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Two Voices.

In point of fact the Nationalist and Labour ideals were very eimilar, announced Colonel Creswell at Boksburg on May 8th supporting McMenamin, and again on the same occasion, 'The Pact was entered into with a view to its ending with the election, BUT THINGS HAD GONE BEYOND THAT since its inception. To day the Pact stood for masses of people who had to live and die in South Africa. The Pact brought English and Dutch together.'

General Hertzog said, The agreement between him and Colonel Creswell was well known. During this election they were going to work together to keep out the S.A.P. There was no agreement beyond the determination to oust the present Government.

The two opposition leaders should rehearse their speeches more carefully, for even voters sometimes think.

God-Business.

Sir Abe Bailey is the S.A.P. candidate for Krugerndorp.

Since the election campaign he has become suddenly interested in the unemlived, and is drafting men to the region of heartebessepoort to work on his estates

And Balloy will pot some political kudgs on of it, and will get out of the way a make of its since side would otherwise certain with the Pack candidate.

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Manuals and Destitution.

A "Slight" Increase.

Sir Robert Kotze, the Government Mining Engineer, speaking at the Consolidated Main Reef G.M. Co., said that in 1923 there were 511 lives lost by accident on the Witwatersrand Gold Mines.

The death rate was 2.59 per thousand, being double that of Great Britain. It had increased slightly in the past two years.

It will be seen that the period of accident increase corresponds exactly to the period during which the skilled miners in thousands have been discharged and their places taken by untrained, low-paid native workers.

The accidents have been mainly due to falls of rock, and all the Government Mining Engineer has to suggest is the necessity for "careful habits" and the setting of 'safety first" examples to men working under them.

He has nothing to say about the inhuman and reckbers system of subordinating all other considerations to that of increasing the output and reducing working rests, which are the only considerations that influence the mining companies.

What our late Courrage James Coward used to call "murder holes" are still deserving of their reputation.

Degraded Characters.

"I think it is extremely regrettable that in illicit diamond buying cases we have had before us this session persons employed by detectives as traps have been such degraded and unreliable characers. You have had an apportunity of observing them and for the import part they are men who tell the most turning a hair."

Thms Justice Hutton in dismissing the jurers at Griqualand West Criminal Sessions last week.

Nothing more scathing has been said by Communicia as to the one-sidedness of the courts of law in South Africa than these strong remarks of one of capitalisms own magistrates.

The origin of wars is the pursuit of

Signs of the Times.

A "GOOD" PRESS.

The "Guardian" waxes enthusiastic over the big report that the Durban and South African Press gave Colonel Creswell on the occasion of his Town Hall meeting there.

A five-and-a-half-column report in the "Mercury" completely staggers the The National Education Association, in Durban Labour organ, and it speaks of a "new era in public life," etc., etc.

The "Guardian" need not be in the least surprised at this now manifestation of friendliness on the part of the capitalist Press.

As the so-called Labour Party gravitates more and more to the capitalist outlook logues. the Press will become increasingly friendly. The public schools in the United States nothing.

"good press" in Britain during the late ployers associations. efection, and the more simple-minded and Commercial education and manual trainhonest Labour men wondered why. | ing are the keynotes of the present con-

now Macdonald, Snowdon and Thomas are seen in their true colours as pillars of im- efficient cogs in capitalist industry; those perialism and supporters of capitalism.

The same may be expected in South Africa. The Press is only carrying on a PRETENCE of opposition to the Pact | Dr. Edwin Broome, superintendent of until big business get the hang of the the Philadelphia schools, has already desituation and control of the political clared that much of the material used for leaders who will in all probability be the mental discipline in the public schools government in the near future. As soon genuine Labourite and help the Pact into I dogmas of capitalist society. power.

and the extraction of the maximum profit tuting knowledge.

out of their labour.

Educators & Education.

The National Education Association held its mixty-second annual meeting in Chicago in February. Its open sessions were held in the Auditorium, but the real business was done in the dozens of more or less. secreb conferences in hotel parlours—at breakfast, dinners and luncheons.

line with the best traditions of American business, is engaged in selling education. It has its own definition of education, however, and in the speeches of the more prominent delegates it is obvious that only doctrines approved by the overlords of finance and industry are listed in the cata-

Those who control the Press here, as | are to-day the centres of anti-labour proelsewhere, however, give nothing for paganda; in every community the principals and superintendents are merely agents Ramsay Macdonald and his party had a lof the chamber of commerce and em-

The answer was not long in coming, and | ference. The children of the workers in the grade schools are to be turned into who get as far as high school are to be made into clerks, stenographers, salesmen and advertising men.

should be "weeded out."

as such inconvenient planks as taxation of | Children should not be taught to think, land values, prohibition of indentured to pursue independent investigations, to labour, etc., are removed then the Press | cultivate a sceptical frame of mind that will be good to the Pact, but seasoned with | makes for discarding the old and useless

From the kindergarten to the universi-A Oh, yes, my masters, it's a great game. I ties the youth of the land are taught to I The capitalist class changes its weapons— hate and despise all activities of the and its tools—as the situation develops, Labour movement; either they become, if but keeps control of them and uses them | machine industry does not claim them, the for one purpose, and one purpose only: | babbitts of the business world or mental The continued enslavement of the workers | eunuchs who take up the task of prosti-

-"Daily Worker," N.Y.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Last week we congratulated the Com- Poincare and Macdonald putting their munist Party of Germany on their victory | heads together at Chequers to see how in the Reichstag elections.

This week our French comrades have

orders of the Government to attack the

Russian revolutionary workers. That the great mass of the French workers have been cured of their war fever and worship of militarism and glory is shown by the general swing leftwards and the conversion of Poincare's majority into a

minority of 22. Although the Communists are still small minority party the significance of their advent on the stage as a definite and wing elements that a good deal of progress growing mass party is not overlooked by the enemy, and in proportion to the uneasiness of the ruling classes the classcompoious workers have cause for satisfi faction.

The immediate effect of this shifting of In any case, says "Humanite," the approved by the conference of mining the political centre of gravity in France Communiste will immediately demand a societies." will mediably be the adaption of a more Itali amnesty, evacuation of the Bular, retransmitte without towards for for ict Brusis | cognition of the Soviet Government, and | ing some shady business the plant of the formal frames of the missonaries would be the missonaries would be the missonaries would be a formal for the missonaries would be a formal formal for the missonaries would be a formal fo by the Provide Germanians, and instead of abolition of taxation schemes.

much they could squeeze out of the Russians for the benefit of their respective justified our faith in them, and elected 29 | groups of capitalists it is now on the cards Communists, including Cechin and Marty. I that a move may be made by a new Marty led the revolt of the French French Government in the direction of Black Sea fleet, in protest against the recognition of the first workers' republic.

> A change of policy in this respect will have far-reaching effects, for it is notorious. that French influence has been behind the Chauvinism of Poland and Roumania, and also was responsible for the breakdown of the Russo-Chinese treaty.

> Whilst it is too much to expect that this policy will be reversed, it is likely to be so far modified by the influence of the Left may be anticipated during the next few months in the direction of a general recognition of Soviet Russia and the establishment of normal relations with the most important European countries.

Dr. Visser and Fastin.

Mr. Tielman Roos, speaking in support of Mr. George Brown, the Labour Party candidate for Germiston, made the state ment, in answer to a question, that he would put all Communists in jail if they carried their propaganda to the non-European workers.

Dr. Visser, at Vrededorp, is reported to have said that it might be necessary in our tain circumstances to adopt the methods of

Mussolini and the Faccisti.

The Fascisti are known to be the most ferocious enemies of the working class. They have committed innumerable and unmentionable atrocities on the organised workers and peasants of Italy and frankly rule by the sword.

Burning co-operative dairies, etc., in the country, destroying working-class meeting halls, clubs, newspaper offices, burning down workers' homes and torturing and murdering the fleeing occupants, are some of the mildest exploits of these gentry whom Dr. Visser appears to admire and whose methods he would adopt on his political opponents if he gets the chance.

If these are the sentiments of leading members of the Pact, the workers will begin to wonder whether they are likely

to be any better than Smuts.

"Guard my People."

This is the inscription on the medal presented to the heads of the Johannesburg police and C.I.D. by the Governor-General sufficient judicious criticism to gull the things, but to obey and worship the on May 8th, who, in the course of his address, said: "I want you to realise the significance of that charge... you are servants of the public."

Again that blessed word "public." By the public being meant, of course,

the ruling class.

The workers all over South Africa, white, black and brown, have learned thia lesson in man a bloody mamecre culminating in the affair of March, 1922.

The capitalist class is wise in its consertion—it fawns on and rewards its mankillers and, unfortunately, the working class behaves in an exactly opposite way.

It neglects when it does not openly oppose and persecute with executions its most devoted and fearless champions.

Alas! it was ever so.

"Give us Barrabus," cries the mob.

Seeing the World.

This phrase with which the years than became familiar at the war received meetinge cropped up in the House at the mons the other day.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary the Colonies, was asked about the efforts being made to indom Coast natives to 'see the world and no to work in the gold mines."

Mr. Thomas, in the correct Middle Col manner, was very evance, and was him obviously hiding some neferious dell' of forced labour desired by mine of which he was careful to say was the

If there was no other reason by the

THE ELECTION AND TRADE UNIONS. Is the Frying-pan better

Manifector are flying about from all their desires in respect to matters which political parties, and various organisations vitally affect them.

such as Licensed Victuallers, Women's Unfortunately there is no co-ordinating Suffragiots and Prohibitionists, will no body through which they can speak with doubt as usual send questionaires to would- a united voice. be legislators.

Chambers of Commerce, Farmers' Assoistions, to my nothing of the Chamber of the apologist for South African capitalism. Mipes octopus, will take the necessary steps to make their wishes known.

doing?

The answer is—Nothing.

be looked after by the Pact when it gets the industrial needs of the workers? into power, and therefore the unions can confine their activities to the purely of rank and file delegates from the various the native mind can be influenced to view routine work of the organisations, leaving unions who, with the officials, could in a these two leaders. Assuming that these the rest to the Labour Party.

countries.

During the German and French elections the trade unions issue their demands and party, should be asked to express his views From their public speeches on the native seek to pledge the various parties and can- on the trade union demands, and particudidates to support them.

The British Trade Union Congress draws up programmes on unemployment and other vital matters and uses its prestige to compel politicians to pay attention to them.

It is time the organised workers of South Africa woke up and stated clearly members consider this idea and act on it?

The S.A.I.F. secretary has left the country on his annual visit to Europe as may be described as an entire lack of con-

still exists, does nothing, and one or two What are the trades unions, as such, of its leading advocates are busy trying to be of General Hertzog and his Labour get into Parliament.

Is it too late for an attempt to get a

very short time draw up a series of pro-No other organisation takes a similar posals and demands which, when agreed view, neither do trade unionists in other upon, could be printed and circulated so as to reach every working-class elector.

> ers having representatives in every constituency who will use their votes in the their desires to fruition.

Will the trade union leaders and active

Working-class What's the Game? Propagandists.

day night in the Market Buildings, Ger- Unionism. was to put the viewpoint of the Committee Krugersdorp, under the auspices of the again measures rushing through Parlia-

matters as drilling, blasting, developing but what difference would it make to a

Continuity.

workers to place and power, which reminds owned Labour Press in South Africa. Send

than the Fire?

(By "Kaffir Boy.")

Gathering from the Bantu weeklies, the consensus of native opinion on the forthcoming general elections amounts to what sidence in the present Government headed. The Associated Trades, if such a body by General Smuts plus a feeling of horror and dread of the probable Government-tosatellites. Some of these periodicals have ventured metaphorically to represent Genrepresentative body of delegates together eral Smuts as the "Frying Pan" and the Many will argue that their interests will for the purpose of focussing attention on champion of Nationalist ideals, General Hertzog, as the "Fire" in their endeav-A meeting should be called immediately ours to arrive at some conclusions by which comparisons reflect the true pictures of these two of South Africa's leading statesmen, I, in my humble opinion, can deduce no cause whatsoever to justify anxiety or Every candidate, no matter what his fear in so far as the natives are concerned. policy one cannot fail to see that however larly should the leaders of the various par- differently worded their programmes may ties be confronted with the fact that there | be, they are both agreed on the ultimate exists a numerous body of organised work- object of exterminating the native altogether by means of political ostracism and economic strangulation. It is therefore no direction calculated to most rapidly bring more a question of choosing by whose hands our fate is to be sealed, but it is a question of fortifying ourselves against any encroachments on our existence. Death has the same force and effect whether brought about swiftly or by slow torture, and it is immaterial what death a man suffers as long as he dies eventually. In fact, swift death is preferrable to death by torture. The S.A.P. has had fourteen uninterrupted years of govern-It is amusing to see what peculiar people ment and General Smuts cannot with pronowadays pose as authorities on Trade priety boast of ever having passed a single measure which was beneficial to the native. A meeting was held in the Town Hall, | On the contrary, we have seen time and throttle and to sink the native status into and Bullhoek, while his famous Savoy convict on being transferred from the Fort in this instance is no better than the fire any more than are General Smuts' machinations better than those of General tion for the native lies in his own hands. If he is to save himself from being "Jim-Crowed" from all industrial and political spheres of influence, it is high time be blew opportunism to the winds and cononly party whose aim and objective is the emancipation of all oppressed humanity, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

The Strike Prisoners' Release Committee arranged with Mr. Geo. Brown, the Pact candidate for Germiston, to send a speaker to his election-meeting last Saturmiston. The object in sending a speaker before the workers of Germiston and to Drivers, Boilermakers, Woodworkers, ment the sole purport of which were to announce the reception which will be given | Mine and Reduction Workers. to the nine prisoners on the day of their | The subject was The Political Situation | oblivion. To cringe and curry favour release, to endeavour to sell tickets, in in Relation to Trade Unions, and the from him would be as futile as it is foolish. short, to add a mite to the campaign speakers who instructed the workers of His time-honoured pretensions of symagainst Smuts. The speaker went out Krugersdorp on their own business were pathy towards the natives were nailed on from Johannesburg and passed a note to the Rev. B. R. Hattingh and Rev. J. the cross of Port Elizabeth, City Deep, the chairman of the meeting announcing Mullineaux. his arrival. The note was handed to the It must have been amusing to hear one Hotel speech and his never-to-be-forgotten candidate, who replied that he knew reverend gentleman who wields nothing anti-colour propaganda in Peace Confernothing of the matter and that arrange heavier than a pen discoursing on riveting ence circles serve as a reminder against ments should have been made prior to the to the boilermakers, and the other, who any delusion of expecting anything good meeting if the Strike Prisoners' Release is equally innocent of calloused hands, from him anyway. It is true General Committee wished to be represented by a laying down the law to the miners on such Hertzog has a violent anti-native policy, speaker.

We trust that the Committee will de- and stoping. mand an explanation of this most die Mere common working men seem to be to the Blue Sky prison? The frying pan honest and discourteous action, which | quite unfashionable as speakers at workers' savours much of the twisting which is so meetings nowadays. typical of the average modern Labourite. | Workers are indeed getting respectable Mr. Geo. Brown should be given to under- on the Rand when only parsons are good Hertzog in their dreams for the realisation stand that it was the 1922 strike and the enough to address them on Trade of a white South Africa. The only salvapersistent agitation of the Strike Prisoners' Unionism. Release Committee during the past two years which has created the favourable! atmosphere among the workers which will, if anything will, seat him comfortably on Assembly in Capatown. Hence, any The Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, the solidated all his efforts on things that attempt to force the inner raised by the British Labour Home Secretary, has restrike and the authorizant repressive con- fused to reinstate the London policemen duct of the ruling class into the back- who were dismissed by his predecessor in ground—in other words, to bury the consequence of the police strike in 1919. hatches, will not belo Mr. Geo. Brown's is thus confirmed by a working man who candidatence, but retard it by hee elimbed on the backs of his fellow.

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Smuts and the Chamber.

A LOVERS' QUARREL?

A somewhat piquant situation arisen out of a statement made by General I in point. Smuts at his S.A. Party Club meeting! last Tuesday.

The General is reported to have said:—

"In 1922 the mines made a promise to him—that if there were a proper settlement made, if the low-grade mines were given a chance and could continue, although a large number of white workers would be displaced at the moment, with confidence, with settled conditions and with efficiency there there would be such further development on the Witwatersrand—every man displaced would be taken into employment again, and there would be more places than men coming forward to take them.

"'That was the promise to me, Gen-1. eral Smuts proceeded. 'I shall hold, the mines to that promise. That pro-1 mise has not been carried out."

The following evening the Chamber of Mines organ, the "Star," issued the following disclaimer signed by Sir Evelyn Walkers, President of the Chamber.

"The Chamber of Mines denies in the most definite manner that any such promise was ever given by the gold mining industry. The Chamber, as a body of business men, jealous of its reputation in such matters, scrupulously roi"? honours its undertakings, whether to its employees or to others. General l Smuts' statement constitutes an accusation of bad faith on the part of the industry, which calls upon him to substantiate it.

"At various times during the strike, the industry set out, in the clearest possible terms, its position in regard to the scope for the employment of Eurosome 2,000 redundant men would be dispensed with after the strike; that a considerable number of additional men would necessarily be out of employment temporarily, owing to the curtailment of operations by the strike, but that, with the improved economic position of the industry, many of these would be re-absorbed."

The statement then proceeds to detail the case for the Chamber of Mines since | We have only a very limited supply and

the strike.

Reading the two statements carefully, one is at a loss to know what all the pother is about, for there seems little difference between them.

rush into print and attack its erstwhile are not good enough. champion in the midst of a life-and-death Will General Smuts accept the suggesstruggle for power?

On other occasions any little difference! Surely the hero of Fordsburg is not of the kind would either have been ignored also understudying the violet.

for explained away as mere election tactics i or platform rhetoric.

Two explanations are possible.

course, quite futile attempt to get up a he opened a Press Club the other day. kind of sham fight between the mining in-I magnates are not synonymous terms.

The other is that the idol has been disthe new gods who are rising to power.

Capitalism never makes the mistake of hanging on to a tool which has lost its capitalist Press hack rhapsodise

edge or broken in its hand.

The rapidity with which, e.g., it relegated Asquith to the scrap-heap in the house representation of the great Commonearly days of the war and seized on Lloyd | wealth of British States. George, the erstwhile Limehouse demagogue, and made him the supreme dictator of the Allied organisation, is a case | communications."

The war being ended, Lloyd George was thrown to the dogs of popular disillusionment and discontent, and Ramsay Macdonald, the ex-pacifist and I.S.L. sentimentalist, was put in his place.

another example of capitalism selecting | Empire to continue vital." lits tools from its critics and eastwhile

enemies? It looks like it.

cial interests of the country is significant.

proof in the next week or so that he will a pompous and impressive manner. come out of this election with at least a formidable minority it appears that he the capitalists. He may go far as a capiwill be inevitably cast to the dogs by soul- talist politician, but is a burst bubble so less finance as ruthlessly as an ordinary far as working-class leadership is conemployee is sacked.

The modification of the hostile attitude to big finance by the Pact leaders and the careful avoidance—particularly by Labour Party speakers—of any strong reference, to the bloody days of March, 1922, is most marked since power has appeared within their reach.

Is the way being prepared for a change over by the real rulers of this country from Smuts to Hertzog and Creswell, and is

Have you got those Books?

IF NOT, WHY NOT?

"An Outline of Psychology," "An . Outline of Modern Imperialism," Outline of Economics," and "An Outline peans on the mines. It stated that of Economic Geography," published by the Plebs League, London. These are a most valuable asset to the student of I modern political movements and developments in their relation to the workingclass movement. They were written for and are used in the London Labour College and other Marxian workers' colleges in the United Kingdom. They present the subjects dealt with in a compellingly interesting style—they are not stodgy. I they can be had by writing to Box 4179. Johannesburg; price 3/2 each, post free, cash in advance.

his explanation of his actions in March. Why has the Chamber thought fit to 1922. Meetings in the S.A. Party Club

I tion!

In Happiest Mood.

Labour Premier Macdonald appears to One is that it is a belated and, of have surpassed himself at Wembley, where

The delighted correspondent of that Annual Subscription, 10/-; half-yearly, 5/- | terests and their tool in order to gull some | friend of Labour, the "Star," said that of the electors into believing that, after for a function of this kind the Prime all, the Smuts Government and the mining | Minister is probably unequalled in Eng-

"Always eloquent, his speech was a gem covered to have feet of clay, and the of its kind, and fully deserved the loud Chamber has decided to throw it over for cheers from the newspaper representatives of all parts of the Empire."

What were those gems which made the

Here are a few: He (Macdonald) described the Exhibition as "This doll's

"Empire wireless is the next great step in the development of OUR imperial

No wonder the capitalist Press chortles when the ex-pacifist so rapidly takes up the true jingo attitude.

Here is another gem:

"Alacrity of mind, vigilance of intellect and hatred of revolution... that was the Are we in South Africa witnessing genius that was going to enable the British

He dwelt on the importance of the Exhibition to the Empire and, referring The extreme carefulness of the leaders to the Navy, said "Even greater strength of the Pact to avoid saying anything cal- than the silent Navy was the genius for culated to injure the predominant finan- the moral power and singleness of purpose." Which in true Wilsonian etyle is If Smuts cannot give some substantial simply uttering contemptible nonsense in

Macdonald is doing his work well—for

cerned.

We have many of his type, although not with his ability, in South Africa. They in their turn will be found out.

"Watch their hands, not their mouths."

The Violets.

MODEST S.A.P.'S.

eupporters resemble the violet in one respect. They prefer the seclusion of private clube, garden parties, and private meetings with young S.A.P.'s and ladies' election committees to courting the limelight and the criticisms at public meetings.

Mr. Stallard has just had a nice little meeting in a private garden at Randgate, and no doubt the affair was quite delightful. Gaily gowned ladies, tea and cakes and only the "best" people present.

The essential reporter was there, and the usual full-column report appears in the S.A.P. Press., which is, of course, the object aimed at.

The average worker, however, prefers the candidate who seeks his suffrage to come out into the open and give and take the (verbal) hard knocks that are inevitable at election times.

Hiding behind ladies' skirts is not a proceeding to the taste of the he-men of the Rand.

We are constantly told that General Smuts is a brave man, which there is no reason to disbelieve.

But it is easy to be brave with all the

big battalions on one's side.

We are awaiting with interest an announcement that the bold General will speak at a non-ticket meeting in some big hall on the Rand and give us at first-hand

(Configued at foot of previous column.)

HEDGING.

POINTS FOR WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONISTS.

at Upington, expressed his full approval if ever Creswell controls the forces of the Labour Party. Last Wednesday it was of Mr. Jagger's railway policy, and is re- State. ported as having referred to him as "the best man" and remarked that "our leader is on a par with his whole mili- has been circulated broadcast along the nation may be thankful for his manliness taristic and imperialistic record. in tackling the business."

If this means anything, it means that Hertzog's government if and when formed, will continue the soulless and ruthless policy which has been associated

with Jagger's name.

No doubt the railwaymen will be duly gratified at this latest proof of the capitalist and anti-Labour outlook of one at serence for workers' unions? new critics we find a similar lack of conleast of the two wings of the "Pact."

the bag when he declared at Klerksdorp unambiguous, and his answer indicated the dissension in the S.A.L.P. "Discord on Saturday that his quarrel with the clearly that his views on trade unions and in the Party," it says, "has steadily in-Government in 1922 was for allowing the strikes are the same as they were when he creased. Some members have openly resituation to develop, and we may assume was Minister for Justice in General belled, while others are in frank disagreetherefore that he agrees with the methods Botha's Government in 1910 and let loose ment with their leaders, not only for adopted by Smuts when the situation the Mounted Police armed with pick embracing the Pact, but more recently in HAD developed.

doubt, he is reported to have said, "If a the same time he was giving special facili- Labour Party "has started to organise government was threatened at the point ties for the importation and landing from those independent candidates already in of the rifle it was that government's duty the ships under police escort scab printers the field and will afford all possible assist-

statement, was not discussing a hypo- members were on strike in all the Cape- pointed to represent industrial unions or thetical case but the actual happenings in town offices, and having the strikers dissatisfied constituencies." March, 1922, and his remarks clearly show | arrested and fined for peaceful picketing. | The new party, it appears then, is that he takes the official view that the Government was not the aggressor but was defending itself against an armed formula modified the cuttles the outlest and attitude of these Labour jades, it seems, are to was defending itself against an armed foundly modifies the outlook and attitude take preference to the urgent need of washing commission.

General Hertzog, in reply to a question The workers now know what to expect possibility of the formation of

terested in the answer given by General short its programme—and invites adher-Hertzog to the following question at ents. The statement is a belaboured Prieska.

Minister will you give effect to the clause crete constructive programme. But on in the Labour constitution regarding pre-looking through this statement of their

He answered emphatically "NO."

handles on the striking tramway men in the selection of candidates." The state-In fact, so as to put the matter beyond | Johannesburg Market Square, whilst at ment then goes on: The Progressive to put down the threat AT ALL; COSTS." | to break down the resistance of the South ance in their campaign. It will similarly Colonel Creswell, when he made this African Typographical Union, whose assist any candidates that may be ap-

conspiracy, which is contrary to the facts to working-class interests of those who working-class unity in the present electronic hope to climb to power on their backs and tions. by their votes.

Loyalty.

period in Melbourne, the bosses gave him number of supporters have guaranteed it a job as a tram driver.

Tramway Board.

on, and politicians are anxious to please men struck work to enforce the reinstate. PARTY. ment of their comrade, and the whole of

and the following facts emerged from the deserving of the name. Loyalty to one's attempt to split the "Pact" support and comrade and to the working class.

The unfortunate men receive 7½d. per | We hope to see more of it as the workers |

Sanctions or Guarantees.

care as his guest at the Chequers on May | quire all our energy to defeat Smuts, 19th.

the main difference between the French the united front which has been successway the Government should provide rail- and British Governments on the question fully created for this purpose must be of reparations was as to whether the word "downed" and the instigators dealt with "sanction" or "guarantees" was to be as they will justly deserve. C.F.G.

> This interesting grammatical point, we may presume, will be settled between the I two statesmen during the informal visit.

It would not be surprising if the question of the Russian Czarist debts have as much or even more to do with the visit than the selection of a diplomatically correct word.

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"Divide et Impera."

There has been much talk lately of the definitely announced that such a body, styling itself the "Progressive Labour But this declaration of the Labour Party," was born. In a manifesto which Reef signed by A. E. Smith, the new Trade Unionists will be particularly in- party sets forth its aims and objects—in criticism of the "Pact" parties with The question was: If you become Prime special reference to their lack of a concreteness; it is just as platitudinous. The Colonel Creswell also let the cat out of | For once General Hertzog was clear and crux of the statement is the reference to

"What is behind this move?" every worker is justified in asking. The new "party" has opened an office, has a typist, telephone, etc., and, in addition, announces its intention of issuing a bi-To reward a creature who had signed weekly newspaper GRATIS - 20,000 lagainst financial loss." Mr. A. E. Smith For refusing to instruct this worse-than-lis apparently the organiser, and it is (a-scab, the driver was dismissed by the understood that MOST OF SUPPORT IS COMING FROM PRO-Three thousand three hundred tramway- MINENT MEMBERS OF THE S.A.

On the whole, the formation of this "party" coming as it does in the heat destroy working-class unity. It seems to be an attempt on the part of the Smuts party to initiate its "divide and rule" policy and throw confusion into the workers' ranks.

Now is not the time to discuss the need for a new and better Labour Party. We cannot change horses in the middle of the Mr. Macdonald is to receive M. Poin-| stream. The fight is on. We shall rewhich is the paramount working-class issue A few days ago it was announced that of the moment. Any attempt to disrupt

> What sort of ecripty is this that has, to the extent that cars has, inequality and injustice for its basis? Such a society is I fill only to be kicked out through the windows—its banquet tables, its orgies, its debaucheries, its scoundrelisms, together with all those who are seated leaning on the backs of others, whom they keep down on all fours. The hell of the poor is the paradise the rich love to solace themselves in.—Victor Hugw.

Relief Workers' Strike.

The fact that 700 men employed on what are euphemistically called "relief" on as a special constable during a strike copies to be circulated. It states that "a works near Capetown have ceased work and marchedain a body to interview the Mayor and Minister Reitz proves that their conditions have become intolerable.

The men have shown their wisdom in making their protest while the election is

everybody.

Rapidly the local politicians of all the Melbourne trams are hung up. shades arranged a round-table conference, This is LOYALTY, and the only loyalty of the fight, looks very much like an discussion:-

hour, which works out at 30s. per week if wake up.

full time is worked.

When it rains, as it has a habit of doing in the same of the same very often in the Cape Peninsula, work

and pay is stopped.

The men have to travel to their work and home again daily, and have to pay their own train fare, which swallows up 4s. 6d. a week, and this was one of their complaints.

They think that with a national fail-

way passes.

This was agreed to by the Minister for three days, with one day's leave in four used. teen, in order that they may seek other work, but he refused to consider any increase in the wages on the ground that men in the country might be attracted to the job.

That fear should be expressed that a wage of probably less than £1 per week would attract large numbers of white men from the country shade a lurid light on the appelling conditions obtaining in the

dorps of South Africa.

COMMUNIST PARTY, S.A.

ELECTION MANIFESTO.

It is hardly necessary to state that the Communist Party is heart and soul with the campaign to oust so flagrantly capitalist a gang as the Smuts Government, representing as it does all the mining, financial and commercial interests that have dominated South Africa since Union, to go no further back.

A Chastly Record.

The record of this combination is black enough to warrant its removal as the foremost consideration before the electors.

It has frankly governed the South African people, White,

Indian, Coloured and Native, with the sword.

Its career of bloody repression of the workers is WITHOUT PARALLEL IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE with the exception of India.

The years 1913-4 and 1922 signalise the progressive arrogance and brutality of the Chamber of Mines regime, the latter year in particular being stained with such crimes as the cold-blooded butchery of prisoners by the military and the hanging, after refusing them a jury, of four men whose crime was only that they dared to defend themselves against the armed forces sent against them.

Bulhoek, Village Deep, Port Elizabeth, the Bondelswarts, are names which recall bloody massacres of the native peoples.

As in 1914, the Government is confronted by the active resentment of the vast mass of the workers of South Africa as well as of many other elements which have hitherto supported it.

In 1914 the outbreak of the Great War saved Smuts from political extinction.

There is nothing likely to save him in 1924.

To Bury Caesar, not to Praise the Pact..

Hence for the time being, and in order not to split the opposition vote, the Communists are found supporting the "Pact."

But, of course, this does not mean support of the Nationalist or Labour programmes and outlook.

Take the case of the Labour Party—that is, its official element.

Its "patriotic," imperialistic tone; its support of the capitalist war; its yellow leadership, flourishing capitalist orders and military titles, clinging to membership of bourgeois clubs and lodges, and unconstitutionally coveting Cabinet office; its shameless attempt to discard whatever it once had of Socialist principles; its infatuation with the will o' the wispe of "democracy" under capitalism while on the other hand it disregards its own rank and file, and persists in ignoring the non-European workers even as electors, still more as potential fighters in the common labour cause; generally its middle-class tendency, illustrated in its recent election manifeeto, to FORGET THE WORKERS AS WORKERS ALTOGETHER—these are features which cannot possibly satisfy a party based on recognition of the irreconcilable antagonism of capitalist and working class and of the need for uncompromising struggle by the whole exploited mass against class rule and the ruling class of every land alike.

It was a very different party from the Labour Party that in Russia overthrew a capitalist government and, in the chief

industries, the capitalist basis of production itself.

Again, as regards the other party to the "Pact," nothing could be more reactionary than, for instance, the general Nationalist attained towards the non-European races of South Africa-UNLE38 IT BE THE LIKE ATTITUDE, ONLY MORE HYPCCRITICALLY CONCEALED, OF THE S.A.P.

"Segregation," to take one "plan" advocated, indeed, by S.A.P., Nationalists and Labour alike, is in the Communist view—looking at the African continent as a whole and recognizing its mative population as a huge reservoir of labour'. for world capitalist exploitation—so childish, so parochial, so "copy-book" a slogan as not even to deserve the name of a policy at all.

While the S.A.L.P. is avowedly imperialist, the National Party, as its name indicates, only differs in this, that it wants Mentally of the exploitation of the South African workers PARTIES ARE PLEDGED TO UPHOLD CAPITALISM AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKERS.

MILESTONES.

Nevertheless, Communists will support any other parties that oppose the existing social and political order of things, regarding them not as saviours but as stepping stones.

And in a country so politically backward as South Africa from the working-class point of view (though advanced from the capitalist point of view) the defeat of the S.A.P. Government will in itself mean quite an appreciable step in the march towards complete emancipation.

The Tragedy of it all.

Moreover, despite the gross defects of the opposition parties as political guides, the masses who will vote for them mean thereby to express a genuine spirit of PROFOUND UNREST AND BITTERNESS against a condition of society in which poverty and unemployment become worse and worse every day, their position and prospects seem doomed only to deteriorate, for themselves and their children they see nothing in store but blank starvation and despair.

Illusion and Dissillusion.

It is perhaps only human that, while so keenly alive to this terrible reality, they should at the same time cherish the illusion that a change of government can materially affect it.

Dutch workers, bywoners and small farmers believe that a Nationalist Government will be able to, and will, in fact,

legislate them into a fuller and freer life.

They still believe that their misery is due to the domination of foreign capitalism as the result of the conquest and destruction of the Boer Republics, forgetting that the poor white and bywoner problem was becoming acute even in the days of Paul Kruger.

The "British section" are equally convinced that the Labour Party with its mild reformist proposals can and will bring about conditions in industry that will free them from the haunting dread of unemployment, underpayment and a

poverty-stricken old age.

Of course, the Pact politicians do not attempt to dispel these illusions; quite the contrary. Instead of putting forward definite measures or adopting the concrete demands of the organised workers they fill us up with pious platitudes, equally current on S.A.P. platforms, about "making South Africa a home for contented and civilized men." CANT PHRASES WHICH ONLY RECALL THE WAR BE-CRUITING SWINDLE ABOUT "A LAND FIT FOR HEROES TO LIVE IN."

Experience Teaches.

Such illusion is not peculiar to South Africa. The German and British workers also fondly believed that a Social-Democrat or Labour bloc with a section of the capitalist class would be of advantage to them. But the events in Germany since Ebert became president, and in Britain under Ramsay Macdonald's government, are bertaning to undeceive the more intelligent workers. France will seon follow suit.

It appears that the same experience will be necessary in South Africa too to convince the masses of the vanity of their hopes and of the fact that WITHIN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM THERE IS NO SOLUTION of the economic problems which have become so acute in South Africa during the last twenty years,

Even an honestly Socialistic Labour Party in power could not materially alter the conditions of the work

Still less can we expect a composite party like the " Pact"

to effect any radical reforms.

THESE ILLUSIONS MUST BE SHIPD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, and this is an additional reason for the Communist Party to do all in its power to help the "Pact" to

It is convinced that only under the Communic begins can the unity, clarity and resoluteness be considered that break up the system.

Communist Party Manifesto----Contd.

But the bulk of the workers and disinherited country-folk are not yet ready to admit this claim, and it may be necessary for their situation TO BECOME EVEN WORSE before they eventually learn by bitter experience.

Keep them up to the Mark!

In this election, therefore, the Communist Party does not feel called upon to develop its own detailed programme, but will content itself with pointing out to "Pact" supporters how to get the best possible out of the parties to which they still give allegiance.

In particular the S.A.L.P. candidates should be strictly held to certain planks which, though figuring in Labour platforms in the past, now seem liable to be neglected in the

scramble for place. For instance:

Abolition of INDENTURED LABOUR, whether imported or otherwise and whether black or white.

Abolition of PASS AND PASSPORT LAWS and mineworkers' records of service.

Legalised maximum EIGHT HOUR DAY for all

wage-workers.

WORK OR MAINTENANCE "at civilised standards" for all workers; a national system of insurance for unemployed and disabled workers, to be a charge on the industry concerned; repudiation of Col. Creswell's recent condemnation of "doles."

Repeal of all laws making it a CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO STRIKE OR TO FAIL OR REFUSE TO WORK, whether collectively or individually, and whether in public or in private employ, including the recent Industrial Conciliation Act which extends to white workers some of the disabilities hitherto confined to blacks.

Unrestricted right of COMBINATION AND PUBLIC MEETING for all grades of workers, Govern-

ment servants included.

MAY DAY a public holiday.

Extension of EDUCATIONAL facilities to all sec-

tions of the population.

Progressive approximation—not as a form of persecution of Asiatics or any other non-Europeans, but as a means of bettering the position of ALL workers—to the principle of EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, and, in general, equal protection for all grades of labour.

Encouragement rather than discouragement of INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION (in co-operation where possible with existing unions) of those workers whose present unequal pay and unprotected, unorganised, degraded position is the most powerful "lever to pull

down" the general status of the working class to that of the "cheap labour compound" (a phrase, by the way, which describes not the possible future but the actual present situation of the bulk of South African labour).

Prohibition of the use of the MILITARY FORCES

IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Rigid enforcement and tightening up of the MINING REGULATIONS where the safety and health of the workers are endangered—as they have been increasingly. since the 1922 strike.

Mine, factory and workshop inspection under TRADE UNION CONTROL.

Extension of the Workmen's Compensation Act to embrace ALL CLASSES of workers and all occupational diseases.

Old age pensions, and prohibition of child labour; no person under 16 to be employed, particularly in mining and other dangerous occupations. These measures together will automatically remove thousands from the labour market who should not be in it, and thus improve the position of those in the prime of life.

The Whole Hog.

Even these and other mild though essential ameliorations which could be detailed will for the most part not be attainable under a capitalist regime. But in the struggle to achieve them the position will be clarified and the truth will emerge that only by a complete change from capitalism to the Cooperative Commonwealth of workers can most of them be achieved.

EITHER THE RULE OF THE CAPITALISTS WILL CONTINUE AND THE WORKERS SINK DEEPER INTO SLAVERY AND DESPAIR, OR WE MUST ADMINISTER A KNOCK-OUT BLOW TO THE CAPI-TALIST REGIME AND SECURE "ALL POWER TO THE WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA."

"Down with Smuts," therefore, but also "Down, once for all, with the POLITICAL TYRANNY OF THE CHAMBER OF MINES AND ALL THE CAPITALIST AND IMPERIALIST FORCES THAT SMUTS REPRE-SENTS."

"Vote Pact," not for the sake of the "Pact" but for the sake of the working class, as a step towards WORKERS' CONTROL OF THE WHOLE MEANS OF PRODUCTION and SELF-DETERMINATION IN A WORKERS' REPUBLIC!

The C.E. of the Communist Party, S.A.

BOOK REVIEW.

post free.

of Lenin and his work. That can be made i hand information the many grotesque tory. only in the perspective of history." Lenin | stories which to some extent are still cur- | This book should be read by every Comwas still making history at that time.

After the introduction, the book consists of five parts—a biographical sketch of Lenin by Albert Rys Williams, the impressions of Lenin which the same writer | leader of the working class not merely of | through knowing something of the man, gained during ten months of comparatively | Russia but of the whole world; a man of | shed their silly prejudices as did the three close personal contact with him, Raymond | giant intellect and iron courage who pur- authors when they came to know him. Robins' impressions as told to William Hard, impressions by Arthur Ransome, and finally, conservative and outspokenly | interest" (London "Times"); in whose adverse openions.

The biography of Lenin has still to be written. The sketch given in this book is | the people" (Frank Vanderlip). sadly brief and is only a broad outline. In this book the three men, all of them | I hate nothing except hatred.—Anatole The smaller incidents and details which with preconceived prejudices against Lenin's France.

THE MAN AND HIS | help to throw into bold relief the character WORK," by Albert Rys Williams, and | and life work of a great man, and of and Arthur Ransome (obtainable from | in Lenin's life, were probably not availsued his life's aim with grim, relentless determination and complete lack of all selfmind "every motive was fine, every act Oh! War, thou son of hell.—Shakemoved by patriotic love and sympathy for speare.

and the Russian Revolution, and of bourgeois extract, MET LENIN, HEARD HIM SPEAK, OR TALKED WITH HIM PERSONALLY WEEK AFTER. WEEK THROUGH THE CRITICAL MONTHS OF THE REVOLUTION. the impressions of Col. Raymond Robins | which there must have been a multitude | They saw him in action; they saw him as he lived; they saw how deservedly poputhe Communist Party Literature Dept., | able to the authors. But, nevertheless, | lar he was with the mass of the Russian Box 4179, Johannesburg). Price, 6/10, the book is valuable. It is at once both workers who had learnt to acquire an iminstructive and interesting. It removes | plicit faith in his unerring judgment and This book was published long before | the veil of mystery in which, in the minds | love for their cause. The three men came Lenin's death—in 1919. Hence, as one of of many people, the great leader of the away with their prejudices shed and with the authors says, "It is unfinished. It Russian Revolution is still shrouded. It a keen admiration for this greatest of makes no pretence of being a full survey | dispels with indisputable facts and first- | figures that has graced proletarian his-

> rent and in which Lenin is pictured as an I munist—and every anti-Communist. The almost unnatural, unsympathetic, repul- latter, through this book, will come to sive monster, always athirst for blood. It KNOW something of Lenin—the book reveals him as he really was—a genuine carries conviction, and perchance they will,

> > C.F.G...

The Victory Ball.

The cymbals crash, And the dancers walk, With long silk stockings And arms of chalk, Butterfly skirts, And white breasts bare, And shadows of dead men Watching 'em there.

Shadows of dead men Stand by the wall. Watching the fun Of the Victory Ball. They do not reproach, Because they know; If they're forgotten, It's better so.

"What do you think We should find," said a shade. "When the last shot echoed And peace was made?" Christ, 'laughed the fleshless Jaws of his friend; 'I thought they'd be praying For worlds to mend;

"Making earth better, Or something silly. Like whitewashing hell Or Picca-dam-dilly. They've a sense of humour, These women of ours, These exquisite lilies, These fresh young flowers!"

"Pish!" said a statesman Standing there, ""I'm glad they can busy Their thoughts elsewhere! We must'nt reproach 'en They're young, you see." "Ah '' said the dead men. "So were we!"

Victory! Victory! On with the dance! Back to the jungle The new beasts prance! God! how the dead men Grin by the wall, Watching the fun. Of the Victory Ball!

ALFRED NOYES.

Sabotaging Russia.

Since the Russian Soviet delegation has been in London there appears to have been a distinct slowing down in the negotiations for establishing normal relationship between the workers' republic and other countries.

The rift with Germany leading to the breaking off of diplomatic relations, and the failure of negotiations with Holland, point to British anti-Soviet influences.

.The breakdown of the attempt to come to an arrangement with Roumania over the Bessarabian question, the sudden refusal by China to sign the Russo-Chinese Mid the greatest accumulations of treaty, the sinister military activity of

strengthen the hands of the advocates of wealth, shows the force of the fear of likely subscribers. the claims of British and other capitalists want. . . So long as all the increased against Soviet Russia, and with a dealth which modern progress brings goes "Labour" Government in power, throw but to build up great fortunes, to increase | Printed by the I.S.L. Press, 54. Fox St., a very sinister light on the attitude of luxury, to make sharper the contrast be-Macdonald's administration and casts tween the House of Have and the House doubt on the sincerity of his election pro- of Want, progress is not real and cannot | mises to "recognise" Soviet Russia. | be permanent.—Henry George.

Labour Imperialism.

The British Labour Government proposes to increase from £100,000 £600,000 the guarantees which may be given to the Wembley Empire Exhibition.

This capitalist scheme seems to be hang- Blue Ticket. ing fire somewhat in spite of the terrific booming which it has received in the capitalist Press, but a Labour Government which cannot find money for old age pensions and other working-class measures finds no difficulty in finding half a million to relieve the embarrassment of the Exhibition financiers.

Can do No Wrong?

Prince George, whilst driving in a motor-car, exceeded the speed limit and

was stopped by a policeman.

On inspecting the licence the man in blue discovered he had to deal with royalty, and instantly stood to attention and galuted, allowing the august personage to proceed.

Laws are not made for princes, it seems.

Churchill and Socialism.

standing his frequent and severe defeats at | bereavement. the hands of the electors.

He knows as well as the Communists that the present phase in the alignment of political forces is not permanent.

The reign of the Social Democrat and Labour parties by means of capitalist sup-

port will be short-lived.

tolerate this state of affairs for long, and The SELBORNE HALL, JOHANpense of the centre.

growing left wing Labour battalions.

chester Liberalism is doomed to founder, didate, Springs, in the chair at 8 p.m. the Liberals and Conservatives will unite. and then the forces of capitalism will confront militant Labour, and the war will be to the knife.

To work at the bidding and for the profit of another, without any interest in the work—the price of labour being by the throat since 1914. adjusted by hostile competition, one side | Even in faraway Japan the "opposias little as possible—is not, even when House and will form the government. wages are high, a satisfactory state of It is too much to hope, however, that naturally inferior to those whom they militaristic gang is significant. serve.—John Stuart Mill.

wealth, men die of starvation and puny subscriptions have expired Poland, point to French intrigue. | infants suckle dry breasts, while every- from date of expiry; (b) to All these happenings are calculated to where the greed of gain, the worship of persons

COMMUNIST PARTY NOTES.

LUCKY DIP.

The winning number in the 'Lucky Dip" held at the May Day Social is 333

MAY DAY TICKETS.

Holders of May Day Social tickets are urged to return unsold tickets and money received at once to the Secretary, Room No. 4, Trades Hall.

THANKS.

Day Entertainment Committee has pointed out that in the list of artists which was published in the "International" of May 2nd the names of. Messrs. Hudson and Longmore, who gave a very much appreciated banjo duet, were omitted. We regree the omission and hasten to make amends.

DEATH.

Comrade F. C. Hahne passed away at Capetown on May 8th and was cremated at Maitland.

The older members of the party will remember him as one of the pioneers of the Labour and Socialist movement in Winston Churchill is not the extinct South Africa, and offer their sincere symforce that some believe him to be notwith- pathy to his widow and children in their

Release of Strike Prisoners.

The GRAND SOCIAL AND DANCE which has been arranged by the Strike Prisoners' Release Committee for Monday, 19th inst., bids fair to be a great success.

are even now gathering their forces for NESBURG, will be the scene of a great the real fight, as can be seen by the result Labour rally, and hosts of strikers who of the German Reichstag elections, in know what prison means will be there to which both the extreme Right and extreme | shake hands with the nine proletarian Left have gained considerably at the ex- fighters, COMRADES I. BRUSSOUW. A. W. LATEGAN, R. P. ERASMUS, Churchill's role as he sees it is to lead H. SHAW, J. GARNSWORTHY, L. M. the extreme reactionary forces against the SAUNDERS, J. S. POTGIETER, I. J. VILJOEN and P. J. VAN He will have to wait a bit, but the mock | MERWE. Tickets, 2/-, at No. 4, 5 and alliance between McDonaldism and Man- 8, Trades Hall. Jack Allen, Labour can-

dapanese Elections.

The political tide all over the world seems to be setting against the extreme reactionaries who have had the nations

demanding as much and the other paying | tion " has secured a majority in the Lower

human beings of educated intelligence, the new government will be in any sense. who have ceased to think themselves revolutionary, but the defeat of the old

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