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Nobbling the Unions.

We are informed that at the request of Colonel Creswell a meeting of trade union officials was called together on Saturday, 12th, by Mr. Strickland, the secretary of the mining companies, but somehow the S.A. Association of Municipal Em- has always worked the other way. ployees.

Colonel Creswell, it is stated, instructed Mr. Strickland that cortain trade union officials whose politics he disapproced of should not be invited. Among them were the secretaries of the B.W.I.U., the Wit Tailors' Association, and one or two cthers.

It would be interesting to know what was discussed at this secret conclave referees at football matches, have become Board allowed the departmental engineers which made it undesirable that Com- a commonplace, and now comes the pracmunists should be present. It looks as tical break-up of the Olympic Games and if Creswell, having become the dictator of charges of partiality of referees and the S.A.L.P., hopes to assume the same | judges, followed by brawls and duels by | position over the trade unions.

We do not think he will succeed, but l the rank and file might do worse than in present-day society. Revolution is demand from their officials an account of what transpired at the meeting question.

Statesmanship.

Farmers' wives and daughters clad in rage or sacks. Natives eating gum off the trees and carrion from the veld. Starvation over whole regions on the Ford thinks he can get a week's work unemployed and desperate in the towns. I gorging and guzzling.

Finance. Bloody

The Stock Exchange has acquired an I day hitherto worked on Saturday. influence so great that it is able to call The new regulation affects 23,000 released by the Hertzog Government, armed nations into the field to fight in lemployees. interests. Blood flows in order that Of course the dubs will submit, as sympathy with his action in 1913 when he the demands of High Finance may be Henry is SUCH a good employer, don't went over to the Germans in South-West liquidated.—Von Moltke.

Denmark and Russia.

The Soviet Russian official organs au-Soviet Government of Russia.

Mr. Gemmill's Solution.

As a counter blast to the agitation for work for white workers Mr. Gemmill, the general manager of the Chamber of Mines, complains that there is a shortage of 10,000 native workers, which if made good he claims would enable 1,400 additional white mine workers to be employed.

This is, of course, the old solution of

Sports.

The natural delight of youth in healthy exercise and contests for anastery athletic exercices has long become luted by the foul money-making of capitalist society.

Savage fights on racecourses, mobbing "competitors and their financial backers.

This is but another sign of decadence needed in sport as well as in all other institutions which have become polluted by càpitalism.

Foxey Ford.

Henry Ford has notified his office and executive employees that they will not get their two weeks vacation this vent.

banks of the Orange River. Thousands out of them in five days, but to let them down lightly he has notified them that The Government has a remedy, however. I for the first twelve weeks of the new It has invited the Prince of Wales to system they will be paid full wages. As South Africa was released on Monday help to waste a few thousand pounds in they were entitled to 12 days' holiday pay it will be seen that the benevclent | Mannie Maritz was arrested at Komati-Henry gives away nothing.

> can be done in the five days, then a whole | and sentenced to three years' imprisonday's pay will be deducted for the half ment without hard labour.

you know.

The Pawnbrokers.

The United States holds four thousand nounce that Denmark has recognised the million dollars of gold, or £822,000,000, says the 'Financial Times.'

Labour Neutrality.

"A Government seeking to represent the general will cannot take sides in induetrial warfare. Capitalist governments do so, and are condemned because they do so. True they always take one side, but that is no justification for a Socialist Government in imitating them by taking the other."—"Socialist Review."

What, then, is the use of a Labour Government to the workers?

Contract w. Departmental Work.

The Durban grain elevator scandal indicates among other things that contract work is not, as many would have us believe, cheaper than departmental.

Had Sir William Hoy and the Railway to carry out the plans that they drew up, enormous delay would have been avoided and nearly a quarter of a million pounds saved.

Hereeniging.

Smuts was allowed by the Nationalists to take his seat for Standerton unopposed.

General Hertzog, at Bloemfontein, hoped that before long the leader of the Opposition (General Snuts) would receive a Government salary.

The more they differ the more they are the same.

Release of Maritz.

The last of the political prisoners in morning.

poort on December 26th, on a charge of But if it is found that the week's work | high treason, and was tried at Capetown

It was never doubted that he would be many of the members of which were in Africa.

Fascism Defended.

The Editor, "The International."

Dear Sir,--I would appear from the line taken in the article on Fascism in your issue of June 27th, that a correct! idea of the cause of Museolini's action can be got only from a study of what happened to the Communist Revolutions! which preceded Italy's move along the Red path.

ignorant of what happened to the Com- the term Italy is meant the ruling classes. munist Revolutionaries of Russia, Fin- The tactics of Mussolini and his blackland, Hungary, and of one or two others shirts has been on all fours with the lini as Italian dictator.

In each case—except the Russian—the Revolution was---for the moment—drowned in blood.

Italian move towards Communism differ talist Press has exercised its utmost skill from the Russian, the Finnish, the Hun- in representing Mussclini as the saviour by Professor Guglielmo Salvadori in the

Further, what greater prospect of success had it than the others in face of the certain intervention of England and I France, that is, of the Powers which were mainly responsible for the destruction of the preceding attempts--again excepting ! Russia?

"None."

It was impossible for Curzon, Poincare, and other leaders of Reaction, to allow Proletariat. The workmen are a vital part the Italian attempt to succeed, smarting of the nation. . . it is a Government as they were under the defeat of their that wishes to act in the interests of the imbecile Russian policy. Quite impossible. Italy would have been destroyed, indeed it is not too far fetched to believe that, but for Mussolini, there would, today, be no Italy. Weakened as she was by the War and internecine troubles, what fight could she have made against even such immoral action as French and English intervention would have been? Was it not Lenin himself who said that only in Russia had a Communist Revolution a chance of winning through success?

been enough for the Italians. We know it of power was directed almost entirely was not—except in the case of Mussolini. | against the workers Nor did their policy Unquestionably, the situation at the time | change when they had attained political called for resolute—if heart-breaking—| control of Italy and Mussolini was Prime action. It was handled resolutely and in | Minister. Then the value of his pious a fashion that appears to have com- phrases about class collaboration and the pletely misled the Press stalwarts of brotherhood of Italians in pursuance of bility that the real organizers of these they sang. To-day their tune is changed. | nauseating cant that it was. In accord-Why? Because the Governments of ance with the usual practice of bourgeois France and England, being no longer rulers, the Fascists carried on their class quite what they were, Mussolini may al- legislation behind a screen of fine phrases. ready have taken advantage of the change | Nor have the acts of violence which | in a way that frightens his erstwhile characterised the Fascist rise to power admirers and supporters.

Certainly it was no mere killing of a l Socialist (middle class or other) that caused the English section of Capitalism to charge its tune. I don't know what

is venting its spleen. This should be [(Continued at foot of next column.)

enough to cause Communists to weigh up the position anew.

I may say that I am not an Italian nor am I a Fascist.—Yours faithfully,

Maritime Buildings, Point Road, Durbau.

We regret that we cannot agree with where.

Magazine":--

"Many impudent arguments have been Labour problems." Now, in what essential respect did the used in support of Fascism, and the capicannot and does not wish to be anti- on 5th May, 1924 working classes, interests which will always he recognised when they are just," that is, of course, when they do not seriously threaten those of the capitalists.

"As against these fanciful theories, we! may set the concrete facts. The violent smashing of the Labour Movement in 1919 and 1920 by armed bands of blackshirts is not disputed. The beatings, burnings and the murders carried out ragainst the political and economic organisationss of the workers are openly admitted.

"The murderous policy of the Fascists! This saying in itself ought to have during the period preceding their seizure

now been checked. Mussolini himself issues half-hearted protests against violence from time to time, but it continues! to be used as the means of securing political compliance, and the adherence of the the French are saying about this matter. | workers to the reached a climax at the recent | Socialists which defeated the workers. Quite evidently Capitalism wants now elections (April, 1924). Protests against "Fascism," says Clara Zilkin, "is not to get rid of him, exactly as it would like the brutal attacks made by Fascists on the revenge of the bourgeoisie in retalia-

Education.

Would an education have spoiled Lin-Arthur Brisbane thinks that it coln? This American editorial writer, whose worde are set before the eyes of millions every morning, is of the opinion that Lincoln could not have gone through an American college without having lost that intensity of purpose and moral vigour which made him what he was. our correspondent in his appreciation of "Four years in college," writes Brisbane, The majority of Communists are not Mussolini as the saviour of Italy unless by "might have found him saying, Well. there are two sides to slavery. Someone uset produce the cotton for England's countries, anterior to the advent of Musso- bloodthirsty bourgeois reaction in Hun- mills and for the upkeep of a cultured gary, Roumania, Germany, and else-class in the south, and, after all, you'll notice that Good did make those negroes of To quote "L.W." in the "The Plebs a different colour.' That's how your young coilege graduate talks of to-day's

To this question the only of Italian civilisation and the embodiment 'new Statesman.' The former was deanswer possible to Capitalism was: "In of almost all the political virtues. It is ported from Italy and the latter beaten by not surprising, therefore, that the claim armed Fascist hooligans in Florence, has even been advanced that the Fascists | while the police looked on. A terrible are not an anti-Labour force. Mussolini revenge has been taken by the Fascists on himself constantly poses as the friend of the workers who dared to vote heavily the working classes, as the apostle of against the in the elections. In the proordered freedom and proletariair well- vince of Wilan alone, 57 workers' buildbeing. Thus, speaking at Milan on 6th ings were burnt or sacked within two December, 1922, he made great play with days. The 'Times,' a paper by no means the fact that he was of working-class hostile to the forcible maintenance of The answer to this question must be origin (his father was a blacksmith). 'The capitalist order, was forced by the weight Government,' he went on, "... is not, of the facts to write in its leading article

"Numbers of disgraceful outrages were perpetrated by local Fascisti during the electoral period. Only a small part are reported, but the protest of the Vatican shows that many Roman Catholic associations of a charitable kind had their buildings wrecked under the eyes of the police. From Milan, where the Upposition parties are strong, there came reports of similar crimes in the city and for many miles around. The repeated destruction of copies of the great Milanese Liberal newspaper, the Corriere della Sera,' notwithstanding the extreme mildness of its comments upon domestic politics, is a startling exposure of the pretence that opinion and the Press are free. They are nothing of the kind. Attempts, however moderate, to assert them are avenged by the local Fascisti, and hitherto-or, at least, until the other day -- no real effort was made to repress or punish the offenders, or to protect their crimes are well known to the authorities. The impunity they enjoy is a worse stain upon the Government and a far more ominous symptom of the situation than the impunity of the tools who do their bidding."

Our correspondent believes that the workers of Italy could not have succeeded in 1919, but his opinion is not shared by leading Continental thinkers, who consider that, as in Germany and elsewhere,

to get rid of the Communist leaders every- their political apponents (mostly Social- tion for proletarian aggression, but it is a where. At the moment he is one of the lists) were made by (inter alia) the Rome punishment of the proletariat for failing public men on whom the Capitalist Press | correspondent of the 'Daily Hereld' and to carry on the revolution begun in Russia:

"Inalienable Rights."

Disillusioned Puritan.

post free.

1921, is a bourgeois liberal of the quite! ordinary type—with perhaps the added characteristic, rarely found nowadays, of the middle ages.

or the right of the people peacably to loccasion arise. capitalist system in America.

which necessarily involved an insight into cal conclusion of which is, that to ensure Jabotinsky's "Jendarmery." who in law, and its connection with the maintenance of the "glorious American constitution," was predestined to result in a rather bitter disillusionment. Things he would never have believed possible happened with consistent regularity right man with the orthodox capitalist psychounder his very nose—things in total opposition to his preconceived notion of the formative and interesting. Its account sacredness of a constitution—and Mr. of what led up to the deportation of the Post's bourgeois soul was much troubled 249 aliens from America to Soviet Russia John Stuart Mill says in his "Principles He found that although "all men are in December, 1919, of the processes of of Political Economy":- "It is questionereated equal" there was a glaring in- law that were gone through to secure the able if all the mechanical inventions yet equality, that the inalienable right of deportations, the description of the voyage | made have lightened the day's toil of any every human being, "life, liberty and the of the "Buford," or "Soviet Ark," as it human being." (Mill should have said pursuit of happiness," was denied to mil- was commonly called, which carried the ["of any human being not fed by other lions, that any suggestion on their part to | deportees (among whom were Emma Gold- | people's labour," for without doubt abolish the system ("form of govern- mann and Alexander Berkman), accounts machinery has greatly increased the numment") which had become "destructive of f of police raids on working-class clubs and ber of well-to-do idlers.) Lightening toil these ends" was met with severe and meeting places, etc., accompanied by un- is, however, by no means the aim of the often inhuman punishment. He found warranted violence and wanton destruc capitalist application of machinery. Like that the guarantee of freedom of speech, | tion, details of framed-up bom! plots, | every other increase in the productiveness press and assembly, and of security in help to give a deeper and more detailed of labour, machinery is intended to their persons, houses, papers and effects insight into the spurious liberty which cheapen commodities and, by shortening against unreasonable searches and seizures | the workers of the "freest country in the | that portion of the working day in which was in every respect being violated with world" enjoy, and make the book well the labourer works for himself, to impunity. He found that persons were worth its price. deprived of life, liberty and property without due process of law, and that in cases of alleged offences excessive bail was To know what you prefer instead of the rule rather than the exception. All humbly saying "Amen" to what the these violations of the American constitu- newspapers tell you you ought to prefer tion were against members of the working- is to have kept your soul alive.—Robert | than there can be in a bourgeois society." class and their organisations.

"THE DEPORTATIONS DELIRIUM! I said Mr. Post's bourgeois soul was OF NINETEEN-TWENTY," by Lewis | troubled-which explains the origin of F. Post. (Charles H. Kerr & Co., this book. But not out of sympathy for Chicago.) Obtainable from the C.P. I the victims of the acts and procedures he Literature Dept., 4 Trades Hall (PO. I describes, the workers-oh dear no! The Box 4179), Johannesburg. Price 8/-, same reasons which prompted Col Cris Jerusalem, May 19th, 1924. well, in November, 1922, to secure 'the | "Unemployment and hunger amongst hearing of the petition got up by the the Jewish Chalutzim* who immigrated Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of United Front movement for an amnesty into Palestine reached their highest point. for the Rand strike prisoners, prompted The Zionist organisation constantly re-Mr. Post to write his book. The consti- sused them employment in conditions that tutional soul of Col. Creswell was stirred | should give the workmen a minimum to its muddy depths by the refusal of the existence. And at the same time the that Puritan honesty known chiefly to authorities to allow the petition to be Zionist organisation was pushing on its presented to the Governor-General of the irresponsible agitation for new immi-Being of Puritan tendencies, Mr. Post | Union—a gross violation of both the letter | grants. At last the patience of the unnaturally possessed many illusions about and the spirit of the "glorious British employed was exhausted. A part of them the system he was helping to administer - | Constitution" which postulates the right | assembled and demanded work directly the chief of which was that (capitalist) of all British subjects to at any time from the Zionist organisation but inlaws and constitutions are invictable, that | petition the King or his representative in | stead of giving the workmen work or reall persons are equal before it, that all any country. Similarly, the depths of lief, the Zionist organisation demanded must equally respect it. That wordy | Mr. Post's soul (not quite so muddy as | they should disperse. And as the hungry edifice of liberty and equality, the Ameri- | Creswell's) were disturbed by the flagrant | naturally refused to do so, the Zionist can constitution (Declaration of Independ- | violation of the American Constitution. | organisation called the police, who ence) which declares that "All men are Neither Mr. Post nor Col. Creswell have brutally attacked and dispersed the unemdereated equal"; they are endowed by their any sympathy with the working-class. | ployed. Creator with certain inalienable rights"; | Had the acts described by the former been 'among these are life, liberty and the strictly constitutional and in due conpursuit of happiness"; that "Whenever formity with law, the book under review any form of Government becomes de- would in all probability never have been structive of these ends it is the right of the | written. Col. Creswell never professed people to alter or abolish it"; that "Con-lany sympathy with the Rand strikers, gress shall make no law . . . abridging | and has on several occasions openly stated the freedom of speech, or of the Press; | that he would gaol them himself should |

assemble... The right of the people to 1 Mr. Post has still to learn that the acts 1 be secure in their persons, houses, papers | against which he rebels are the inevitable and effects against unreasonable searches outcome of capitalist society. He has to and seizures, shall not be violated. No learn that the most perfect structure of person shall be . . . deprived of life, lib- freedom and equality ever embodied in a erty or property without due process of Constitution cannot possibly become praclaw. . . Excessive bail shall not be re- ticable in a society consisting of ninequired -- was profoundly believed in by tenths slaves and one-tenth masters-that Mr. Post. He thought it could be, and the masters, possessing almost unlimited disperse hungry unemployed with police!" was, carried out to the letter under the power through their ownership of the means of life, will violate any Constitu- | *The Chalutzim are the remnants of tion when it offers hindrance to their Denikin's, Koltchak's, Wrangel's, Pet-Hence Mr. Post's official position, function as masters of society. The logi- lura's, and other shandits, also of the actual administration of capitalist the American Constitution being some- 1921, armed, were allowed to land in thing more than the shadow of a reality, Palestine, to fight the movement of the the capitalist system, a presupposition of Arabs against British imperialism. No inequality and slavery, will have to be other elements were permitted to enter abolished.

Despite its having been written by a logy, Mr. Post's book is nevertheless in-

C.F.G.

I Stevenson.

Zionists and Unemployed.

The Class War in Jerusalem.

A correspondent sends us the following translation from the Moscow newspaper Emoth' of June 21st, asking that it be recorded in the "International":---

"Sticks instead of bread—this is the way the Zionist organisation treats the victims they saved for a slow starvation death in the Land of Israel.

"The action of the unemployed is not ended yet. The hungry, desperate unemployed will stop at nothing until their just demands are satissied. But their struggle domands, just as the struggle of the class conscious Palestinian workmen in general, the support of the Jewish proletarians in all lands. Make an end to the Zionist swindle in your countries! Fight without pity the Zionism and Poalei-Zionism in all possible form! No sympathy, not a farthing to them, who

that country.

Marx on Mill.

lengthen the other nortion that he gives, without an equivalent, to the capitalist. In short, it is a means for producing surplus value... In a Communistic society there would be a very different scope for the employment of machinery ---Karl Marx.

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White Anting.

BOLSHEVIK ATTACK ON BRITAIN.

ENEMIES OF THE HUMAN RACE.

The "Star," on the authority of that insects. dent," got busy last Tuesday and made twenty years ago when the I.L.P | age any genuine effort to organise the its middle-class readers' flesh creep with adopted the policy of permeation of the unemployed for the purpose of keeping stories of Bold, Bad Bolshies and their workers' organisations, and with such them prominently before those in determination to stir up disaffection conspicuous success that to day most of the authority. among the coloured races. The story is older trade union leaders in Britain are | Unfortunately, this very vital matter built up on the alleged split in the New | members of that organisation. South Wales Labour Party over the corruption in the pre-election selection part of this paper.

to say, not true.

The cleavage in the Party is between workers. the purely political wing dominated by The "Star" sums up its diatribe by unions on the other.

This divergence came to a head when it was discovered that the ballot boxes used in the ballots for the selection of the 1920 votes and subsequent inquiries made by excellent company. a committee appointed for that purpose revealed the fact that corruption was general and that thousands of 'crook' voting slips were being used all over the country.

Conference, permission was refused, and wisdom and altruism as the "Star." this led the Labour Council of New South Wales to convene a meeting of delegates from all unions in that State to discuss! the relationship between the trade unions and the Labour Party. It is this meeting which has scared the correspondent of the "Star," because of its representative character and its determination that the industrial wing of the Labour movement shall not continue to be dominated by political bosses and careerists.

It is certainly true that the Trade Union Conference disclosed a distinctly left wing outlook and incidentally it was l decided without debate "to ask the Australian Labour Party Conference to reconsider the question of admitting all genuine schools of Labour thought with the right of propaganda and organisation | "Mail" to be but temporary? whilst at the same time requiring a loval acceptance of the decisions of representative Conferences."

This of course refers mainly Communist Party.

clude delegates from the trade unions larger than official figures indicate.)

whose views did not meet with the approval of the leaders was condemned, and litouch even the fringe of the problem. it was decided that "all delegates elected relationship to the A.L.P."

These and other decisions reveal a healthy spirit of revolt on the part of the | a permanent feature in society. This is trade unionists against the dictatorial methods of the M.L.A.'s and others who have risen to prominence on the backs of the workers, and is no doubt due to the number of our fellow-workers in the hell persistent propaganda by Socialists and of penniless idleness the material is Communists during the past ten years.

This is of course distasteful to the capitalist Press, and the policy of education Unions and the employed workers should and permeation of the minds and ranks of the workers is referred to as "white tunate brothers are a continual menace anting," no doubt in reference to the destructive habits of these interesting often is, of those in work.

Fearing the increased effectiveness and the attention its importance demands." militancy which the unions acquire if Capetown is ahead of the Rand in this ballots, which we deal with in another leavened with even a minority of Communists, the "Star" cunningly seeks to The statement that the Communists prejudice the workers against the Com- | Union exists, with headquarters at No. 6, now represent one-half of the Labour munists, and dishonestly insinuates that a Church Square. Party in New South Walce is, we regret | sinister plot has been hatched in Moscow | to sow disaffection among the native done in Johannesburg, and active com-

the M.L.A.'s and aspirants for office, on describing Communists as the enemies of urged to get on with the work. the one hand, and the affiliated trade the human race, which of course means enemies of the people who finance and dictate the policy of that and all similar journals. We admit the soft impeachment, and make no apology for it.

Parliamentary ocandidates in New South | To be called the enemy of the human | Wales had been specially constructed so as | race has been the lot of the noblest and | to allow them to be stuffed with bogus | best of the earth, and we are therefore in |

satire, gave this title to one of his plays, to the most effective method of breaking "The Enemy of the People," the hero of which, a man of noble character and purpose, was hounded down by the philistine When the committee wished to present respectabilities who imbibe their ideas of its report to the Australian Labour Party | right and wrong from such founts of

-----Solving Unemployment.

The 'Rand Daily Mail' came out on] Monday with the following: 200 JOBS IN 4 DAYS. WORK CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS, and proceeded to claim that report is adopted and sets millions of these figures are the direct result of its highly skilled German workers at coolie efforts.

Of course this is the merest hollow pre- criminally cheap commodities. tence.

there is no means of verification many of the jobs would in any case have been! The transformation of scattered private filled; men are always being sacked and property arising from individual labour others set on.

6,000 out of work on the Rand.

(The petition of 15,000 out of works expropriation of the mass of the people handed to Mr. Boydell at Park Station is by a few usurpers: in the latter, we have Again the attempt of the A.L.P. to ex- | an indication that the number is much | the expropriation of a few usurpers by

All the fuss of the last week fails to

To keep a continuous pressure on the by the unions must be recognised as their authorities there is something needed of a representatives, and any refusal to ac more permanent character than an occaknowledge such delegates would result in sional newspaper stunt, marred as that all union delegates withdrawing from the was by an attempt to exploit the workers' Conference and reconsidering their whole | misery in the interests of Imperialism and militarism.

The unemployed must be organised as the only way. It is undoubtedly a difficult task, as the personnel is incessantly changing, but as there is always a large always present for the purposes of organisation.

There is every reason why the trade support the movement, as their unforto the standard of living, inadquate as it

In sheer self-defence then the workers' mysterious person, "Our Own Correspon- The same cry was raised in Britain organisations should support and encour-

has not hitherto been given on the Rand.

respect, and a firmly established Unemployed Relief and General Workers'

Something of the kind will have to be rades looking for an outlet for their energy and enthusiasm are invited and

Financial Dictatorship.

Premier MacDonald and his French and Bolgian friends are busy at the little game of endaving the German workers as a prelimit ry to bringing British and other workers to heel.

One of the questions exercising the thieves' kitchen called the Allied Con-Over thirty years ago Ibsen, with biting | ference, which now sits in London, is as any strike of workers in the Rhur raidway.

Belgium and France propose to have constantly on hand 4,000 strike breakers, and the British 'Labour' Government prefer to rely on soldiers who are technically trained for this noble work.

Truly the Labour leaders in Britain are rapidly sinking into the abyss, and the British, French, and other workers whostill have confidence in moderate Socialism and Labour are in for a rude awakening when the plan contained in the Dawes wages to flood the world market with

Even if the figures are correct, and Capitalist or Working Class Violence.

into capitalist private property is natur-But what if two hundred did get jobs, I ally a process incomparably more promany of which are admitted by the tracted, violent and difficult than the What I transformation of capitalistic private propermanent effect has this on the problem? perty, already practically resting on It is admitted that there are at least socialised production, into socialised property. In the former case we had the the mass of the people.—Marx.

A Putrid System.

Capitalism Corrupts all it Touches.

The revelations taking place in the secured the contract for the elevator macourse of the preparatory examination of chinery, and, say the Commissioners, "it the amusement business—musicians, bio-Captain C. N. de Villiers, who is charged undoubtedly affected Mr. Philip's deal-scope and theatre performers, etc. The with stealing a wagon and other Govern- ings with the tenders and influenced his new business is at once nobbled by the ment property and sending it to his recommendations." superior officer, Colonel Mentz, Minis The Commission is frankly outspoken like many recent inventions, the motor ter of Defence, are interesting reading, in condemnation of the appointment of and will probably effectually shut the Philip, and states that responsibility rests car, the telephone, the aeroplane, the mouths of those who were a few weeks in the first degree on the members of the class least benefited by it is the working ago so virtuously indignant over the Railway Board, Sir Thomas Watt, Hon. | class, which cannot afford a wireless Syferfontein scandal in the Johannesburg J. Rissik, and Hon. T. Orr, and in the plant. And, though professing to be non-Town Council,

of Inquiry presents its report on the latter | with the Board in favour of the appointproposal that several Municipal Council- ment. lors will find it convenient to retire into obscurity.

worse name, has however been exposed in fact that what Hoy says, goes. The the report of the Commission which was | members of the Board are merely political appointed to enquire into the Durban nominees having no technical knowledge grain elevator fiasco.

of Railways, an autocrat of the auto- of job given to faithful but dull political crats, has at last overstepped the mark, hacks for services rendered to the Party for the report of the Commissioners in power. Sir William Hoy is, and has for instance, and that on the side of the clearly indicate him as the person respon- always been, the dominating personality sible for the frightful muddle in making in its decisions, and the present occasion, foundations for the great elevator which as the evidence of the members of the be such as to dissipate the Karney and has resulted in the complete waste of a Board goes to show, was no exception. quarter of a million (£212,740 to be The railway workers have no cause to exact) of public money. The advice of love the General Manager, who has althe engineering experts of the Railways ways been a servile tool of the capitalist and Harbours, which was given in a class and its government, and now that carefully drafted report to the General he has been clearly convicted of gross Manager, was recklessly set aside by him carelessness, to put it mildly, he should Yellow Press should shrick for "giving on the simple statement of Mr. Littlejohn be given notice to quit. Philip that he could do the work £40,000 Not that the mere sacking of Hoy and cheaper.

Sir William Hoy at once engaged this things very much. man to be consulting engineer on a job | While the capitalist system dominates which the Commissioners discovered he mankind, scandals will be the rule rather had absolutely no qualification for, and than the exception. But for all the inwhich, as the event proved, he lament dignities that the railway autocrat has

manufacturers (Spencer and Co.) which I politely requested to resign.

second degree on the General Manager of political, the Stuttaford station is al-We may expect when the Commission | Railways, who exerted all his influence | ready being shancelessly used for bourgeois

Those who know anything of the relationship between the General Manager wretched stuff about Delville Wood or The biggest blunder, to call it by no and the Railway Board are aware of the and not remarkable for political brilliancy. Sir William Hoy, the General Manager | A seat on the Railway Board is the kind |

placing another in his shoes will alter

ably failed to carry out. put upon the men and women under him It further comes out that Philip was lit is fitting that he should be placed beconnected with the firm of machinery | youd the reach of further temptation and

Broadcasting, like all "improvements" in production, is relegating to unemployment large numbers formerly engaged in Corner House (Dr. Orenstein, etc.). And, propaganda—'no political' always means capitalist politics: and so we have bishops and colonels let loose to broadcast their about God's love and mercy which creates all things bright and beautiful, including the 'poor man at the gate' and the unemployed sleeping in the Wanderers.

'A Soviet administration will reverse all this and see that the workers get all the benefit of such inventions. It will municipalise or nationalise broadcasting, working-class; and consequently any propaganda it pumps into the receivers will Thackeray dope and instead put common sense and self-respect into the ears of the listeners-in.

It is no mère isolated case that the one white man a job," in your garden, for instance, while its editors themselves use black convict slaves in their gardens. That Press is controlled by the Chamber of Mines, which itself is the greatest displacer of white labour by black. It is the whole system of South African capitalism; and consequently this bourgeois sob-stuff for the unemployed is seen to be all the more despicable canting humbug all round.

"Give a sew whites a job," we read and then the herdes of Delville will not have died in vain." Otherwise, ther, it is admitted that they will: and as the jobs found as the result of this touching appeal amounted to a paltry couple of hundred at most, we may now infer, on the authority of the capitalist Press, that the greater part of that heroism was absolutely "in vain." Yet not a parson or a colonel or a Labourite throughout the world ever has the honesty to say so. In any case, it seems extraordinary that thousands and millions should be sent to as an ambulance to cavitalist slaughter the attention given to the stricken work-

These sporadic efforts for the unemshambles of wasted life and wasted death. foreign bondholders; coupling with this is nevertheless their benefactor if it a bitter opposition to the Workers' Re- occasionally finds a man a job—and what public (not to mention its friends every- is a job at best, under capitalism, but a "The war achieved its purpose"; ex- where) against which indeed the so- form of being robbed by these same crystallise into another war. This "Sec are approved or otherwise according as ond International" service to capitalism they can be made "payable" propositions!

> "Labour's" identification with a per- Which will you have: Capitalism with I which is one great ministry of life, health, peace and mutual usefulness?

Delville Devilry.

seen fit to make a specially big point of rest of Europe, and the more it is enslaved Delville Wood this year, although it the greater will be the unemployment and seems to have been mostly the military degradation both within and without Gerwho composed the crowds. "Theirs not to God our help in ages past. The warto reason why," any more than the mongers asked for it: they got it. parsons (who assisted as usual) want you to reason why you must go hungry in this That is why we must ever suspect warvale of tears while others have a good mongering Labourites in particular—Coldestruction in order that hundreds may, time. Still, there were enough of the onels, parsons, and what not. They may after eight years, get an odd job. Even "general public" to emphasise the tra- fulminate about the slaughter of Johangedy, not only of the death of thousands nesburg workers in 1913 and 1922, but of young men in battle, but of the they actually helped in the infinitely ing-class is beneath contempt. wretched cause they died for, and above greater slaughter-also for Chamber of all of their and their survivors' ignorance Mines and kindred interests—of world of that fact. Such celebrations are in workers in 1914-1918. And to-day it effect orgies of self-deception. "A glori- falls to the lot of "Labour" and "Social- ployed are meant only to keep up the ous death"—in the cause of "wealth ist" Premiers to rivet the latest chains illusion that the capitalist class, which accumulates and men decay": a noble on their German victim, and hand that consigns the workers to death in war and sacrifice—to Moloch and Mammon; a country over body and soul to a gang of unemployment and starvation in peace,

actly. It has reduced Germany to slavery, called "Peace of Europe" is quite likely to "benefactors"! Why, even relief works i.e., the German workers to coolie or "colonial" level, with the natural result! of any slavery—that other workers cannot stand against it and are reduced in their turn to the same level. What the cheap petuation of the slave system in South its worthless ambulance, or Communism labour of Africa does for the whitestandard workers, the cheap labour of

The ruling class in South Africa have Germany is doing for the workers of the many, no matter how fervently we appeal

> again is reflected in South African Africa.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

Australian Labour Party.

Trade Unions Dissatisfied.

In an obscure paragraph the local Press | the selection of the candidates they are announces the advent of a Labour Govern-lasked to vote for. ment in Victoria. Naturally they will not give much prominence to the fact that been so completely divorced from the have Labour Governmente.

The New South Wales elections now industrial workers are not satisfied. pending may result in a clean sweep of These facts point clearly to the conplace Labour in power throughout the Commonwealth.

of discontent inside the Party, and the political wire-pullers are just emerging from an inquiry into corrupt practices in the selection of candidates for Parliament, faked hallot boxes having been used in their own nominées elected.

Fresh ballots have been ordered in certain districts, but the rank and file are still uneasy.

At a conference of a hundred trial delegates representing 35 which was held in Sydney Trades Hall, the Australian Labour Party Executive was frankly accused by Mr. J. Beasley, president of the Labour Council, of laxity in not dealing with the ballot box scandals and the question of pre-selection of candidates for Parliament.

Mr. Garden, secretary of the Labour Council, said that the system of preselection ballots should be abclished and caudidates should be required to secure the endorsement of their affiliated unions or branches, and then the final selection should not be left to the Labour Party Executive but should be submitted to an electoral college consisting of three members nominated by the Labour Party Conference and seven representatives of the various State Labour and Industrial Councils.

This proposal, which was carried, shows a tendency for the Australian workers to lised workers and not allow the Parliakick against the domination of Labour | mentary group to retain the unhealthy tical adventurers, and to domand a say in the last ten years.

Donations and collections ... £457 11 11 1 1924.

The Australian Labour Party has never

the nationalist and country parties and clusion that no political Labour Party can remain healthy for long if divorced from the workers' organisations. Sooner or At the same time there are rumblings later it becomes the prey of office-seekers, lernments.

It is not claimed that men drawn from | plauded. thè political careerist.

Great unions, such as the Miners' dates for Parliament irom perhaps a list of 100 members free entirely from the influence of the purely professional politician which is so strong in open branches.

This question is a burning one in South Africa, and as the trade unions recover of the matters that they must direct their attention to is their relationship to the political Labour Party.

Merely standing aloof leads nowhere.

Either they must run a certain number of candidates selected by themselves, or some joint committee must be established with the S.A.L.P. which will give due consideration to the wishes of the organ-

GERMAN FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AS FROM 31st DECEM-1923, TO 10th JULY, 1924.

Discounts allowed on monies remitted to Germany via London		19	;
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Films		19	
Charges for same		10	
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July 10.—Balance of Cash at (Sgd.) E. G. PITMAN, Asst. Treas. 10/7/24.

COPY OF AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments of the German Famine Relief Committee and compared the same with Vouchers, Receipt Books and the Bank be correct.

(Sgd.) L. CHARLSTON GOCH, R.P.A., Auditor. Johannesburg, 14th July, 1924.

Since this balance sheet was drawn,

most other funds of the kind.

Yellow Trade Unions & War

Ben Tillett "Stands by his Country."

The third Congress of the International Trade Union Federation met in Vienna on June 2nd and discussed among other four out of the five Australian States now | unions as the Party in South Africa has | matters the attitude to be adopted by the become since 1914, but it is clear that the workers' organisations in the event of war breaking out.

Lengthy and impassioned speeches against war were made by delegates who during the last war had been violent patriots and members of capitalist Gov-

professional politicians and grafters. Jouhaux, of France, for example, who The S.A.L.P. has been convulsed sev- was a radical syndicalist in 1914 then suderal times by bribery scandals. Some of | denly changed to a rabid patriot and was the culprits have been found out and the right hand of Albert Thomas, the dealt with, but there is an uneasy sus- | French Minister for Munitions, advocated order that the official clique might get | picion that there are others.

> the trade union ranks are any less! The hollowness of these phrases, how susceptible to temptation than those who ever, was disclosed when the English enter the Party from other sources, but if, | social patriot, Ben Tillett, rose and 'deas in Britain, the trade unions have the clared that "We must fight more onerright from time to time to select a propor | getically than hitherto against war, unions, tion of the candidates who are to run for FOR IF A WAR BREAKS OUT office, a considerable check is put upon | EVERY ONE OF US STANDS BY HIS OWN COUNTRY."

This declaration was also received with Federation, the N.U.R. or the A.E.U., thunderous applause, showing that the select by exhaustive ballot their candi- yellow Labour leaders stand precisely where they stood in 1914 and will serve the capitalist class of their respective countries as before and desert the working class.

We stand by our country. This was the cry of the reformists of all countries ground, which they are rapidly doing, one in 1914; by this means they have driven millions of preletarians against each other and to death. And there is not the least doubt that they will do precisely the same in the future wars. The Amsterdamers know perfectly well that these 'countries" are the imperialistic States of blood-thir v capital but in order that the masses do not notice this fact too soon, they talk all around about the progress of democracy, and for this reason the ruling classes permit their States to be adminispolitics by a self-appointed clique of poli- dominance which it has usurped during tered by "labour governments." As MacDonald is showing in England, Noske, Thomas and the many others have shown before him, they provide the necessary war armaments and carry out the bloody crushing of the workers as well as any capitalist government defined as such.

> Not a word was uttered at the Viennese Congress as to how the imperialist war can really and solely be met. i.e., by immediate and ruthless fight against capital, against the capitalist-democratic system. The Amsterdamers do not want to hear of such things, for it would mean a revolutionary fight. They do not wish revolution, they want to have 'peace' with capital; they are apostles of "peaceful". democratic development and therefore "stand by their country."

Thus the declaration of Ben Tillett in Pass Book, and certify the Statement to | Vienna has shown like a lightning flash to the whole international working class that imperialism and war have no better allies than the Amsterdam Trade Union Federation. And it is high time that the workers of all countries recognise what is at stake and say to the Amsterdamers: a further £50 has been forwarded to Away with you traitors and domagoges. Germany. Attention is drawn to the There is no fatherland for us under capismall percentage of administration ex- talism, for us there is only fierce classpenses, only £16 ls. 5d. cut of £466 lls. struggle and war against imperialistic 2d., which compares very favourably with capital. This is the only way which leads to a real people's peace.

Lenin's First Newspaper.

"THE SPARK" (By D. Ivon Jones.)

Continued from last week,

had clear, impelling ideas as to what the tuting one of the most striking studies in Marxism hitherto prevailing in the West. movement needed. He put forward the celebrated idea of an 'organisation of professional revolutionaries." He had seen group after group broken up by the police, every forward movement thwarted incredibly difficult task of counteracting. the political police. A broken up group, having no link with a central organisation, left no trace whereby its activities could be speedily revived. Lenin de lished in the English language. It is in- liquidator of outworn historical periods, manded a centrally directed organisation evitable that we should become more and the refuse of which encumbers the way. of comrades as scientifically equipped as more familiar with their historical He concludes the preface to this book the police in the art of conspiracy—"pro- allusions, as allusions to our classic hisfessional revolutionaries," the ironsides of an All-Russian Party, of the Prole- | an axiom of the Marxian dialectic that tariat. "Iskra" also elaborated in de- there is no abstract truth, truth is always period (the period of the groups)." tail the plan of such a Party, and not only proposed this, but proceeded to carry the "Communist Manifesto" is to Marx- "economists" was Martuinov (not to be its ideas into practice, gathering round itself group after group of adherents in the various industrial centres of Russia.

Lenin issued his epoch-making brochure, entitled "What Must We Do?" This he describes as a synopsis of the "Iskra" tactics and methods of organisation. The book became a veritable storm centre in Ruseian Social Democracy, not only because of its campaign against "economism," but also because it laid down the conscious expression of an unconprinciples of Party organisation which went much further than the fight against "economism." "What Must We Do?" cleared "economism" off the field, but it | Lenin was filled with profound uneasiness | division, and even became its official raised new issues, a new conflict on a higher plane, which a year later crystallised in the division of the movement into Menshevism and Bolshevism.

the political role of the proletariat, found | "hang-on-the-tailism," which is used to | going over to the Communist Interite kindred expression in Bernstein's re- day in the Russian movement. He ac- national. "Thou hast conquered, oh, visionism. At first glance the latter had cused the "economists" by their genu- Galilean!" little in common with the slogans of flections before the "elemental" of want-"economism." But Lenin branded it as | ing the party to be forever "studying the the Russian form of opportunism. The hindquarters of the proletariat," of mak- tal versus Conscious Action," let us "economists" chafed at the rigours of ing the principle of the class struggle an indulge ourselves in one more quotation: "orthodox" Marxism, and demanded, excuse for waiting on events, instead of "Only the most vulgar understanding of like their German confrere, "freedom of forestalling them, dominating them | Marxism, or the 'understanding' of it in criticism." This brought from Lenin a l'Every exaggeration of the elemental, the spirit of Strouvism, could engender retort characteristic of the uncompromis- and depreciation of the conscious, factor the idea that the upsurging of the ing revolutionary: "People who are really | in the Labour movement is a strengthen- | spontaneous mass movement of the workconvinced that they carry science a step ing of bourgeois influences among the ors relieves us of the duty of forming forward would demand, not equal freedom for the new theory along with the old one, but the substitution of the old by to the workers inevitably from their conthe new," and, in the first chapter of "What Must We Do?" he adds: "Oh, yes, messieurs, you are free to invite, and, not only to invite, but to go where you | "The spontaneous workers' movement of | this duty; for the spontaneous struggle please even to the morass; we even think that the bog is your proper place, and we are prepared to lend you every and trade unionist political action of the support for your migration thereto." Lenin believed in giving the confirmed cal action." Lenin roundly accuses the opportunist a push to the right!

the French revolution, "Iskra" declared workers movement into a tool of bourthe existence of the Mountain and the geois democracy." Further on Lenin de-Gironde in the Russian proletarian move. votes several pages to "Trade Unionist ment. Indeed, Plekhanov, some time be- versus Social Democratic political action." fore Lenin's arrival in the "emigration," with copious references to English Trade Party) in the revolutionary seventies.

had broken with the "Union' for the Unionism. Reading these chapters one to the Menshevik split.

tory. For Lenin was wont to say, "It is the phase of action, in its Leninist phase. In 1902, a year after starting "Iskra," Take the second chapter of this brochure, of exaggerating the factor of consciousness (vide Engels' definition of the Party as workers." He denied the current inpression that Socialist consciousness comes (and it inevitably forms) trade unionism; working class is precisely bourgeois politi-"economists" of an "oblique attempt to At this time, using the terminology of | prepare the ground for transforming the

Emancipation of Labour," because of its receives a flash of revelation as to why "economism" and had formed the great waves of working class mass action "League of Social Democrats." But have swept over England and receded Lenin does not seem to have suspected (or lagain, leaving hardly a trace in the colelse deemed it unwise to reveal his sus- lective experience. For this collective expicions), that the final cleavage should perionce can only be garnered by a Com-Plekhanov, Martov, Alexrod, and take place on a line between him and his municipal Party. This responsibility of the others, were on the "Iskra" editorial "Iskra" colleagues, Plekhanov, Martov, individual before history, the role of committee. But "Iskra" was essentially Alexrod, and others. But this amazing human initiative of the Party, is the great Lenin's paper. Of all these, Lenin alone | "right-about-face" to opportunism, consti- | Leninist corrective to the conception of the psychology of menshevism, must form If the "great man theory" be regarded as the subject of a separate article, devoted the thesis, and historical materialism (vulgarised) as the antithesis, then Lonin-"What Must We Do?" in spite of the ism, the restoration of the emphasis on by wholesale arrests because of what familiarising of Leninism by the Com- conscious initiative, is the synthesis of it mandibly difficult tack of counterpating munist International, has still much that all. In "What Must We Do?" we feel is new and startling to the English this power, this revolutionary driving reader, and it is to be hoped that wese force, permeating every phrase. He conearly Lenin brochures will soon be pub- ceives the role of the revolutionary as the with the words, "For we cannot move forward unless we finally liquidate this

concrete." And one may say that what Lenin's chief antagonist among the ism in its first phase, so is "What Must | confused with Martov). Now Martuinov We Do?" to Marxism in its second phase, is in his own person a living symbol of Lenin's driving power on history. Martuinov etarted his career with the scious." Opportunism, at first taking | "narodniki" (the Populists) and left the the form in Russia of "economism," mag- | "narodniki" when their position became nified the role of the elemental or the untenable from the attacks of Plekhanov spontaneous in the workers' mass move- and Lenin. He then became an exponent ment. The "economists" accused "Iskra" of "economism" in the Social-Democratic movement. "Economism" in its turn was smashed under Lenin's sledge-hammer scious process"). The "economists" op- blows, and Martuinov had to move forposed what they termed their "tactic- ward to a more consistent position. Later, process" to the "Iskra's tactic-plan." he took the Menshevik side in the great at every spontaneous suprising of the theoretician. Last year, after twenty workers in the absence of mature party years. Martuinov unconditionally capitudisquieted him. He invented a special lated to his old opponent and signalled Meanwhile "economism," degrading nickname for the "economist" tactic- the complete downfall of Menshevism by

> Before leaving the subject of "Elemen such an efficient organisation as that of the "Zemlevolio," † nay, of forming an flicts with individual capitalists "The incomparably more efficient organisation workers by their own strength can only of revolutionaries. On the contrary, this achieve Trade Unionist political action." | mass movement precisely imposes upon us its own accord is capable only of forming of the proletariat does not become a real class struggle until it is directed by a strong organisation of revolutionaries."

(To be concluded.)

^{*} See reference to Strouve in previous article (March) on "Lenin's First Book."

[†] Zemlevolio (Land and Freedom) preceded the 'narodvoltzi' (Peoples Froedom

Miners Reorganising.

The S.A. Mine Workers' Union, which Crawford and the Chamber of Mines did their best to smash, rises like the phoenix l from its ashes.

The inceting of representative mine workers last Monday at the head office, l Trades Hall, Johannesburg, got through a lot of useful preliminary work which will bear fruit as time goes on.

The most spectacular decision was the endorsement of the demand for a 20 per i cent. rise in wages, the same to be made retrospective as from March, 1922.

the managements to meet the men in desiance of the Conciliation Act, refusal of the use of mine recreation rooms for meetings, ratio of native to European workers,

A decision was taken to centralise control of the union and to modify the present system of local committees.

It is probable that the latter decision i is a wise one at the moment, but as the The International union grows it is possible that the increased work will necessitate the delegation of a good deal of detail work to the districts.

An Echo of the Strike.

Phillipus Johannes Pienaar, a miner, claimed £375 compensation from the City Deep G.M. Co. for the loss of his left hand.

He was asked whether he was the man who was, implicated in the Taffy Long case and turned King's evidence against Long, who was convicted and hanged on that evidence.

The answer was: "Yes. I turned King's evidence. He deserved it."

This gest teman who swore Long's life The Workers' Paper accepted by the Special Court appointed by Smuts to hang strikers, further confessed that he had been convicted of perjury and got two years' hard labour.

The mine captain, giving evidence, The mine captain, giving evidence, hinted that the loss of Pienaar's hand Working-class Support was no accident.

Asked by the Chief Magistrate what he thought happened in this case, the witness said: 'Pienaar had previously had litigation, unsuccessfully, with the City Deep. Me was in impecunious circumstances. He might have ignited the fuse in this case and held the detonator in his hand so as to get compensation. I found no signs of the explosion about the Dlace."

Capetown Unemployed.

LEADERS SUMMONED.

Councillor H. B. Ash and Comrade W. Green, the chairman and secretary respectively of the Unemployed Relief and General Workers' Union, Capetown, were summoned to appear on July 15th on a charge of marshalling a number of persons into a procession and wrongfully and unlawfully parading through Adderley 10/-Street without permission from the Town Council.

Mr. Alexander, M.L.A. defended, and pointed out that there was no penalty for such an offence, which put the Court into a quandary and the case was postponed, and it is probable that nothing will be done in the matter.

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There were other useful discussions on contract rates, prices of stores, refusal of The International

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YOUNG COMMUNIST NOTES.

On Tuesday night Mr. Epstein delivered a lecture to the Y.C.L. on "Macdonaldism v. Leninism," at No. 4, Trades Hall. There was a large attendance, and it was generally agreed that the lecturer, an exponent of Macdonaldism, was badly trounced. The lecture concluded at 12.10 a.m.

On Sunday, 27th, Comrade E. Roux will deliver a lecture at. No. 4, Trades Hall at 8.30 p.m. The subject is: "From Isolation to the Masses." are cordially invited.

SURPRISE PARTY.

Don't forget to turn up on Saturday night at the Trades Hall at 7 o'clock.

Social and Dance.

NOTE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10. To celebrate the Ninth Anniversary of the "International" (S.A.) and the International Day of Youth, a SOCIAL AND DANCE will be held at the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10, 1924, from 8 to 12 p.m. Edgar Adeler's Orchestra. Tickets 2/6. can now be obtained at No. 4, Trades Hall. Proceeds to be divided between the Young Communist League and the Communist Party.

The Price of Imperialism.

CAPITALIST BUTCHERS.

The colony of British Guiana in South America, is not much in the limelight, a fact which is very convenient for the exploiters in the only piece of country left in South America which enjoys the blessings of the British flag.

The truth leaks out sometimes, however, and the Georgetown "Daily Chronicle" publishes an account of the suppression of a strike of Indian labourers in the manner which Smuts has made us familiar with in South Africa.

Four thousand estate labourers, men and women, marched from the various estates towards Georgetown to interview the British authorities on their grievances, but were met by the military, who fired volleys into the deuse mass and raked them with machine gune.

Ten were killed, including a woman, and scores wounded, and "order was

restored."

The same old story, and it will be repeated until the workers take the power to exploit and slaughter them out of the hands of the capitalist class.

The Stock Exchange has acquired an influence so great that it is able to call armed nations into the field to fight in its interests. Blood flows in order that the demands of High Finance may be liquidated.—Von Moltke.

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