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The Great I Am.

Thomas hopes his successor will be as "great and dignified" as himself. He could hardly be more egotistic, vulgar, snobbish; and as for democracy, for which the war made the world safe, it seems to have been divinely ordained to provide the opportunity for this scub engine driver to become a Colonial Secretary. The fawning adulation of him in the capitalist press is of itself enough to show which class tool the hero of Black Friday is, and it is to the credit of the Cape Labour Conference that while Crawford was excluded Thomas was, it seems, not even invited. Keep it up, boys, and send him back to Westminster with the biggest flick in his car the fellow ever had. Macdonald wants him back l quick anyway to save the king-God's job, but Thomas aspires to supplant God as Herod did—and is welcome to Herod's fate.

Officials' Sabotage Strike.

Building Trades lock-out has resulted in | did, in fact it not in words, the liquor the defeat of the workers. They are re- question, and few if any of the interrupters ported to have accepted the 3d. per hour were total abstainers. If it is good to increase offered by the master builders as close the bars during elections, it might be lost their fight through allowing sections

the "Workers' Weekly" says that the one bibulous listener, at first an aggressive | services to be run was a fatal error in the morale of the men was undermined by the imperialist, retired for another wet and re-Rand strike of 1922. tactics adopted by the union officials, who | turned a mild-mannered little Englander: | The best tactic is an ill-out policy with allowed some men to remain at work while another warmed up to wishing for a view to a complete stoppage of the whilst others were on the streets.

delayed five days in calling its members | not the wildest Social Revolutionary ever | ment of their own self-interest. out, and a day after they came out the dreamed of imposing on the Tsar or the joiners were forced back into the ship-; Grand Dukes. There will be a further yards on the threat of having their dispute election meeting at the same place—corner pay stopped.

The shippard pay is only £2° 14s. per week as against £3 11s. 6d. in the building I trades, and in the face-of this the A.S.W. Executive drives the men back to shipyard slavery at a wage 17s. 6d. per week lower are requested to attend the Election Comthan that which their fellow-members are striking against.

A Capitalist Agent.

A few days ago sensational cable réparts were published giving details of the grue- S.A.M.W.U. and placards it as a split in murders of the German sausagemaker Haarmann.

This human butcher, has admitted to thirty-six murders—to say nothing of innumerable other crimes/-mostly unmentionable. His victims were poor, friendless folk, whom he invited to his house for a night's lodging, and who then unaccountably disappeared. Meanwhile the murderer carried on a big trade as a sausage merchant and a respected business man.

or HAARMANN IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE and that every effort will be directed to HANOVER POLICE AND WAS ALSO EM- | building up the union on a hundred per PLOYED AS A POLITICAL SPY AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

And the head of the Hanover police is none other than the notorious Social sion and weakness, of any section of the Democrat and arch-butcher of the working working class. class-Noske.

It will be interesting to see whether Haarmann's accomplices and superior officials will also be brought to book. So far no steps have been taken against them.

Johannesburg Municipal Campaign.

A successful meeting was held last Saturday at Jeppes to further the candidature of Comrade C. F. Glass for Ward 9. The news is cabled out that the British' The "native question" loomed large, but so of Maddison and Marshall Streets—and time—8 p.m.—to-morrow (Saturday) evening, i present.

mittee Meetings at No. 4, Trades Hall, levery Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Trade Union Doings.

The capitalist press gleefully seizes on a matter of internal organisation in the the Miners' Union.

Of course it is nothing of the kind.

The so-called "split" boils down to a difference of opinion between the secretary, Mr. Price, and the members of the General Council, the outcome of which is solely the concern of the Miners' Union and can be handled by it without any assistance from outside.

Without going into the rights and wrongs of the case, we hope that the matter will The point of the sordid story is that be settled at the earliest possible moment cent. basis in order that a united front may be shown to the enemy, who is always on the alert to take advantage of any divi-

Building Trades Strike.

The Capetown Building Trades dispute seems to have entered on a new phase, and it is stated that the Strike Committee is considering the advisability of allowing certain jobs to be carried on by the strikers provided that the persons who offer the work pay the wages demanded by the unions and are not members of the M.B.A.

There may be something said in favour of splitting up the ranks of the bosses and incidentally relieving the unions of, some financial liability, but it is a dangerous tactic and cuts both ways.

Undoubtedly the British building workers against the men's demand of 2d. at least as good to close them during, and of the workers to resume work, and the Commenting on the possibility of victory, | before, election meetings. Not but what | policy of allowing what are called essential

the King of England and the capitalists in industry until the employers yield to the For instance, in the Tyne area the A.S.W. | general such unmentionably dire fates as | only argument they understand—the argu-

The Soldiers' Reward.

An investigation by the Save a Life League of New York City shows that bewhen the candidate is again expected to be tween 15,000 and 16,000 persons committed suicide in the United States during the All willing to assist in the election work | last year, 2,000 of whom were disabled soldiers, left in sickness and poverty because of the wholesale graft in the Veterans Bureau.

The Red International.

Ground.

INDUSTRIAL TRUCE CLASS STRUGGLE?

The attention given in the cable news to the National Conference in Britain of what I cis called the minority movement in the Trades. Unions is an indication of its growing importance in the Labour movement.

There is nothing at the moment which is ' so much feared by the capitalist world as the permeation of the unions by Communist ideas.

agencies in the principles of class collabora- | Congress agenda:-tion, and have ever since the war began - | "That this Congress reaffirms its deterto go no further back--been so willing to hold back the membership from any drastic action, that any attempt to under-| stances will it permit any a interference | mine their authority and weaken their with the right to strike." influence over their members is denounced l as the rankest kind of Bolshevism, or J whatever name is most unpopular because least understood at the moment.

The whole history of trade unionism is a record of a series of ossilations between steps to demand the withdrawal of the extreme revolutionary and militant tactics [Joint Industrial Councils Bill now under a and alternately a policy of cautious conservatism.

The record of the past ten years furnishes one of the saddest examples of the latter ! tactics. All through the war period and Engineering Unions to meet them in convening the eessation of hostilites workers had the ball at their feet. They were, as we have so often pointed out, masters of the situation, and could have obtained conditions which had previously | Shipbuilding Unions. This policy will be a only been dreamed of. They were, however, so shepherded and tied up by agreements and regulations which had been hand and glove with the employers, it is t arranged between their officials and the cuiployers that when the trade crisis came and workers smash through the whole of the thousands became redundant, they found bureaucratic procedure that now binds the themselves hampered and checked at every trade unions to capitalists. miri.

In desperation the British and other workers tore at their chains; strike after strike was entered into, either unofficially or, if the feelings of the men were strong anough, even officially, but the whole weight of officialdom plus the capitalist machinery was thrown into the balance l against them, and they were invariably driven back into servitude.

Men like J. H. Thomas, Hodges, E. Williams, Henderson and MacDonald played the masters' game throughout, and for their dastardly work have been revarded with well-paid Ministerial and other Gov- their organisations, to wage a common ernment jobs.

The minority movement is a revolt of the subservience to the boss class.

workers, but is vigorously active amongst past traditions, policies and leaders. It is the miners, metal workers, railwaymen and means rallying the whole, of the unions becoming the battle-ground of two contransport workers generally. It is organ-lafound a fighting programme. It means ising to combat the pernicious doctrine of smashing through the craft and sectional community of interest between employers an industrial truce between the employers differences, through the tying up of millions I and employed, which J. H. Thomas began of workers in long agreements. In short, it to preach, almost before he had landed on means preparing the trade unions to earry South African soil, and which is embodied on the class struggle, until the final struggle in the South African Conciliation Act, and pfor power is achieved, and the reign of the similar legislation.

The "Workers' Weekly" says in this South African trade unionism is in simiconnection that the biggest danger con-lar danger. The action of at least one of l fronting the workers is that of their officials

Trade Unions the Battle seeking to tie them up in some form of alliance with the Capitalists. This is no alliance with the Capitalists. This is no exaggeraed statement, the whole modern policy and tactics of the Trade Unions assisted by the Government is drifting l rapidly that way.

> Already most of the anions are tied up in long agreements, which the leaders always I insist must be kept, irrespective of how. such agreements in actual practice are operating against the workers. Conciliation Boards, Iclint Industrial Councils, Industrial Courts, Courts of Inquiry, and most significant of all, the Joint Industrial gards the Mexicans and Irish as lower Councils Bill, which is a complete step to compulsory arbitration and the denial of the right to strike.

The orthodox union officials have been! That this danger is being recognised is so well drilled by the capitalist propaganda | shown by the resolution on the Trades |

> mined apposition to compulsory arbitration, and again declares that under no circum-

Again the Manchester and Salford Trades I Council have unanimously passed the following resolution in regard to the Joint Industrial Councils Bill:--

. "That this Trades Council take immediate consideration in the House of Commons."

After the unofficial strike at Southampton, the Engineering Employers' Association l sent out their famous invitation to the tion can be brought into the engineering industry.

The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation I have issued a similar invitation to the extended, and if it is true that many officials of various unions even now work likely to become truer still, unless the

The trade unions are the mass organisations of the working class. Butween them and the capitalists' organisations there can be neither neace nor a truce, only uncen-ing and religibless war. The working close and the empitalist ciuse have nothing in common. At every point decir interests are diametrically opposed.

It is the husitiess find policy of the capitalists to exploit the workers and keep them in economic subjection. capitalists are able to corrupt the workers' [organisations and leaders, their task is l made easier.

It is the business of the workers, through I "Irish Worker." It is not confined a any one section of the class struggle. It means breaking with sinister significance. capitalist exploiters ended for ever.

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Mexican Affairs.

MACDONALD SUPPORTS LAND MONOPOLY.

Ramsay MacDonald's Government has deliberately misrepresented the recent clash with Mexico.

H. A. C. Cummings, C.M.G., O.B.E., who represented British interests in Mexico City, is the usual type of aristocratic, monocled Englishman, who reraces. He has assisted the British capitalist exploiters in Mexico, particularly the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company, to evade Mexican tax and labour laws." Then, years ago, he caused the landing of British marines from a warship to interfere in a local labour dispute. He has misrepresented Mexican legislation and prevented British recognition of the Mexican Government.

The new Mexican constitution is cut from the Russian pattern and provides for the break-up of the large estates to provide land for the labourers and peasants. In the State of Sonora a Mrs. Evans Ainerican born, but widow of an Englishman who "acquired" as much land as the whole of County Dublin, objected to some Government land decrees. Her workers left and boycotted the fair aristocrat, but the British envoy. Cummings, and a sentimental American poet. went to her assistance against these "bolshevik" farm labourers. Cummings during the short boom immediately super- | ference to discuss how peace and stabilisa- | then, wanted the whole British and American combined fleets and armies and air forces to settle the dispute between a "lady" and her farm labourers with the land-hunger.

> Six months ago the Mexican State Department informed Ramsay MacDonald's Governmen that their monocled and nerve-wreched representative was 'persona non grata. A month ago, on Ramsay not acting, the told Cummings to get out of Mexico in 48 hours. Cummings wrapped the Union Jack around him and chained the gates of the British Embassy on the inside. Tired of this play acting the Mexican authorities cutoff the electric light and water supply and informed MacDonald by cable that they were determined to throw Cummings out of Mexico. By return a cable reached Cummings requesting him to report in London per first steamer. No inembers of the resident Diplomatic Corps, excepting the American; shook Cummings' hand or hade him farewell, as they have long been of the opinion that Cummings should be inside an insane asylum.---

struggle against this exploitation by the the leading trade unions during the 1922 capitalists. The workers' organisations strike was an indication of the paralysing younger and more militant trade unionists must become the weapons whereby this effect of long term agreements with the against the old gang of officials and their struggle can be most effectively carried bosses, and the alacrity with which the invipolicy of negotiation and conciliation and fout. This means transforming the present tation of the Minister of Labour to attend unions into real fighting organs of the a conference in Capetown is not without its

The trade union movement is rapidly tending points of view, the doctrine of and employees and that of the class struggle. That the latter policy will ultimately be adopted is certain, as the experience of the daily life in the fields, factories and mines forces the workers to undertake the task which history has set for them, namely, the overthrow capitalism and organisation of the Communist commonwealth.

Russian Information and Review.

TRADE TREATY WITH SWEDEN.

The results of the Trade Treaty signed recently between the U.S.S.R. and Sweden have been immediately apparein. During the last two months large credits have been pur at the disposal of the Soviet Govfernment, and as a result big orders have l been placed with Swedish factories. While place on September 1st. during the Grsi Three months of 1921, Soviet orders in Sweden hardly exceeded the following passages occur:-500,000 Swedish kroner, in April the Fellow-Workers. amount went up to one million krower, in May to one and a balf millions, and in June to four millions. On July 1, orders in as a candidate in your Ward. HFNRY use his position to show, on every question execution amounted to about 20 million PEREIRA, M.A. (Oxford). kroner.

PROGRESS IN METAL INDUSTRY.

The output of the metal factories in the period October-March, 1923-1 was 150 cent, of that of the same period of previous years. Eighty per cent, of the output was disposed of to State organisations, the remaining 20 per cent. was taken by co-operatives, private traders, mixed companiés, etc. The Government is subsidising the Putilov and Kharkov factories to the extent of two million roubles for the construction of tractors, another works (Gomza) has concluded a contract for 1,000 tractors for the State Agricultural Department, and a big programme of production of textile machinery and high power motors has been entered upon. The percentage of iron ore production was 197 of the corresponding period of last year, for manganese ore 137 per cent.; copper ore l 250 per cent... mercury 125 per cent., asbestos 300 per cent.

TEXTILE WORKS.

Cotton products were 118 per cent. as compared with last year, wool 121 per cent., linen 123; the silk output has decreased considerably, but articles manufactured from hemp have risen from 114 to 739 per cent, over last year's figures. Altogether the reports show a continuous and steady rise in the productive capacity of the Soviet Union in almost every branch of industry.

⁹50 million inhabitants where the harvest foolish condition of affairs, and for all the date in Johannesburg is Comrade C. F.

the timely dispatch of grain from areas tion. with a good harvest to those suffering from This means that our present order of help in the campaign are invited to join drought or pests.

war footing, but the actual number of idleness on the foil of the many. of the 1913 pre-war figure.

HOLIDAYS.

For the 1924 holiday season, the Soviet title of the brick and mortar' Council. Trade Unions have the following number of | "The victory of the working class cannot places at their disposal in rest homes sup- | be won in a Council Chamber or a House ported by them:--

Leningrad ... 2,000 Moscow ... 2.(XX) Ukraine ... 5,000. The rest of the U.S.S.R., ex-

cluding Transcaucasia.... 14.000 to have a holiday in rest homes during the and unjustifiable to hand over these govern- hesitate to appeal to physical force. summer, free of charge.

Municipal Elections.

Capetown.

The Capetown Branch of the Communist The candidate is Henry Percira, the secre-

In the manifesto issued by the candidate

"In the forthconking Municipal Elect against those of the exploiting class. tions the Communist Party is putting up

STEP

"An imending struggle is going" on in society between the workers-who live by toil—and the capitalists—who live profits. This struggle is fiercest in the factory and the workshop, where the worker is deprived of the product of his toil; it centres around wages and hours; it rages also in the store and warehouse, around the price at which the worker may buy back his own work; it rages in the slums, where the worker must pay a rackrent for a share in the wretched hovel that he himself built; I it rages in the relief and charity organisations, where the question at issue is, to what extent the worker is to be allowed to starve whenever the employing class does



THE HARVEST. not need his services; it rages round the It is estimated that the Karvest will be death-bed of the worker's child-illan average one, but in an area with 12 housed, ill-clothed, ill-nourished, with only million inhabitants the harvest will be bad. a poor chance of life compared with the but this is balanced by an area embracing rich man's child. For this cruel and At present the only Communist candiis expected to be above the average. | evils which come in its train, the Com- Glass, who is energetically working in The Government grain department munist Party has one remedy, and one Ward 9. (Khlebprodukt) has issued instructions for remedy alone; we call it the Social Revolu- His Committee meets every Friday at

Society must be destroyed, and a new the Committee. There is work for all, and No foreign assistance will be required in order set up, in which production will be with a real effort there is a good chance of dealing with any of the stricken areas. | carried on by all, for the good of all; | Comrade Glass entering the Town Council. There is an unemployment problem in profit-making will be abolished, everyone Russia owing to the return to the towns of will do his share of the world's work, and workers who had left for the villages during will enjoy his share of the necessaries, the the famine period; these people cannot be comforts and the luxuries which that work absorbed unfil industry is placed on a pre- | produces. / No longer will the few live in |

workers in industry continues to increase. The capitalist class is entrenched in our As compared with January, 1923, the num- governing bodies--Parliaments, Provincial foresee something better than we now ber employed in January, 1924, has in- | Councils, City Councils and the like | possess, this would be tragedy indeed. __ creased by 101,400, but although there has These institutions represent various inter- | Elbert Hubbard. been a notable increase the number con-jests, such as the mine-owners, the landployed in industry is still only 58 per cent. Jowners or the merchants, but never the interests of the workers. No wonder, then, friendliness by granting the claims of the that our City Fathers have earned the workers to know most about their own

> of Assembly, but only by the organised mass action of the workers in industry, resulting in the setting up of Workers' Councils or Soviets throughout the Union,

"But until the workers are ready to take who believe themselves to be absolutely control of industry and to organise it for superior to everyone else, and who, in This will enable a total of 200,000 workers use and not for profit, it is unreasonable order to assert that superiority, do not ing bodies to the enemy without putting Count Okuma.

the a fight. So we ask you to vote for the Communist canadidate at this election. Our Party is testing its strength in Ward 7. | programme, to which he is pledged, is different from that of any other organisatary of the Branch, and the election takes tion or political body, because the Communist candidate stands, for the workers, AND FOR NO ONE ELSE.

> "If elected he will carry on the workers" struggle and always support their interests

"Finally, our candidate if elected will that may arise, that only through a com-"WHY DOES THE PARTY TAKE THIS plete change in our social order can the workers win their freedom.

> "If you wish to protest against government by capitalists—to bring a human note into the Council where hitherto only the voice of property has spoken—to hasten the day when each shall be for all and all for each, then

GO. TO THE POLL ON SEPTEMBER 1st. and record your vote for HENRY PEREIRA,

the Communist Candidate for Ward VII. "Workers, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to win.

"NOTE.—The Communist Party advises its supporters to vote in Ward VI. for Wm. Green, official candidate of the General Workers' Union, and in Ward IX. for A. T. Williams, official candidate of the Labour Party."

Benoni.

The Benoni Branch has provisionally nominated Comrade T. Chapman as the candidate for Ward 3. Owing to the sentence of six months' imprisonment which Comrade Chapman served in 1922 for his activities in the strike it is possible that he will be disfranchised, in which case an alternative candidate in the person of Comrade Donald Snowdon has been selected.

Johannesburg.

No. 4, Trades Hall, and all who wish to

Note.—Those who are not on the voters' roll can still register. Call at No. 4, Trades Hall, for registration forms.

If we did not have imagination to

The real friend of Labour shows his affairs. The professional in that line is known by his assumed superiority of judgment.

There can be no hope of peace as long as there exist nations and individuals

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Unemployment Conference.

S.A.I.F. TURNED DOWN.

NO UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

The Conference of trade union representatives which is sitting in Capetown at the request of the Minister of Labour is like. the curate's egg, only good in parts.

sit in conference with A. Crawford, the getting on with various works of public bining both wholesale subjection and the secretary of the rump of the S.A.I.F., and utility. The Typographical delegates necessary numerical strength which alone his two sattelites, is fully justified. The past history of Crawford and of the S.A.I.F. whilst under his control is sufficiently putrid to explain the vote of 31 to 9 against allowing these self-appointed delegates to remain, and it would be a distinct | not be introduced on the mines until the | through the whole slow gamut of disgain to South African organised labour if | "ratio reached a population" basis," what- | illusionment about it. It is intelligible. the carcass of the discredited and defunct ever that may mean. S.A.I.F. were buried with the utmost celerity and dispatch.

There is little to commenda however, in the subsequent proceedings of the Cauference.

The refusal to allow a representative of the unemployed organisation of the Cape to attend is an indication that the delegates, who are mostly drawn from the official element of the industrial movement, have failed to grasp the true position and the reason for the Conference itself.

It may be asked whether any more fitting delegate could be sent to a Conference called together to discuss remedies for unemployment than a répresentative of the unemployed workers themselves, but the trade union officials, or a majority of them, evidently thought otherwise.

The further defeat of the first anotion moved by Mr. Hicks, secretary of the Johannesburg, Tramwaymen's Union, which i sought to make provision for bona-fide unemployed workers until they are absorbed | in the field of labour, is regrettable; and it is difficult to understand why a gathering of trade unionists came to such a decision, as many of the unions pay unemployed benefit to their members, and the doctrine of work or maintenance has long! been accepted as sound by the union membership. On further consideration delegates appear to have repented of their action, and by moving the suspension of the standing orders Mr. Hicks was able to reintroduce the subject on the second day. and the Conference agreed, with sonly one dissentient; to "call upon the Government, the Provincial Councils and local authorities to grant immediate relief in food. clothing and shelter."

Whether this will ever be more tian a pious expression of opinion remains to be seen.

Another proposal which appears to have received scant support was that of Mr. I Walker, of the Typo Union, who proposed than all the Bolsheviks ever did; but the a national minimum wage of 8s. per day.

The figure mentioned may be open to unionism for many years and is in actual of industry in Britain and other countries. The trade union representatives, however, saw fit to vote it down, no doubt frightened cluded if a minimum wage is not to be a farce.

The resolutions actually passed seem to gò no further than an attempt to eliminate natives and Indians from certain classes of employment, and deal with such quite unwanted higher protective tariffs for local can change the world. industries; Mr. T. Matthews got a resolution through dealing with the ratio of black to white workers in protected industries, prehistoric plea that new machinery should

The suggestions and resolutions passed reveal a pitiful inability to deal with fundamentals, and show no more grasp of the problem than one would expect from a gathering of petty shopkeepers and stockbrokers.

If Mr. Creswell is looking for guidance and new ideas he is hardly likely to be between black and white is apparently so inspired by the Conference which he has progligible that white youths are proposed called together at, considerable expense, to replace blacks at even lower wages than The taint of the official and the amateur [the blacks get! It would seem to be almost politicism seem to pervade the whole of the backasic case for complete organisation. proceedings, and the needs and desires of the rank and file are in no single instance clearly lindicated.

The working class have one demand, and that is the right to live and live well and happily in the country of their birth or judoption. In return for this right they are prepared to give service to the comumnity. Politicians at classon time. particularly Labour politicians-declare that they can supply these requirements; then let the workers demand that they shall be adequately fed, clotifed and housed, leaving i the ruling clique to find ways and means of providing useful work in return for the provision of these elementary necessities.

Oi course it is obvious that under capitalism nothing of the kind will be even attempted unless the situation appears dangerous, and we arrive again at the only solution, Communist, as against Capitalist, production.

The Pendulum.

Business is beginning to fall off in the United States. In the month of April, I 60,000 men lost their jobs, and wages began to fall. The total decrease in payrolls for the mouth amounted to about 2.000,000 dollars. These figures are based upon a survey of 8,242 establishments.

How the World Goes Round.

"The world cannot go on like this," said a Social Credit enthusiast to a Communist the other day; "which is it to be, my economic. views or your cutting of throats." dentally these Social Patriots cut a good. many more throats in 1914-1918, and since. implied contrast between an intellectual minority with a patent panacea and a redebate from either side, but the principle volutionary minority with a bludgeon, of the minimum wage for all workers is I though a common refuge of anti-Reds, is a sound and has been endorsed by trade false one. Communism combines both the theory and the big stick: but its "theory" practice in Australia and in many branches is simply the patent fact of the huge majority of mankind chafing under their chains and struggling to burst them (the simplest yet most comprehensive and fundaat the native workers, who must be in-I mental fact of our times), and its "big stick" is, not like capitalism's, some juntas private army of cut-throats, but the elemental and revolutionary force evoked by this same struggle. Communism involves being "in the right" not "with two or thrée" but with the millions in this desperate struggle. The millions will not struggle important details as the retirement of for some ingenious economic mostrum, but public servants at the pensionable age -- and they will struggle to overthrow their bosses. attempt to limit the sphere of employment That is why Communism involves belief in of women was quite rightly, however, voted upheaval, in explosion, in mass revolt, and The determination of the delegates not to down-and the usual platitudes about that by the workers, the only class com-

BAKERS UNITE.

This "sack blacks for whites" cry is the and Mr. Conway actually put forward the basis of the Cape Conference, and presumably the white workers will have to go perhaps, where the black workers, continually coming and going in great nomad, bird of passage, pilgrim hordes, baffle attempts at organisation; but in a settled trade like baking, with defined limits and known locales and requiring some experiwhee and intelligence from all its workers, it is surely possible to organise them all, black inchiled, especially as the wage gulf irrespective of colour, and success, however difficult even in this trade, would set an example to others. The other policy is at best only a very temporary palliative liable to lead to a last state worse than the first, like "another little drink" which the alcoholist justifies "to calm his merves," an ambulance which in no way prevents the battle from thickening; a cure for preventy at the expense of those who are even many degrees poorer, as Prof. McMillan's figures of native life (in the "Star") go to show.

TOWARDS PROLETARIAN DICTATOR-SHIP.

No native trade union seems to have been invited to Creswell's Conference. It would have given a curious ring to some of the speeches and propositions made there if the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union, sor instance, had been represented there by a live class-conscious spokesman. Apparently the idea is that the native "menace" is already half eliminated by ostrich tactics.

Nevertheless, and subject to this criti-.cism, the mere fact of the Conference being hield marks a notable advance towards familiarising the idea of workers' control of Government, not to say "proletarian dictatorship."

S.P.B.

The Dawes Plan.

MEANS SLAVERY TO BRITISH

arrived at between the nations interested Britain. While in the speeches of Macin the German reparations question and Donald and Herriot, France and Britain before the Dawes report has been agreed appear as allies, the military experts in l to by either France or Germany, than the most serious forebodings are expressed by British capitalism as to its probable effects l on industry.

fathom this document and its probable division of the world. consequences.

all along pointed out that one effect of the America, in the Far East, and now in Cenadoption of the American policy as set out tral Europe, it will clash with the interests | in the Dawes plane would be to intensify of British Imperialism, and the result will | the struggle for existence of the British not be favourable to the peace of the world. workers; to reduce their standard still The workers must hot be deceived. The further, in order to enable the British agreement at the London Conference is only manufacturers to compete with German la temporary truce dictated by necessity. labour paid at coolie rates, and now the It will not dissolve the antagonisms becapitalist press begins to yelp, and points tween the great robber States who have out that British ship-building costs are 20 made dt. It will not stop the armaments b per cent, higher than German, that sailors, race. It will not prevent the germs of war miners, textile workers in Germany are from growing. In short, the London Conworking at from one-half to two-thirds the ference is not a step in the direction of f already low wages of British workers in world peace at all, similar industries, and the only remedy. It is, however, a step in the direction of suggested is a lengthening of the hours of the enslavement of the European workers. labour, an attack on wages, and high pro- First the crushing of the German workers, ! tective tariffs. The much boosted London and then the crushing of the rest. of the Conference, in common with all its prede- workers of Europe in turn. At the London | cessors, has only still further emphasised. Conference the German workers were never f the irreconcilable antagonisms latent in mentioned. The effect of the application of eapitalist society.

collapse of the Reich and social revolution as clear as the moonday sun that the only on the come hand, and ruthless competition [certain result of the London Conference is] on the other, MacDonald, acting as the the enslavement of the workers everywhere. agent of American and British banking In 6this Conference, which brings not interests, choose the latter alternative, and [fidings of peace but eigetainly of slavery,] we may expect to see the most ruthless the British Labour Government participated methods adopted in the near-future by the - carrying out, as the Imperialists are British master class to force their work-lopenly boasting, the policy of previous l people to accept inheard-of reductions. | capitalist governments.

have at least brought the various nations Imperialism. It shows that once a Labour | more closely together and removed causes Government enters upon an Imperialist [of friction which might have resulted in policy there is no limit to the depths to war.

But what are the facts? ally. France. France is still building "peace."

Scarcely is the ink dry on the agreement aeroplanes to defend itself from Great Great Britain are not anxious to cement the alliance by constructing the Channel has shocked our wareifist L.L.P. Governtunnel.

America, while at the moment closer to Britain than to France in its general policy, [A mysterious Franco-German commercial is by no means in complete accord. The treaty is now talked of, and Messrs. Mac- U.S.A. remains. Great Britain's greatest Donald and Snowden are busy trying to rival in the Imperialist struggle for the re-

Everywhere America will pursue its lin-The Communist Party and writers have perialist aims. In Canada, in Somb-

the Dawes Report on the rest of the workers Faced with two alternatives in Germany. Jof Europe was never discussed. Yet it is

But it may be asaid that these sacrifices | This is a further step along the road of

It is reported that the Mine Workers' Union has decided to formulate a request Party E.C., composed of Comrades Inkpin, S.D.F., as patriotic as its German counterto the Chamber of Mines that all mine employees eligible for membership be called upon to join the union by the end of September.

What's the Game?

If this is an indication that the union desires to return to the vicious system of collecting the union dues through the offices l of the mining companies, then it should not be proceeded with.

Anyounion built up by compulsion from the employer's side can be as easily destroyed by them.

. We warned the miners of the danger before the 1922 strike, and the collapse of the union immediately the mining companies ceased to collect the dues proved well were right.

Having got going on a sound basis it would be the height of folly for the miners ! the enemy.

It is one thing to refuse to work with non-(Continued at foot of next column.)

Communists & Labour Party.

A delegation of the British Communist Walton Newbold (Motherwell), who been adopted by the various local Labour Branclies, and Comrades Pollitt, Ferguson, I by their trade unions.

The British Labour Party is evidently more advanced than the South African Party of that name.

though imposing in numbers would rest arrive at his "facts." ton no sure foundation.

A London Letter.

"Our friends the police," as the Labour Government calls them, have been and gone and taken a sudden fancy to hanging round Communist headquarters of late. The reason was an article in the "Workers" Weekly," in connection with the Anti-War Week, appealing to the Army and Navy not to shoot down their class whether of their own or any other nationality. This ment, fresh from the Naval review at Spithead, and Uncle Arthur has promised to keep a stern eye on the dustaidly conspiritors of King Street.

Rond and pressing enquiries have been made after the health and whereshous of our comrade Inkpin, but he has cone off for his holidays or got lost in the post or something. The blue birds have retired to the nearest soda fountain to thick of a few clues, and a little aasvoged tells me that they will start getting busy during the approaching Parliamentary recess, when no inconvenient questions can be asked; this being their traditional strategy.

So far they have head able to bug our comfide T. A. Jackson, who was bailed before the ealiph for having wilfully and with much misdaadigness harboured one Malchow, a German Communist. Jackson chained be had done nothing mer there give shelter to a man and a brother, but the cadi, like a true Christian, fined him £10, whilst the malefactor Malchow will be our guest for a month-unlike the recentlyarrived delegates of the Fatherland, NOT at the Ritz-so he may philosophise how stone walls do not a prison make under a Labour Government of Pleasant Sunday Afternoon claptrappers.

It is interesting to note, however, that by Unele Arthur's gracious permish, Edvard Soermus, the Bolshevik violinist, is kindly allowed to operate his instrument (probably Leoncealing an infernal machine) until the lend of this year. The kind of bowing and scraping that Soermus performs does not however appeal to the Home Secretary. and this is strictly a ease of obligato.

Adler of the Socialist Splinternational has which it will sink. Starting by threaten- been trying to throw tar at the W.I.R. perjing the Indian revolutionaries in the name | Labour's only daily, but has found that far Britain is still building aeroplanes to of "constitutionalism" it ends by enslaving is a sort of mucilage difficult to get unstuck defend itself from its brave and gallant the European working class in the name of of once you lay hands on it. The August "Workers' Intérnational Pictorial" contains an Adler-addler by Wille Munzenberg which shows up the Slowcial Democrats in their true colours—gradually and surely merging into the Fascist black.

> At its annual Conference the British Bell, Gallacher: Murphy and Campbell, part (one would love to see Bert Killip. met a delegation of the Labour Party E.C., Union Jack in hand, going for Adler the composed of Messrs. Middleton, Wake, Hun in true jingo style, both logically Cramp, Jowett. Hutchinson, Williams and | patriotic), has announced its undying hos-Lowther, to discuss the endorsement of C.P. I tility to Bolshevism. Killip said that the members as Labour candidates. The Com- | S.D.F. had no liking for the Communist munist candidates under discussion were Party or the Soviet Republic, and intimated Comrade Wall (Streatham), W. Paul generally that both should be verbode a and (Rusholme), Saklatvala (N. Battersea), and well and truly stellenbosched. By Order. have Signed, Bert Killip. Oh, kimmip!

A fraternal delegate to this Conference, and Tom Mann, who have been sent forward one Baikaloff, asseverated that Russia was (for the 567th time) on the road to ruin and that illiteracy was increasing. In fact the number of people who could neither read nor write had enormously increased. Supposing the population of Russia was the same as under the gentle and educationto place themselves again in the hands of union men and quite another to rely on loving Tsars (whereas it is actually less) he The boss to build up a union which al- must have had to Baikalotof figures to

"SATYR."

Lenin and the World War.

By G. ZINOVIEV.

esting. Lenin long ago ceased to believe in a the European Social Democracy. He knew well that something was "rotten in the State of Denmark. Long ago he had seen that the official European Social Deurocrats were carrying on a contraband trade forsaken little mountain village in Galicia. Their respective genernments. I remember having had a bet with him. It said to him: "You will see, the German ! Democrats will not dare vote against the war, but will abstain in the vote on the war credits." Comrade Lenin replied: [all. They will not, of course, fight the war, [but they will, to ease their conscience, vote against the credits in order that the working class might not rise against them." In this case Lenin was wrong, and so was I. Neither of us had taken the full measure! of the flunkeyism of the Social Patriots. To-day it is all as simple as A.B.C. We The European Social Democrats proved are all doing it, we are all practically transcomplete bankrupts. They all voted for forming the imperialist war into a civil the war eredits. When the first number of war, but at that time it seemed monstrous. the "Vorwarts," the organ of the German We were told that only an anarchist could Social Democrats, arrived with the news preach such things, and virtually war was that they had voted the war credits. Lenin | declared upon us. Even at Zimmerwald at first refused to believe it. "It cannot not only moderate men, but also extremists be." he said. "it must be a forged number. were bittedly opposed to us, for our opinion Those scoundrels, the German bourgeois, I that Martoff was an agent of the bourgeoisie. have specially published such a number of "How dare you say such things?" they the 'Vorwarts' in order also to compel us to shouted at us; "we have known Martoff for go against the International." Alas! it the last twenty years." But we replied: was not so. It turned out that the Social | "We know Martoff as well as you and we Patriots really had voted the war credits. | are certain that all that is honest among the When Leuin saw it, his first word was: "The Second International is dead."

At that time those words had the effect may it rest, in peace. The howling and the protest of the acknowledged "leaders" of the Second International against the should so insult the entire Socialist world.

Lenin was one of the authors of the main thesis of the resolution of the Stuttgart International Congress of 1907. Jointly ! with Rosa Luxemburg. Lenin invited the Stuttgart Congress to proclaim that should an imperialist war begin, our business! would be to raise a revolution, that is, a l civil war. \ After protracted arguments, \ the commission of the Congress adopted his ! decision, but in different words. Lenin told us at the time how he had been arguing | And our Comrade Lenin kept his word.

demanded great care in termulating it in order not to alarn: the enemy before the time:

Then the impedialist war actually came, but when Lenin now repeated the Stuttgart resolution, when he now submitted to the leaders of the Second International Bebel's. ed by the local editors, spread a report in rotten opportunist goods. When the L.O.U., the leaders only waived it aside and war broke out we were living in a God- passed to the order of the day, that is, to l

remember the first manifestor of our party on the war. Naturally, it was drawn-up principally by Lenin himself, as l in fact all our most important party documents were. When we translated it into various European languages and read them "No, they are not such scoundrels after out to various comrades, even the Swiss internationalist Grimm, and the Roumanian revolutionary Rakovsky, who is now in our ranks, they were very indignant. They were almost horror-stricken when they read the words that the imperialist war must be transformed into a civil war.

> Russian workers will follow us and willoppose the war, while Martoff is championing bourgeois ideas."

of a bursting bomb. At present we all see! But of course all these petty incidents! clearly that this is so, the Second Inter-lare of no particular importance. I only national was dead. It is now as obvious i mention them to show you how dead, how to us as the A.B.C.: but think, only how I stagnant was the European Social Demogreat the prestige of this International had cracy of the beginning of the war. No one altogether and to demand an increase in been before the war. It, at least, on paper, was prepared to fight. All had become the standard wages. had counted several million members, and habituated to the old tracks of legalism contained in its ranks such authorities as and parliamentarism: all the old leaders Kautsky. Vandervelde. Valliant. Guesde, [had faith in 'law,' and made of it a fetish.: Plekhanoff. And all of a sudden a Russian | Tremendous efforts were needed to make Marxist gets up and announces to all the an impression even among the Zimmerworld, "The Second International is dead: | waldians. I remember a clash at Zimmerwald between Lenin and Ledebour. Lede-Russia." If Ledebour still remembers those words. I think he must feel very much ashamed of them now. But Comrade Lenin coolly replied to him: "When Marx ! was drawing up his Communist Manifesto he also was living abroad, and only narrowminded philistines could reproach him for that. I now live abroad, because I was I sent here by the Russian workers, but when the time arrives, we shall know how ! io stand at our posts..."

It is a blessed thing that in every age someone has had individuality enough to stand by his own convictions—someone has had the grandeur to say his say.... Ingersoll.

Modern institutions plant their roots in the period of barbarism, into which their germs were transmitted from the previous period of savagery. They have had a lineal descent through the ages.— Lewis II. Morgan.

Fascist Tactics.

A gun explosion, or rather backfire, on a big super-dreadnought killed twenty naval gunners in San Pedro harbour, A few words on how Lenin reacted to the with Bebel about those words. According | California, where there is a savage fight, outbreak of the war will no doubt be inter- to Lenin, Bebel had accepted the idea, but in progress against the I.W.W., a vigorous union that has unionised the harbour workers, the shipping and allied crafts, forcing higher wage levels with a consequent loss of 'profits.' The business men with the cumning that has ever marked the parasites of capitalism, assistthat the I.W.W. strikers meant to dynamite the morgue containing the bodies of the dead naval men. Later they led infuriated citizens and some unthinking sailors in an attack on the union headquarters, wrecking and burning it.

> The usual Saturday night entertainment of the tired workers was in progress when the armed mob broke in with sledge-hammers and guns and carrying American flags. Kettles of boiling water for the coffee and tea were thrown by the mob over four children who are in hospital, scalded, and not expected to recover. Fifty others of the unoffending workers were wounded and brought to hospital, and seven of the leading spirits of the union were taken out to the country in motor cars, tarred and feathered and left to their fate.

> These leaders and union men later returned, stood on their rights as citizens and invoked the law and constitution of this "Republic." They swore affidavits naming the leaders of the riot, but the police and the courts will not move against the fascisti who are pleasurably regarded as above the law.

No Bonus.

The announcement that there will be no bonus to the Rand gold miners this month indicates the precáriousness of the system of payment by results, and the Miners' Union would do well to consider the advisability of sweeping away the system

The workers have no voice in the management of the mines nor the fluctuations of the gold market, and it is therefore quite unreasonable to expect their wages to be ruled by these considerations.

Wages under the capitalist system reprebour argued: "It is all right for you here sent merely the cost of production and. living abroad to issue appeals for a civil maintenance of the commodity labour, and importinent Bolsheviks knew no bounds. war: I should have liked to see how you while the system remains the value of the It was monstrous, they declared, that Lenin | would have done it if you had lived in | product of that labour power does not enter into its price.

> The only safe policy for miners as for other workers is to demand, and by organisation enforce, the demand for a high standard of living irrespective of the fluctuations in the price of gold or any other commodity.

Police and Pickets.

The British Labour Government is pursuing the tactics of all bourgeois governments in its dealings with the Covent Garden porters' strike.

Police are protecting scabs and threatening the strikers in the good old-fashioned way, and we may expect broken heads if the mass picketing continues.

The "Scottish Pheelosopher."

Ramsay the Apostate.

ways the "Scottish pheclosopher." He is accepting office in the War Cabinet of Mr. I world. It has factories in Spain, Canada, the schoolmaster in essence, he is so intent ever in weighing the pros and cons, so subtle in mind and gets such spiritual satisfaction from philosophising that, Haldane, the Liberal Imperialist who, as bonus shares. confronted by grim realities and need for | Minister for War, made all those military | But the dividends on the ordinary shares action, he is content with philosophising preparations in conjunction with France have been simply enormous. Since its forand with admiration of his subtlety. He which, when the crisis came, bound marion in 1900 the company has returned will state the truth and then avoid its Britain to the war policy of France and to the shareholders in dividends each equal realisation as too common a task for a Russia, and to the fulfilment of obligation as an which is more than eight and a philosopher. He would never seek to tions the existence of which had been half times the amount they originally in-· 'hack a way through,' as devious paths | denied in the House of Commons by his | more attract his philosophic mind. The fellow-Imperialists, Mr. Asquith and Sir (10,000 in the company twenty-four years moves in the game have a greater fascina- Edward Grey. By this act Mr. Maction than has the object that has to be Donald gave the lie to all that he and his attained, seeing that attainment can only supporters of the L.L.P. had urged issues would hold not conjugate or only be achieved in the fierce clash of axiomatic | throughout the war and afterwards. truth with falsity. No man who knows By voting money for cruisers, increased him would ever accuse Ramsay Mac-Donald of wlishonesty. Nevertheless, his permutations as a "Scottish pheclosopher" are hard to follow, and whilst he may confound his enemies, there is always the Donald proceeded to exercise in his own to the shareholders a dividend of 72 per imminent danger that he will confound his friends. Those who seek to be led along a broad straight path are more attracted by the rugged combatant such as William Cobbett than by any performer on the tight rope, be he ever so skilful. present they watch him crossing the precipice or throwing out ballast, from the balloon to enable it to surmount obstacles; the cry-is potent; "Don't embarrass Mac-Donald." But whilst the spectacle is enthralling, it is a personal performance, and in its making the rank and file can shave no part except the negative one of avoidance of criticism. Not so are a people inspired to the affainment of their ideals by a "pheelosopher" who is constrained to put them on one side labelled, "Not wanted on the voyage" across the tight rope. Philosophy chills enthusiasm and the spirit of self-sacrifice, and Labour will yet learn that it has no guiding principle, but a hotch-potch of political expedi- i justice to be enforced by arms in the last i ents in place of a cause.

action in the international sphere. Those who upheld the position of the Independent Labour Party during the war and latter has expressed his satisfaction that Bakers, in view of past services rendered to aided its propaganda were chiefly inspired by these views: That the secretidiplomacy pursued by the Imperialist Liberals in the Cabinet, Mr. Asquith, All of which may be taken to mean that As the Baking Employees' Association have Lord Haldane, and Sir Edward Grey, had Mr. MacDonald is committing Britain to placed the country in the hands of the Imperialists of France and Russia, whose Versailles Treaty—which means to war purpose was to destroy Germany and to as collector of an unjust debt. Only a Branch (Troyeville), they can afford to dismember Austria-Hungary in order to Scotch 'pheelosopher' could so far pass ignore the intermediary employer who only secure definite Imperialistic and territorial from condemnation to support, from collects the wages plus the profits from gains. That the alleged sole responsi- Pacifism to a policy which cusures mili- the public, and passes on a small portion to bility of Germany for the war was a lie tarism. cunningly conceived and promulgated to delude the public, and the exposure of So, too, in the realm of domestic affairs; bank to employer's credit, or to the miller. which was the first essential step for the Mr. MacDonald gives no sign that his The fight is likely to be mere keen than restoration of a Peace that would last. Government will change the established clean. The S.A.I.U. have made attempts When at Versailles a Peace was forced order of things. In other days he wrote this week to have the president of the new upon Germany, based, as Mr. Lloyd in "Socialism after the War": "Thus Union fired from his employment, so far George declared, on the sole guilt of our old Socialist argument that commonic unsuccessfully. Germany, and which aimed at the de- rent must be taken by the State because Now what about demanding that your struction of Germany and the enslavement of her people, the I.L.P. denounced it as the whole community is entitled to take carry the Baking Employees' Association's iniquitous because unjust and carrying advantage, has been enormously enforced certificate, signed by secretary, J. P. Anderwith it the certitude of future war. Not by the results and experiences of the war. son? Are you doing your bit? See certifia war of revenge alone, but of liberation. And it is fundamental." Then Mr. MacDonald assumed office as But he is a "Scottish pheelosopher," press methods exist there is a possibility the Dawes Committee. He took into his ject of philosophy.—"Commonweal."

Lloyd George, had brought Labour into and United States as well, has a capital of support of the "knock-out blow" policy | £4,576,712, of which no less than £3,243,828 and the Versailles Treaty. To crown all, has been supplied by the company out of Mr. MacDonald found place for Lord profits to the shareholder- in the form of

sums for the Air Service, and for the capital has been returned to the shareestablishment of a Territorial Air Force. he has given satisfaction to the mili-latone though the declared dividend was tarists. On acceptance of office, Mr. Mac-Louly a modest (1) 12 per cent, this meant person to the full are arts of secret diplomacy, and in his dealings with Poincare been given by the company. gave an appearance of subserviency to And how are the workers treated by this France, at least equal to that of Lord prosperous e neem: Badly organised, they Curzon and greater than that of Mr. I are bullied right and left, prices are con-Lloyd George in his later days. The tinually being sut, and they work under Dawes Report is concerned with the conditions much below those obtaining genarrangement of conditions that the ex-levally in the engineering industry, which perts conceive will enable Germany to lare admittedly scandalously bad throughout carry out the terms of the Versailles | Great Britain. Treaty accepted under duress.

They envisage terms of perpetual en-slavement for the German people, for Baking Employees Association they are indeterminate, and payments are to be increased as Germany's capacity to pay becomes more obvious. Therefore they keep alive in Europe the fear, and indeed the certitude, of future war. Not port the Baking Employees' Association, wonder that the Earl of Ypycs calls on the children to prepare for the future war that will come. To this policy of inresort by the victor upon the vanquished, Mr. MacDonald has given his support. It In the first place, take Mr. MacDonald's is his boast that he has reached an accord At a meeting of the Master Bakers' Associawith M. Herriot which former Governments have been unable to secure. The Mr. MacDonald should have undertaken that, in event of Germany defaulting, the pre-war alliance would be reconstituted. support France in the enforcement of the

Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary. and to a philosopher fundamental action of spurious certificates being issued. His Government inherited the report of is abhorrent as likely to remove the sub-

British Engineering Conditions

BIG PROFITS AND BRUTAL EXPLOITATION

The firm of Babeock and Wilcox is well Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is in many Cabinet the Jingo Labour men who, by known in South Africa and all over the

> vested. Thus if a capitalist invested ago he would to-day have received UST,900 in dividends, and because 2of the bonus £60,000.

> Even in the five years smoothe war, the holders nearly three times ever For 1923 com. Incomise of the house is in Alice

and Recognition.

At a recent meeting of the Co-ordinating Association a resolution was passed to supand a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Master Bakers' Association for the purpose of impressing on that body the advisability of recognition of the men's new Union in accordance with the resolutions passed by all the leading Unions. tion the letter of invitation was read from Co-ordinating Association, but the Master them individually and collectively by the S.A.I.U. of the S.A.I.F., turned the letter down and refused to meet the deputation. received the recognition of the real employer, the consumer, through the trades unions that matter and at least one S.A.L.P. his employees, the larger going into the

cate is signed by -ceretary. Whilst modern

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"Taxation," John D. Goerke.

Indian Revolutionary Party Manifesto. Words and Music, The Internationale."

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"The Great Initiative, 's N. Lenin. "The Evolution of Industry," Wm.

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Problem of the Workless.

Advisory Committee to be Formed.

The Department of Imbour is not waiting | The next Branch Meeting will be held at for the conclusion of the Conference in No. 4, Trades Hall, on Wednesday next, Capetown before creating the machinery to September 3, at 8 p.m. study and deal with the distress resulting | Business: Municipal Elections, Canvass. frem uncimplovinent.

A circular has been addressed to the School, etc. unions in the Transvaul inviting them to send a delegate each to form a small body representative of the Transvaal urban areas; which will meet at Room 16. New Law Courts, on Friday, September 5th, at 4 p.m.

The objects of the gathering would be to give consideration to the present grave con- Lamps may be left at No. 4, Trades Hall.: ditions prevailing throughout the Union on account of unemployment and to keep [the Minister in touch with local opinion | regarding the best methods to be adopted for ameliorating these conditions.

The problem of unemployment may be regarded as twofold. In the first place, the Government is faced with the problem of relieving immediate distress. There is, in addition, the problem of permanent solution. The Minister desires this provisional "The Chief Task of Our Times," N. | committee to concentrate its attentions on the former aspect, as being the one of more immediate and pressing importance. It is desired, however, that the committee should also consider the suggestion which has been made to the Minister that a permanent advisory council be formed to coordinate all the scattered urban organisations, so that there may be less waste of effort than at present, and so that the Department and the Government may be in close touch with a body that can speak authoritatively for all interests.

The suggested agenda is as follows:

1. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

Temporary Relief .-- Discussion of the most effective and economical methods of providing temporary relief.

3. Consideration of particular types of b undertakings conforming to the conditions determined under Item No. 2.

4. The following types of undertaking are suggested for discussion, and members are invited to bring forward such others as they may desire:

(a) Road construction:

tion schemes.

projects.

cally incapable persons.

The question of provision for unem- | Stores. ployed women solely dependent on their earnings.

Whilst agreeing that the matters to be discussed both by the National Conference in Capetown and also the provincial are of the utmost urgency, it is unfortunate that it has been found necessary to call the delegates together at such short notice, this method having the effect of bringing together bodies of union officials uninstructed by the membership and only in a secondary sense representing them.

It is to be hoped that if further Confer- | persons recommended as ences are called that time will be allowed for the executives and officials to consult the membership and to give them the opportunity of deciding who their representatives are to be and also to give a mandate to their delegates on the most important principles to be advocated.

Communist Party Notes.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

Meetings; Party Congress Agenda; Night

Candidates for membership must attend m person.

The Branch Secretary appeals for the loan of one or more good lamps, earbide or parassin, for indoor use or, if carbide, for open-air use, for an indefinite period.

September 10th Social and Dance.

All helpers and all willing to help are requested to attend without fail at the meeting to be held at No. 4. Trades Hall, on Monday next, September 1, at 8 p.m., to make final arrangements. Ticket sellers are requested to endeavour to dispose of all tickets before that meeting and to bring the proceeds to date to the meeting.

S. P. BUNTING, Secretary.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of the late FREDERICK THOMAS SHORTER (No. 54552).

All persons having claims against the above-named deceased or his Estate are called upon to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication hereof.

WILHELMINA HARRIET SHORTER, c/o E. Neill, 82. Beyers Street, West Krugersdorp. Executrix Testamentary.

29th August, 1924.

REGISTRATION OF BUSINESSES ACT. 1909.

Notice is hereby given that the partner-(b) Municipal and Government afforesta- ship existing between PHILIP BECKER and JOHNNY LURIE, trading as the (c) Other Municipal undertakings, such Leeuwpoort Trading Stores on the farm as sewerage, railway súbways, etc. | Leeuwpoort No. 296, District Witbank, will (d) Government and private irrigation be dissolved on the 20th September, 1924, by the retirement of the said Philip The creation of additional avenues | Becker, whose interest in the business will for absorbing white labour in Govern- be taken over by Max Becker and the ment and Municipal services. | business continued by Johnny Lurie and The question of provision for physi- | Max Becker, trading in partnership under the style or firm of the Leeuwpoort Trading

> The new partnership will take over all the assets and liabilities of the old partnership as and at the date of dissolution.

> Dated at Witbank, this 26th day of August, 1924

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