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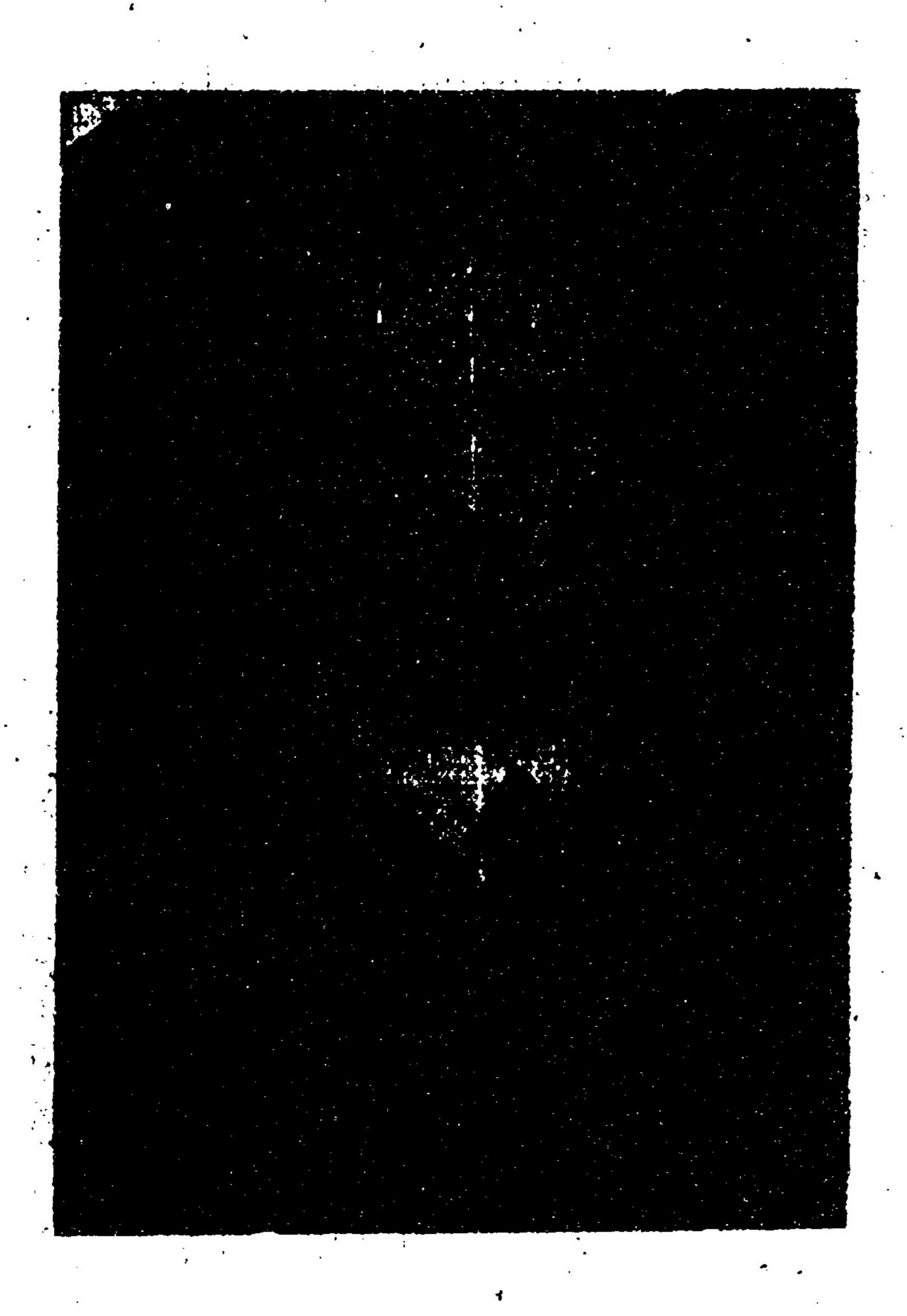
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FOR LANGLAGIE.

Comrade Clark has a iong record of service in the Labour Movement behind him. He is the organising Secretary of the Boilermakers Society, under notice to quit for the cause of International Socialism. Thirteen years in the Labour movement in South Africa, he has been an enthusiastic and able second to Andrews in all the stages of building the Labour movement here. He is on the Town Council of Johannesburg and Provincial Council. First president of the Independent Labour Party, in 1906—7, Trades and Labour Council, vice President sor several years of the S.A.L.P. up to the split, Clark's activities have been many and varied.

One of the most effective speakers in the movement, James will yet do good service for the League in the days are to come.

Whether Langlaagte wants him or not, his fight there for International Socialism would be a message to the world of Labour.

The Liebknecht of South Africa.

W. H. Andrews is a Suffolk man, and does not forget to tell you. Andrews was born at Leiston in 1870, the year that saw the wreck of the first Working-class International.

He came to South Africa in 1893. Saw there was no branch of his Society here and got one formed. From that time the name of Andrews and the Labour movement became almost synonymous.

He represented the Railwaymen in 1904 and got several of their grievainces remedied. The Independent Labour Party, The political Labour League the Trades and Labour Council, and the Labour Representation Committee, were some of his earlier activites. First as Secretary of the Johannesburg Branch, then as South. African Organiser, the Amalgamated Society of Engineers also claimed and still claims a large part of his aftention. He was one of the founders of the Labour Party and of the Federation. Contested two unsuccessful Municipal Elections, and the Parliamentary Election in Fordsburg, 1910. His first political triumph was in the Georgetown Election, when he beat both

Unionist and S. A. Party, and for the first time united the Dutch and British worker in the Labour movement.

Andrews, as Chairman of the Labour Party, largely contributed to guide it on Anti-war lines. The newly-come Young Unionists called him an autocrat. He has an unerring judgment as to the right tactic for Labour. And suggestions of dalliance with Capitallst Parties for temporary ends always arouse his ire.

Andrews is a many sided man. To the adventurer showing no mercy, he is a friend to every sincere Labourite: Creswell is the hero to-day. But Andrews has always been the real leader of Labour opinion in South Africa, and is its best platform exponent.

He has cheerfully staked his political career on keeping the Labour movement to its true aims. The Labour movement of the future will not forget, even though the workers to-day may desert him. Georgetown would be famous indeed if it honoured itself by sending to Parliament the Liebknecht of South Africa.

Andrews has had several meetings on the Railway Square in Georgetown. Despite the raw nights, audiences of interested listeners are now the rule.

EVERY LABOURITE A REBEL.

The Labour movement is a rebel movement. People nowadays are very frightened of the word rebel, but every Labourite is one. If not, he is in the movement for pickings. Labour demands liberty. It finds the world governed by a small band of interests which own all the means of production and exploit the working class for their own ends.

wage earning or All men who belong to salaried class suffer from this domination: All have to starve their bodies for freedom, or starve their intellects for comfort. For this domination of the Exploiters permeates society in war and in peace.

The chains of Capitalism are everywhere, on the moors and in the valleys, by the streams we love so well, there is no escape from the thraldom of the Corner Houses of the world. Sometimes its chains are gilded to allure; sometimes made forbidding to intimidate. Of these latter are prisons and police. And everywhere the struggle. of the working class grows to throw off its thraldom, and to give all men the key to natures bounteous reward sor honest toil.

Labour has found that its tyrant is the same in all countries. Labour therefore in all countries is gradually linking together into one great International Party. For whether it likes it or not Capital is fast becoming International. Capital knows no country. Capital in Europe rushes to the defence of Capital in South Africa against the attacks of Labour. And Labour cannot help becoming International too.

O Seeing this, Governments foment national prejudices and alarms so that the workers of the world may be divided. That is why they execrate International Socialism. That is why they so eagerly pat the Labour Party on the back for "seeing it through."

They know what makes Labour dangerous. The power of the Corner House in all countries depends on its ability to stampede the workers into war at its own discretion. The Labour Party that puts allegiance to the working class first and allegiance to governments second is a menace not to be tolerated. Once the Labour Parties of the world succeed to fight war, the power of Capitalism is gone.

A conference of Socialist Parties was recently held in Switzerland. The Independent Labour Party wished to send a delegate there. But the British government, when they found the object of his journey, refused to give him passports to travel. French, German and Italian Labour was there, but the British delegate was "unavoidably detained." Why?

Because, with all their flattery of the workers just now, the one thing that Governments dread more than all defeats or annexations is the interference of organised Labour to end the war, ? Rather have England invaded than have you, the workers, dictate terms of peace.

Labour then means infinitely more than sending men to Parliament. It means more than fighting Unionist and South African Parties under the sordid rules of their ancient political game. It is Labour's job to sweep away the dusty cobwebs of political tricks. Labour has come to burst up the codes of the old political parties.

To be labour is to rebel against all the rules and regulations and against all the institutions of Boss Capital.

One of these institutions is war. War is only Capital carrying on the political game when other means have failed. How absurd to think that Labour can fight Capitalism and at the same time support war, which is Capitals greatest weapon.

It is Labour's duty to refuse to cut off relations with the working class of any country just when Governments choose to cut off their diplomatic relations. When war breaks out, that is the very time for Labour to assert itself, and extend hands across the trenches.

This alone is Labour: to be true to the working class in war and in peace, in Germany or in Britain. Anything else makes Labour the tame jackal of Capitalist Government.

When the Labour Party agrees to back the war, Big Boss capitalism can afford to smile. The scramble of Labour men and Unionists for seats in Parliament then becomes just the old entertaining political game over again.

But let Labour declare itself International, and the fight between Labour and those who exploit and delude the working class becomes a fight to the death.

Few though in numbers, the only issue in this election is between International Socialism and Capitalism. It is only a skirmish. But the first skirmish in an advance that will resolve itself into the most momentious conflict between the forces of barbarism and the forces of enlightenment that the world has ever seen. Do yourself the honour of striking a first blow in this great cause.

LABOUR PARTY EXPELS LABUUR.

After the Special Conference of the Labour Party the Loss of Labour principles, Internationals were faced with the alternative of splitting the Party or acquiescing in an Anti-Labour Policy. They decided to do neither.

Before and after the passing of the "see it through" resolution the Jingo Labourites talked freely of the resignations of the International as an inevitable consequence. They passed that resolution knowing, nay, hoping that the Internationals would get out

The Internationals refused to get out. Instead they initiated organisation to reclaim the Party to their views. In short, they towed to the will of the majority.

The forming of the International League of the S.A.L.P. was the result. It is a most absurd distortion of the facts for the Party now to say that this amounted to forming a new political party. It was a League composed of Branches affiliated to the Party. It derived its existence from an earnest desire to keep the Party intact and to rectaim it for Socialism.

The Internationals have now been expelled from the Labour Party. It will be seen that the Internationals made every effort to preserve the unity of the movement. Their minds are free of the guilt of disruption. But the panic stricken methods of those who called for "See it through" as a Labour election cry stands out as one more symptom of the prevailing insanity which hurls the workers of the world at one another's throats.

What good will it do to have seare in Parliament at the

Labour ceases to be Labour in South Africa once it declares war on Labour in Germany.

The whole world is convulsing. The greatest need of the time is to declare the unity of Labour in all countries. For this we have formed the International Socialist League.

We have put up Andrews for Georgetown and Clark for Langlaagte. Whether you send them to Parliament or 'not their election will ring as far as the brave band of Socialists in Europe fighting the same cause. You have the privilege of sending that message.

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Are we "Seeing it Through."

We say "See it through," and you send us to Parliament for it. | breeds war. If South Africa could raise a united demand to stop the Seats are going cheap. But is that all you mean by "seeing it through",—sending men to Parliament?

Labour Candidates say they will see it through to the last man and the last shilling. Do they really intend to?

Let us be honest. South Africa regards her job as practically finished bar shouting. You are sending men to Parliament to clear up the mess, and to see that the mess does not fall on your shoulders. You do not want conscription. You do not want to send the last man, not by a long chalk. You intend doing very little more. You have spent the last shilling, since even the contingent must be pair for by the Imperial Government. Great cry and little wool.

You want to see it through—through as quickly as possible. Dees it help to shout loyalty on platforms. How easy that is. Must Europe be bathed in blood, must a million more men perish and a million women more despair for our amusement?

Remember that we remain in security, like a selfish audience in the emphitheatre demanding the gladiators to fight and draw blood, more blood. Is that honourable, is that what you call patriotism? How little you really do to see it through. How much you could do to demand an end to the horrible business.

South Africa has the gold, the sinews of the system that | Socialist International.

aimless murder of the sons of the working class, its voice would not go unheeded. South Africa could stop the war. South Africa could perform no nobler service to itself and to humanity.

The Labour Parties of Britain, France and Germany have resolved to see it through. But are we getting any nearer the end?

The conflagration is spreading, we are now seeing it through to the Balkans. Soon, very soon, no country or clime will be immune from the ravages of the war.

The fire is spreading. The Labour party is pouring the oil of "see it through" on the flames. The coloured races of the world will soon catch the frenzy. And yet the insane cry of "see it through" is all that our heaven-sent statesmen have to contribute.

Must the world go on fire because we have a general election to win? Labour, where it should have taught better, has followed the whim of the masses. Labour united could stop the war tomorrow. Labour united means Labour International, Labour International means Labour all-powerful. The only hope for a way out from the catastrophe threatening the civilized world is that Labour parties will renounce this lying cry of "see it through" and join hands in the

The Mope of the World.

We say that the "See it through," policy leads to disaster. "See it through "is not a policy, it is a dishonest election cry. It means looking on doing nothing from a seat in Parliament. Have you asked Creswell how he proposes to save the Empire? Does he propose sending more Contingents, until every available man is gone? Does he propose to enforce the Defence Act for European service? You have a right to be told.

What then do we propose? We propose the Solidarity of Labour as the only hope of the world. Not solidarity with the Corner House or with Botha; but the solidarity of Labour with Labour in all the countries now at war.

When all the Labour Parties in the world agree to back up Capitalist governments, what happens? Nothing happens, except the betrayal of Labour, the prolongation of the war, and stalemate.

But when all the Labour Parties bring pressure to bear on their own Governments to negotiate peace, and strive to awaken public opinion in their own countries to the colossal folly of this universal slaughter, the war cannot last another month.

For the suffering peoples of Europe there is no "premature peace." That is the claptrap of the Stock Exchange. It is all very well for you South Africans to say: "Let the war go on, let more bldod flow." Nemesis will surely visit the people who, themselves immune, urge other nations to tear each others heartstrings out.

We are not merely anti-war: International Socialism will stop the war. We are not pro-German: We back up Liebknecht because he fights German militarism with the only weapon that can fight it,— Socialism. Is Liebkneeht right? Then we are also right.

Liebknecht in Germany. Keir Hardie in England, the whole of the Italian Socialist Party, the Social Democrats of Russia and Austria, the French Trades Unionists, the Internationals in South Africa, and the little bands of Socialists in Greece, Servia and Bulgaria, have all valiantly protested and fought against this orgy of militarism and brute passion.

Each section is doing its duty in its own country to make the Labour movement realize the folly of the "see it through" policy. When the Socialist Parties in all belligerent countries have renounced that policy, the war must stop. That is what we are endeavouring to do.

Do not imagine that we are voices crying in the wilderness The International Socialist League is part of a world movement. There is no speech nor longue where its voice is not heard. Its line is gone out through all the earth, and its words to the end of the world. Let us see what some of the Socialist Parties have said.

Seven hundred officials of the great German Socialist Party in a recent manifesto denounced the war, and denounced their executive for voting the war credits. This is what they say:

"To the German Social Democracy is still given the power of making a decision which will become historic in the annals of the world. The British Independent Labour Party, who have thrown their important influence on the side of peace, have recently urged upon their Government with the greatest pressure that the British terms of peace should be made public at once, and have assumed an attitude of firm opposition to the annexation policy of the Entente. Hervé and his colleagues are having to face a growing movement of the French comrades in favour of an early peace without annexations and antagonistic alliances. the pressure of which they try to beat back in vain. The example of our sister party in Italy makes our hearts leap with joy. The Socialist voices raised on behalf of peace are sounding more and more urgently to us in Britain, France, and Italy, but the further development of the Socialist opposition to war in these countries depends upon the attitude of the German Social Democracy. If the leaders of the German Social Democracy are going to allow themselves to drift with the flowing tide of a policy of con-. quests, if they do not return to the firm footing of war against war and the Imperialistic robber instincts by the organised working, class of the International, they will lose the last opportunity of freeing themselves from the full responsibility of acquiescing and supporting the continuance of this pitiless war ot destruction until the peoples have been bled white and a settlement reached which will only contain the seed of a new world war".

The great Italian Socialist Party is united against the war and has expelled a few "see it through" advocates as betrayers of Labour. This is what they say:

"The Socialist Party regards the international wrestling of nations as the result of capitalist competition of the various hourgeous states, guided by no true idealism of any kind.

"Italy's entrance is determined by dynastic considerations. and the Socialist proletariat never could and cannot now lend its support to any action based on such motives.

"Workingmen! For these reasons the Italian Socialist Party has refused and still refuses any and all approval of the war, in the conviction that Italy could and should have acted as a just evangel of peace, and as an unselfish mediator between the warring nations....

"Proletarians of Italy! Even though the sublime ideal of realizing the unity of nations through the proletarian International seems to be endangered in this tearful hour; even though the voice of justice and reason is drowned by the roar of cannons,—despite it all we shall not lose faith.

"Long live Socialism! "Long live the International!"

The British Independent Labour Party has come out unmistakeably in opposition to the war. Keir Hardie has succumbed to the strain of the anti-war propaganda. Ramsay MacDonald and other leaders remain at the head of a solid Party demanding the Government to discuss terms of peace.

The Russian Socialist have been sent to Siberia in large numbers for their opposition to the war, and their denunciation of the ruling classes for plunging the people into fratricidal strife. They impeach the "see it through" Labour Parties of the world for abetting the great crime, and acting the M'bongo to the Capitalist governments of the world. Here is part of the message they have sent to the world. This, like all other Socialist manifestoes against the war, has been suppressed by the Russian government:—

"The European war for which the Government and capitalist parties of all countries have been preparing for decades has broken on: The growth of armaments; the extreme intensification of the struggle for markets between 'advanced' countries at this, at war. Long live the International unity of the working class.

latter day Imperialist stage of capitalist development; the dynastic interests of the most backward monarchies of Eastern Europe —these influences were bound to bring about and did bring about this war. The grabbing of territories and the subjugation of other nations; the ruin of a rival nation; the pillage of its wealth: the diversion of the attention of the workers from internal political crises in Russia, Germany, Great Britain, and other countries; the division in the worker's ranks by 'nationalist' duping, the destruction of their advance guard with the object of weakening the revolutionary movement of the working class --such is the sole and real meaning of the present war".

Andrews and Clark and the International League are in line. with this movement all over the world.

Will you waste your vote on a paltry short-sighted "see it through" policy when by supporting Andrews and Clark you may send a message that will ring througout the world, and bring hope and encouragement to the fighters of militarism in all the countries now

How the Red Flag was Mauled Down.

being International. Nearly all its most prominent men were alive | Yet that freedom was denied the Internationals. to the fact that Labour must link up with Labour in all countries, as the first endition of its existance.

increase in navies and armaments. And in all countries Labour knew that the mad policies of the diplomats of Europe led inevitably to the belocaust which has now burst over the whole world.

Armaments Manufacturers as the cause of it, and described it as an \ "see it through " after Creswell. unjus: war. We were keen to respond to messages of peace from other Socialist parties, and we accepted the invitation of the American | Labour Candidate. Those who refused to bow the knee to Baal. no Socialist Party to attend an International Peace Conference.

In December the Annual Conference met. Although the Internationals were then in a majority, and wished to express their abhorrence of the war, they decided to refrain from so doing. Rather | tion. than split the Party, it was the Internationals who suggested the compromise to leave the question of the war to be decided by each | Executive, Mr. Lageson, Director of Companies, had his nomination member according to the dictates of his reason and conscience.

The Internationals have now suffered the penalty of their generosity. When they lost their majority, it was in vain that they appealed for the same freedom from the pro-war section.

At the Special Conference held in August last the "see it Creswell distinctly shewed on his pledge that he would not obey the ment.

Up to the outbreak of war, the Labour Party could not help | will of the majority unless the "see it through" policy was carried.

The Elections were drawing near, and the calls of "The Star" for loyalty more and more insistent.

In all countries Labour raised its voice against the alarming A Bismarckian regime ensued. Creswell was made Grand Inquisitor. Ever internationalist was called upon to swallow his convictions or get int.

Candidates for Parliament who had worked to build the par-When the war broke out the Labour Party denounced the ty had their pledges forn in their faces, because they refused to say

> Instead of Socialism, Imperialism became the test of a matter how great their services to the cause, were scrapped. Those who lisped "see it through," no matter how recently from the Stock Exchange, were accepted to champion Labour without further ques

Prior to the Conference, under the leadership of the old for Parliament twice rejected by the Party.

Mr. Lagesen, an honourable enough man, knows as much about Labour as he does about lexicography. But Lagesen is a wealthy man; Andrews is not. And Lagesen is now Labour Candidate.

Time will show the working class that the incidents connecthrough" policy was carried. What was the result? Not content with | ted with the passing of the "see it through" policy constitute the passing that policy, it was made the first test of a Labour Candidate. | gravest betrayal of Labour in the history of the South African move -

Jottings.

An attempt is made in this week's issue to state our case fully to the Electorate. Much matter is squeezed out in consequences.

The Internationals again addressed a large gathering of over a thousand people on the Town Hall steps last Sunday. Comrades Andrews and Bunting were in fine form, and were listened to with evident appreciation for over an hour. "The International" sold briskly.

The Benoni Branch of the League had a meeting on Monday. A series of educational classes have been started. Comrade T. C. Davies will start the first discussion with a paper on "why we are anti-war."

Johannesburg Central Branch will meet in the Trades Hall on Sunday the 17th at 2.30 in the afternoon for the purpose of discussing the question of nominating candidates for the forthcoming Municipal Election.

Andrews had another good meeting on Wednesday evening last at the old Apollo Hall, Germiston. All the seating accomodation was taken up by an appreciative audience. Colin Wade held the chair, and Andrews explained the policy of the International Socialist League in his üsual lucid and convincing manner.

Andrew Watson, Alf. Crisp, M.P.C Sydney van Lingen, and George Mason also spoke and were followed attentively.

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