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A Soldiers' Revolt.

The Macriland Worker gives a startling account of a mutiny of 15,000 soldiers in Sydney at the beginning of March. The revolt is at the same time a proof of the uncontrollable instinct of freedom and of the savage blight of militarism on men.

The circumstance of such an army breaking all bounds, defying their officers, pouring out of camp, seizing and taking control of the trains; invading a city of 700.000 people, wrecking property, looting stores, robbing on the right hand and on the left, attacking citizens, taking he hotels by force and drinking themselves into a frenzy of uncontrollable fury, and finally finding themselves in death-dealing conflict with the armed mounted produce as well as the men of their own pickets is something to make sober-minded people think.

But let us hear what was the origin, now that we have given the worst. The majority of men in the Australian army are working men. They come swinging to the glory of the Marsellaise from the democracy of their Trade Unions into camp. They leave liberty behind. Democracy cannot enter there. Militarism that is not despotic cannot be militarism. Soldiers must obey. They must not talk back. They must cringe. They must go to bed when the officer thinks best. They must strut and drill, and become brainless antomatons, to make good soldiers.

On top of this a staff order was issued for additional drill. It was against this order the men revolted. First of all they demanded its recission. They forgot they were not Trade Unionists any more. They were told it was a staff order—must be obeyed.

Then the strike was on. In the first case deliberately organised. Then they raised a red flag. They refused to take orders from officers. They were making a "stand for freedom." A few thousands broke camp. They were joined by other thousands, until 15,000 were in the strike. They held up trains. They poured into Sydney.

Then mob psychology prevailed, only to be superseded by the age-created psychology of the battlefield. The madness spread. The rioters aflung back a thousand years—ten thousand years—a hundred thousand years. The primitive triumphed. It was the rule of club and fang over again. They acted exactly as any reader of this paper might have acted under similar conditions; as any soldiers might act in an hour of conquest in an enemy country. They furnished an explanation for some of the greater atrocities committed in the present war. It was not that they were any worse than their fellows; it was that for the time being being they failed to rise above the influences of their environment. They gave us an object lesson that rings to the heavens—a further reason why the world should write war and militarism out of its constitutions.

And now a thousand men are expelled the army and a large number of others in jail. Australia is learning that Labour and militarism wont mix.

The Unforgivable Sin.

Justice Bristowe's judgement in the 'Crawford-Albu Case is worth reading.' It is no use any longer to expect evenhandedness in the meting out of justice under the capitalist system. The courts are more and more instruments of capital to terrorise the class beneath. Otherwise it would be

a matter for comment that whereas George Farrar got £400 from Madeley because the latter said that Farrar participated in the Commissioner Street massacre, Albu gets away scot free after stigmatizing the deportees as "criminals in the tullest sense of the word," in a case heard by the same judge.

The grounds upon which this finding was given are that, whereas strikes to rectify differences between employer and employed, and even, "in extreme cases," sympathetic strikes, are justifiable, in so far as the Federation of Trades declared a strike in protest against the arrest of Poutsma then that was a criminal act. For the governing motive was not a struggle against the Government as employer but as Executive of the State. The word criminal was therefore hardly too strong. Such in effect is the burden of the judgement. A strike against State Authority is a crime.

Cynon Colliery in South Wales were out on strike against a County Court decision in a claim brought by one of their fellow workers. An unheard of thing. A criminal act. Just as Van Niekerk's exposure of the Government complicity in the Recruiting blackmail was a "criminal" statement.

The Cynon Colliers have discovered that it is no use wasting froth in futile indignation. They save it to organ!se the working class power that can compel justice.

Capital has found in the State a splendid bulwark of its power. The State is the safest manager of the Railways which are the sinews of Capitalist industry, for the State can enslave the workers in those important industries best. Let us deposit our treasure in the Shekinah of State Sanctity, where to attack us is a desecration, says Capital.

And so the fight with Capitalism is becoming more and more a fight with the Capitalist State. The censorship, initiated to facilitate Capitalist wars, will be retained to hide capitalist fraud. We may seem to have wandered from the Crawford-Albu decision, but it is because we are coming to expect nothing else but decisions such as these. Indignation cuts no ice. We have to prepare the workers for a fight the magnitude of which is realized by the courts when they declare in effect that a workingclass movement that means business is a "crime" against the capitalist State. So let it be.

"Labour's Annual Grumble."

Thus does the "Rand Daily Mail" announce the Federation Labour Day. Significant that the capitalists are beginning to feel that the mock crowns of deputy mayoralties do not bring adequate returns. Federation Labour Day is held by grace of capital on a legalized holiday. It is a day of "grumble," of demand for more "sops" from the capitalist table. Of upsetting that table there will be scarce a suggestion. Under the auspices of a Federation which has "buried the hatchet," the day has lost meaning;— A sad one indeed for the workers.

What's in a day? Yet on International May Day, set apart by the militant workers of the world, continental governments turn out not with "sops" but soldiery. No legality is sought for this international holiday. It is taken. The time is not distant when May Day will witness such a universal holiday,—a world-wide workingclass challenge—that even old Earth herself will only be restrained from striking on her axis by the thought that she performs a revolution!

Dan Dusty's Conscript.

BY HUBERT COLBORNE, in the Glasgow Socialist:

t'other afternoon," said Dan Dusty, filling his clay with shag, and I was carrying a jolly heavy bag full of-well, to tell you the truth, it was full o's wag,' yer see, me and a couple o' my pals hall just won a war on Lord Thingum'bob up at Keepit Hall, and I'd got the indemnity in the bloomin bag, d'yer see? and I was just humming a little hymn to meself to the glorious tune o' Might is Right' and The Weakest shall go to the. Wall'—that's one of the Ten Commandments, win't it? Well, at any rate, the hag was plaguey weighty and regular giving me the burglar's elbow, when I see an old gent ---you know, a regular swell, one o' them chaps wot's walking' straight into heaven with kid gloves on like. Hang me, says I, if I don't conscript that bloke an' make him carry me bloomin' bag!"

So I goes up to him an seys

'Ave you hattested, Guv'nor!'

"I'm over age," says he.

"Oh no, you're not," says I, politely, "I fixes througe limit, yer know. I want yer to carry this here bag five mile, d'yer see? Now then, fall in! You'd better volunteer or i'll conscript ver!'

"What's in the bag?" says he.

"Swag," says I.

"What's that?" says he.

"In parliamentary language, guv nor, it's the spoils of war, "says 1. "Now then, pick it up! You're the Conscript. I'm the bloomin' Capitalist!!

"I'm not going to do it!" says he, stoutly. "I'm not going to be forced to help you rob. other people and ruin their homes just to, fill your Capitalists' hag, as you call it!"

"Oh, aint yer?" says I, smiling very sweetly, for I ave got a pretty smile when I likes, yer know. "Look here, "says I, "d you see this here blackthorn o' mine-and I holds it up. And he looked at it. And I give him plenty o' time to thoroughly realise it, so to speak. "Well," says I, "this here stick represents Compulsion. Now then, fall in, pick up the bloomin bag an' quick march! D'you hear?" He évidently did, for he took up the bag an enlisted.

'Left-right-left--right!' says I. And we marched on like that for about a mile. Then he seems to boil over- "This is not just!" he cries out. "Who said it was?" says I. Go on, and shut up, you're a soldier! I'm the Cabinet of the Imperial Governeut!"

"You're a scoundrel!" says he. 'All. of em," says I.

He was getting a bit blown by now, what indemnity, and show you your country's love with the quick march and indignation of for you." Compulsory Service he was well nigh out of

his senses. He didn't look at all pleasant, sang the tune. And then I kicked him into that's a fact.

yer? You look more like a bloomin' kangeroo going to say to the soldiers when they come 'I was on a long tramp in the country, than a British Conscript! You'll take a deal home after fighting for their country, as they o'drilling before you're fit to be shot at, an' call it!" no mistake!"

> Just then he happened to go by two or three fellows working in a field, and he tried to attract their attention by calling to them.

> "Look here my men!" he shouted out, this fellow behind me is a skive-driver? Just because lie's got the big stick and therefore the power in his hands he's compelling me to work for him for nothing. ...

> > I put me hand over his mouth.

"No more free speech for you, mate!" says 1. 'I'll have you up for attempting to cause mutiny, sédition, and disaffection among the civilian population, that's wot I'll do with you!

He shouted again, but the working men didn't take any notice. It takes a thundering lot 'o talking to make a working man see the injustice of anything, and that's a fact!

Well, with various kicks and cuffs and court marshalls I managed to get him along another couple o' mile -- .

"I wonder you ain't ashamed of yourself giving me all this trouble, says "Where's ver patriotism? Aint ver got no love for yer country? You knows very well the bloomin' bag must be carried along by somebody!

"But I shan't get anything out of it," says he, 'you will get all the money. It's your bag, not mine. You will take the lot!"

"Of course I shall," says I politely. "I'm the Capitalist, you're Labour. You do the work, I pocket the money. That s quite fair, aint it?

And I puts me hand over his mouth to stop his free speech.

"You see you aint got nothing to say for yourself!" says I, holding me hand very tight, that proves you are in the wrong, don't it? If you don't think it's fair why don't yer say so, ch? Why, yer don't seem to have a word to say! What a very bad man you must be!'

We marched on a bit further, and then asewe was beginning to get rather near the town I thought it might be to my advantage to discharge him. So I stops him short just by a dirty horse pond.

just turn round like that, and sing:

Rule Britannia Britannia rules the tools, And Britons always Have been fools.

We marched on for another half mile. and then I'll give you your share of the war

Well, he turns round back to me and

the middle o' the bloomin' pond.

your toes out more," says I. "You've got to emigrate. We don't "keep yer chin up and yer chest out, can't want yer!" says I. "And that's wot they're

The Legalised Blackmail.

The League Manifesto exposing economie conscription has been going strong during the week, and the reprint is being scattered broadcast by members, who are enthusiastic over the right expression at the right time. We have fielded fairly well for twenty months. Now we take the bat.

Here is the letter which the Nationalist member, Mr. Van Niekerk, M.I.A. produced in Parliament this week. He sail it had been sent out in official envelopes of the Defence Department, and Botha turned. green with rage and called Van Niekerk's statement a "criminal" one. Just like these patriots when found out! We would be glad to hear from readers as to the form disenvelope in which they have received this letter:

> Recruiting Committee Offices. Room 60, Town Hall, Johannesburg. 4th April, 1916.

I big to direct your attention to the fact that your name appears in the list of men eligible for Military Service which my Committee has received from your employers, and I am directed to ask you for your reasons why you have not responded to the call for men and joined the Forces.

> Yours faithfully, A. A. NOBLE, Honorary Secretary.

Of course the obvious thing to do with this is to light your pipe with it.

Preaching Hate in Schools,

The S. A. Peace and Arbitration Society, founded in Capetown by a few well known pacifists there, has issued a leaflet entitled "An appeal to teachers, parents and educationists, drawing their attention to the duty of teachers to counteract the jingo spirit in the education of children. A remarkable appeal to teachers by the Minister of Public Instruction in Hungary is quoted:

He calls upon the te ichers "to pay special attention to educating the children in feelings of re-'Now look here old chap." says I, 'this spect due to our enemies; that no hatred or conis the end of the war, d'you see? Now, you tempt should enter the mind of the children against brave men with whom their fathers are in deadly combat... The duty of masters and tutors should be to destroy for ever and dispel the thought of hitred or contempt from the young mind of the new generation, it being unworthy of a nation, and inhuman to impress them with such ideas."

> When you have read this hand it on to a friend

The Socialist Woman and

BY DORA B. MONTEFIORE. for "The International."

In a recent number of the Erench Progressive paper "L'Humanite," there appeared a remarkably interesting article by Eduard Milhaud, under the heading "La Volonte des Peuples," (The Will of the Nations). The writer, to enforce his thesis that the Will of the Nations must be to make this war the last war that shall scourge civilised humaniiv, (so ealled) quotes from a speech made by the Swiss Minister of Education on the odcasion of the opening of a new cantonnel building dedicated to applied hygienics. "Gentlemen" said the Minister, towards the end of his speech: "Is it worth your while to give your time, your intelligence, your work to this magnificent science of hygienies, this ideal of the physical and moral perfectioning of the individual and of the race, if you have not faith in a better future, if you have not the hope that the day: will dawn, when Humanity, organised as it is for war, will recognise its error, and will replace the brutal law of the struggle for existence, as applied to the plant and to the animal, by the moralising and fruitful principle of union, of co-operation for life and for progress, -- the only principle worthy of thinking beings, and of civilised communities." On the same occasion the Swiss Minister for Agriculture spoke of the science of hygienics as being an international science, which, at the present moment, when every resource of science was being called upon for the destruction of life, was such an extraordinary paradox, that it might, were it 'not so sad, provoke a smile. "We need men for this service of international hygiene; if we cannot find these men, the nations, or rather those who lead them, will prepare new and fresh butcheries; and this should not be allowed, this MUST NOT BE ALLOWED."

Under the existing economic order in industrialised countries, the struggle for the lower life, which these gentlemen so rightly deprecate in its application to the human race, has so interfered with the all important functions of maternity, that, in the chaotic struggling of the-race for food, warmth and shelter, motherhood has been crushed into the very mud and slime of the competitive for Socialists, but which have not been resystem. "The bourgeois" writes Karl Marx, produced by the English bourgeois press, 'sees in his wife a mere instrument of product which has issued a cheap edition of some tion. He hears that Communists hold that of his scathing commentaries on war condiinstruments of production are to become tions. The first one I allude to is the carcommon property, and naturally, can only toon of 'Luther Liebknecht,' making in the think that the lot of becoming common pro-Reichstag his celebrated condemnation of the perty will likewise fall to woman. He never present war. 'It is a war of rapine! On suspects that the real point aimed at is to that I take my stand. I cannot do otherdo away with the position of women as mere wise." As a politically unrepresented Soinstruments of production."

sent economic conditions; has waxed more tion in other Parliaments who have made a and more intense, and has reached its latest, similar protest? . . . And the other very development of unchaining a world war, wo-striking cartoon to which I refer is called manhood and motherhood have grown to be "L'Avenir" (The Future) It represents a felooked on more than ever as instruments of male figure, terrible in the righteousness of of production, till the absurd and tragic posi- its strength and purpose, wearing the red cap tion is reached of the bourgeois press scol- of Liberty, and strangling with its capable, deding and urging women, on the one hand to termined hands the foul eagle of militarism assume increased maternal duties, while and capitalism. helping to mobilise them on the other hand. Will the workers of the world tonce the in the making of war munitions for the de-oppressors are prepared to call them to heel.

lism, which owns both the bodies and souls and start on the great adventure of the Peoof its wage-slaves, should be, rightly handled, ple? Will conscious motherhood, chastened, the real weapon which these wage-slaves as it must be by the membry of the destrucshould use to shatter the false gods of con-tion of its sons and of its daughters, in the xentional morality, theology and politics, cause of capitalist Industry and Government, This employment of women, who should be join hands with the Socialist Hygienists, the supreme nurturers of life, in the capitalist—who stand for the preservation, and protecwar game for the scientific destruction of life, tion of life; and, azknowledging that in the is the very negation of Life itself, is the one interpretation of Socialism lies the only hope and only, 'sin against the Holy Ghost.'

I would reply to the question of the Swiss Minister, by saying: The bold and nowerful workers for international hygiene, tation? which yourso rightly esteem are necessary for the physical and moral salvation of hu-Socialist interpretation, because they hold that manity, must, and will come from the classconscious working women and men, who alone are able to recognise that it is of no use strengthening brains and muscles to work in the fields and factories of exploiters. If real hygiene is to be the watchword of the future, the men and women who work in the fields and factories must own collectively the tools they handle, and must themsalves legislate for the conditions, under which they work.

It is not only the people of Germany who must themselves destroy their war Party and the Militarism that has so cruelly betrayed them, but the people also of Great, race begin; and then only will it be possible Britain, of France, of Italy, of Russia, of Austria and of the Balkan States, who must neficially on the higher nature of mankind. do the same, before awakened Motherhood can lift her hand and say: "I dare to bring into the world a child, who has a reasonable; chance of life and of self-expression, who will he freed from the horror of the part of being either an exploiter, or exploited in the armies of industry and of militarism."

In that great pictorial indictment of "long-established" rights of Britons. Prussian militarism, the drawings of Louis Raemaeker, the Dutch caricaturist, there are two cartoons which have a special interest cialist woman, I would ask: "Where are the

As the struggle for existence under pre-acces lited representatives of the male popula-

struction of the children of other women.

and stop destroying one another) be enligh-This last and logical outcome of capita-tened enough to turn on their oppressors, of the future, will refuse any longer to be merely "instruments of production,", either in Home or Workshop for capitalist exploi-

> There some who snearingly deride this struggle is the great and only incentive in life. But we Socialist women foresee that by eliminating the struggle for the lower life, -the struggle for food, clothing and shelter, there will open out immensely greater fields of struggle on higher planes, the planes of intellect and of spirituality. Because of the vast intensity of the lower struggle, the race has found hitherto but little breathing space to begin this higher and more ennobling struggle: but when co-operation on the industrial field secures to all the wealth that all help to create, then, and then only, can the great intellectual and spiritual adventure of the for the struggle for the higher life to act be-

Classical Quotations.

We dont hear much of the "Britons never-never" song nowadays. But read the "wanted" columns. They abound with the

Blinman's require a Salesman...none eligible for military service need apply. - Write, stating particulars....

MAN, respectable, at once, as Luggige Porter; applicant must be over military age or possess military certificate of unfitness for active service. Apply Manager, Carlton Hotel.

Whatever the customers of Blinman may think, Carlton guests should kick against the association of their hotel with shabby genteel conscription. What they want is the real Russo-German-French article, Derby brand, made in England.

Send us name and address of any friend who should read "The International" to Box 4179, Joh'burg.

On His Majesty's Service.

Since printing our paragraph on the Envelope dispute in page 2, Premier Botha has replied to the 'criminal' statement of Van Niekerk. Yes, the Recruiting Committee were allowed to use Defence Department envelopes 'On His Majesty's Service: 'but this particular letter was not submitted to him. Employers must not use compulsion on their men, they must release them! llikewise the Recruiting Committee writes to the press to say. Yes, the committee were allowed to use Desence envelopes etc. but really no connection!

And so is everyone hushed again to sleep. The eligible slackers are good fellows, but—The employers are good fellows, but— The Recruiting Committees are good fellows, But for God's sake don't blow the gaff on the ancient farce of British liberty!"

LETTER BOX.

Ab well! Our vocabulary of invective is getting consored. Comrade Alpertakes exception to the references to tire inidelle class" in our last issue. He does not deny that there is a middle class. It is obvious that we do not refer to individuals, or their calling in life, when using it. that would be unmannerly: we refer to an outlook on Social problems. The article complained of definitely welcomes the middle glass for Socialism. What more does anybody want Leading article in No. 23 covers the question.

BRANCH NOTES.

The Fight in Durban.

17.4.16.

On Monday last the first full Committee good meeting. meeting was held and Sub Committees

Thursday's branch meeting was quite there. lively owing to the fresh interest evidently

branch shortly. Tommy is delighted.

Comrade Hall was holding forth on "The rature sold well, and the "manifesto" was in

beast in our Schools" his remarks evidently evidence. being quite in accordance with the ideas of

scription. The big Recruiting pow-wow-at which the Town Hall was packed with eligibles only 3 turned up, 2 of whom were rejected, and so the blackmail and correion has commenced. We are diling all we can to prevent anti-conscription all the way this issue, "No replacing "No Garmans employed" here, and the Labourites have sold their souls where. But we have a few scrappers left up. and things will hum some presently.

11.W.H.

Johannesburg.

Social, JUSTICE was the title off a paper read by Comrade J. M. Gibson before the Branch last wock. It was an exhaustive of the charge. The magistrate stated that analysis of the evils of the present system, the Marxian theory of their root cause, and the newer Socialist method as to their fine; Comrade Barendregt's demeanour removal. The Industrial Union was pointed, and evidence in the withess box was such to to as the weapon for the overpowering through potitical action of the Capitalist State. Comrade Gibson read a passage of Engels wherein is shown that the new society is forming in the lap, of Capitalism, -That the Socialist Commonwealth Jeannot come into being except as the conditions and the orgae nism for it are ripe within the shell of the gold. The capitalist state will not be destroyed t will die out.

Amine, was sprung by Comrade Andrews during the dissussion, on the question of the Repudiation of War Issuns, which The May Day Committee is getting busy, created rather keen discussion. Another

POLITICS PRECEDING REVOLUTION WAS appointed. A big turn out is expected as the the title of Colin Wade's lecture on Seafarers Union have declared a days holiday. Sunday night. The upper Hall was comfor- day, Monday May 1st and there will be no scabs. tably full, the largest audience yet seen

Conrade Wade endeavoured to forecast aroused by the attack on Internationalists some of the salient points in the politics of inaugurated by the virile Christadelphians., the future. While deprecating "reforms" as We were invited to attend the Christadel- a means of salvation, pointed to many meas phian Church on Sunday—many compades sures which would be of avail to further the turned out to hear Mr. Sandilands reply to Day. The lecturer divided the affairs needing Comrade Hall. After the Service we were attention by a Socialist party into æsthetic, asked to join in discussion with the Congrega- and economic politics, and said it should be tion, an unusual procedure which you may their aim to withdraw, the latter from the believe we availed ourselves of to the full, sphere of parliament. Public Health should Comrades Pettersen and Turkington were occupy attention of Socialists. Too much "right in their oil tot" and we really did en- preoccupation with soul-deadening econojoy ourselves. Greyville is fast coming our mics should be avoided by the movement, the way, and you may expect to hear of a new aspirations must not be neglected. There Mercantile Buildings, Commissioner & Simmwas a large number of questions, and the onds Streets, Johannesburg. We got back to Acutts Arcade where meeting terminated with the Red Flag. Lite-

Next Thursday's lecture will be by Comrade Crisp on "Nationalizations of Inven-Durban is going strong on economic con-tions." Look out for an interesting evening!

MAY DAY.

Comrade Charlie Dones wishes to inti--was a damp squib. Eighteen attested but mate arrangements for the depositing of a wreath on the graves of the July martyrs on May Day.

All commede, are urged to attend the e panic and the "Beacon" our local paper is little ceremnny. They will meet at the Trades Hall at 9 oclock in the morning, and Eligibles employed," will soon be the legend go up together to Brixton Cametary, where a down few commemorative addresses will be given. and the Red Flag will be sung.

to Capitalism here and are prepared to act . A general committee meeting to review the "pet sheep" to the fat man as indeed they sarrangements will be held at the Trades, Hall seem to have done in Johannesburg and else-. on Wednesday evening next at 8 p.m. Roll .

Comrade Barendregt appeared before the magistrate last Friday, on a charge of using seditious language, or alternatively, creating a disturbance. The police evidence was so contradictory that Mr Lucas, who defended, was able to impress the magistrate with the triviality Comrade Barendregt had been wrongfully detained in gaol over night by the police, and finally let him off with a £5 make the League proud of its militants.

BRANCH-DIRECTORY.

Benoni, T. Chapman, P.O. Box 379. Meetings, Smith's Studio, Lake Avenuel every Monday evening. Branch meetings every first and third Tuesdays in the month.

Durban. W.S. Mabbott, 353, Point Rd. Meetings at Acutt's Buildings every Thursday and lectures every Sunday night.

Eastern Districts. -Secretary, C.B. Tyler, 81 Jules Street, Jeppestown.

a Germiston. -E.H. Becker, 51, Queen St. Meetings in Colin Wade's surgery.

Johannesburg. -- Mrs. C. Barnet P.O. Box 4179. Meetings, Trades Hall. Every Thurs-

Head Office. -- D. Ivon Jones, Secretary. 6, Trades Hall. P.O. Box 4179.

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Capetown. -- Intending members' see Comrade Wilfrid Harrison, Box 1176.

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