviet Government in this stricting itself more and more to agency Soldiers could be given special facilities for lifection, bear conclusive witness to the fact operations. It is attempting to organise the sending newspapers to their friends. As a hat Soviet Russia has overcome the period small producers, or to clease industrial result of the movement a national "Peaanarchist conditions in her economics, undertakings from the State. In other words: nd is on the road to the establishment of it is repeating the history of original followed, it is hoped, by a large increase of perfectly ordered system of economics, accumulation—first in the sphere of trade local country papers.—Ed.] eld and controlled by the state, and purland next in the sphere of industry. It is quite clear that every failure, every loss, which we suffer brings profit to private capi- The Physician Heals Himself. tal; first in that such losses weaken us and order to make difficulties in this secondly in that a large part of our losses tuation, rumours have been spread in unavoidably pass into the pockets of the

tackling of the market, and above all the 200-100. At present it is no longer the landowners task of economic organisation. The most The Central Committee of the Russian culative buyer, the newly-established systematic, proportional development and materials.

> INDUSTRY AND PEASANTRY. The Soviet State must support the peasant is not yet Communism!

with agricultural credits (as far as our means will reach!) and help to make easier the placing of the products of agriculture (corn, meat, butter, etc.) upon the world market. The way to the extension of agriculture leads, again, principally through industry-if not directly then indirectly. Agricultural machinery and Fools, artificial manures, cheap domestic wares must be provided at prices within the reach of the peasant. The introduction and development of an agricultural credit system demand from the State the mobilisation of superfluous pecuniary resources. For this it is necessary that the State industries prove profitable, and this is impossible without the establishment of a correct proportion between their parts.

#### A "PEASANTS' WEEKLY."

In order to further this union politically, and to be able to meet the lying rumours

In connection with the last proposal, a conference of country editors has just been mittee of the Communist Party, when the political development of the peasantry was discussed. It was pointed out that the Revolution has not yet created a large class of thousands of peasants who in the Army had mixed with town workers have now

#### EXCUSE OUR INTERRUPTION, BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION LATELY?

mostly merged again in the peasant mass. It was felt that the town newspapers are often unintelligible, with their technical economic and political terms, etc., to the peasants, and that village teachers for in-Private trading capital to-day is securing stance might be encouraged to form groups sant Gazette" has already appeared, to be

As regards the general problem of the shears," statistics up to January 1, 1924, show that THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN the role of the peasantry, Trotzky being! What then are the weapons which we can "MEDDLING" WITH THE OPERATION ated to be against the peasants. These use under these circumstances in the OF ECONOMIC PROCESSES in such a way mours were revivals of those spread by struggle against private capital? Are there that whereas the maximum divergence of te counter-revolutionaries in 1919. Com. any such weapons at all? Yes, and these the shears, viz., in October last, was 318 to are the conscious, deliberate, systematic 100, it had fallen by the end of the year to

d capitalists who have recourse to such important productive agents, transport and Communist Party recommends, towards a mours. Their empire is long at an end. credit, lie in the hands of the Soviet State. final solution of the problem, increase of their place, however, have appeared the We do not need to wait until a universal or corn export, State control of the internal Wep" men in the town, the merchant and a local crisis reveals the disproportion be-corn market, intensification of industrial rich farmer in the village. There can be tween the various elements in our economic activity, and further consolidation of the doubt that these circles have great in-lorganisation. We need not become the blind monopoly of foreign trade, with modification est in creating confusion and doubt as to plaything of economic forces, for the trump of the system of exports and imports so as relation of the Communist party to the cards in the market game lie in our hands. to ensure a favourable trade balance and to santry. It is just the rich farmer, the The way to union leads through the accurate supply Soviet industry with cheap raw

It is a wonderful spectacle, this self-organsation of production and trade, even if it

## German Famine Fund.

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# Communist Party Notes. May Day, 1924.

On May Day, Thursday, May Ist next, the when a record attendance is expected. This will be the tenth May Day thus celebrated S. C. in Johannesburg.

#### AGGREGATE MEETING.

All members of the Communist Party in 1 6 he Witwatersrand District are notified that on the summons of the Central Executive. "The Cellapse of Capitalism" . 3 6 the Trades Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday, March 9 next at 10.30 a.m., to continue all 7 Glay if necessary, at which several questions at present exercising the party will be dis-7 6 cussed also election prospects, relations with the Labour Party, agenda for the next 3 Blanty Conference (the date and place of which will be announced later) and the pro-6 gramme of the Fifth Congress of the Com-3 6 munist International. Every member of the party within reach is expected to attend.

#### JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

The Johannesburg Entertainment Com-I mittee announces a Cinderella Dance at 6 Of the Selborne Hall on Saturday. March 15 next in aid of the party funds. Tickets 3-"Socialism and Modern Science" 6 5 [ single, 5 - double, are on sale at the Head Office and of the usual sellers. Those will-3 G ing to sell tickets are asked to write for supplies to the Secretary, Entertainment Com-3 6 mittee. Box 696, Johannesburg. It is some 3 56 months since our friends and the public had an opportunity of joining in one of our always enjoyable functions, and the oppor 6. 6 unity will no doubt be readily seized. Note "Socialism and Philosophy" ... 6 6 the date. It is hoped that Com. Andrewwill have arrived in South Africa in time to 6 be present.

# Young Communist Notes.

RELEASE THE STRIKE PRISONERS! The Y.C.L. open-air meeting this Satur-3 6 day, February 16, at 8 p.m. at Lewis and Hill's corner, Jeppes, will be devoted to furthering the agitation for the release of friends are asked to roll up and give their

### THE COMMUNIST CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT.

This will be the subject of discussion a the weekly meeting of the Johannesburg Bonaparte' ... ... ... 3 6 Y.C.L. at 4. Trades Hall, on Tuesday. Feb. "The Poverty of Philosophy" 6 6 ruary 19, at 8 p.m. The work among the children is one of the most important and "Puritanism" ... ... 3 6 interesting of Y.C.L. activities, as anyone who has read the "Manual for Leaders 6: from P.O. Box 7599, Johannesburg will Anarchism and Socialism ... 3 6 realise. All interested are asked to comand contribute towards the discussion.

Y.C.L. PICNIC AT GERMISTON A special meeting has been called by the Pienie Committee for Monday, Friedlich 6 6 18, at 8 p.m., at 4. Trades Hall. All vi-

#### Y.W.S.A.

FOOTBALL SECTION: There will !general meeting this Friday. February 1. 8 p.m., at 4. Trades Hall.

Practise games are now in full swing

BOXING SECTION: Meets every six at 10 a.m., at 18a, Lovers' Walk, Forder's

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