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#### Industrial Unionism in South Africa.

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The Labour movement in South Atrica is more dead than alive and is in dire need of reconstruction. This untortunate position is due to the divisions in the ranks of the workers on the industrial field. Thousands upon thousands of white workers, and hundreds of thousands of black, are helpless against the tyranny of the employers, and live in misery because there is no provision made to organise them.

The employers organise in their various industries, the Master Builders, the Master Printers, the Chamber of Mines, the State Railways, all these have one organisation in their particular industry.

But the workers in these industries are divided into different sections with contrary aims. The employers' unions are thus able to deal with their employees in small units, fighting them in detail, ruling them by dividing them, and bossing it over the workers to their hearts content in con-

The Master Builders Union deals with the Carpenters and the Labourers, and the Plumbers and the Painters, not in one unbroken mass, but in small sec-

tions, browbeating them in detail.

sequence of our disunity.

The Chamber of Mines deals with the mechanics, the engine drivers, and the miners separately, concludes agreements with them separately, not as mineworkers, but as craftsmen organised to scab on one another in the day of peril.

It is true that these Craft Unions present their demands through the Federation, miscalled the 'Industrial Federation'; but the Federation does not make for unity. It preserves disunity. The Chamber of Mines has found it to be a happy medium for keeping the workers divided under a sham unity. The result is that thousands of workers who do not come under the crafts are left unorganised and at the mercy of the master class. The leading spirits of labour are drawn away into exclusive craft unions instead of standing by all the other workers in the particular industries where ther work.

The consequence is that the more perfectly these Craft Unions organise themselves, the more helplessly are the

workers split up on the industrial field.

We unhesitatingly declare that the Craft Union system is a great evil; that, instead of being a menace to the masters, it is a bulwark of capitalism. This has been abundantly shown by the fulsome slobber which the Chamber of Mines and the Capitalist Press is pouring on the Trade Unions to-day. From all sides come praises from Capitalists of the beauty of collective bargaining with Trade Unionists.

Why? Because Trade Unionism, organisation by craft, is nothing more or less than organised disunity. Through this organised disunity the master class is able to retain undisputed control of the lives of hundreds of thousands of workers. To this organised disunity of the Trade Unions is due the increasing misery and poverty of the slums, the starvation wages of the labourers, the social cancer of illicit liquor and prostitution, and all social crimes. All these arise from the untrammelled exploitation of Labour by Capital, and all these evils are perpetuated by the cleavages in the ranks of the workers.

It is the mission of the workingclass alone to abolish poverty and crime. But it can only do this by organising on the industrial field to capture control of the machinery of production now in the hands of a few capitalists. It is our mission to usher in the rule of justice and commonweal under the wing of the Industrial Republic of Labour. But how can the workers ever accomplish this great aim so long as they are torn asunder by divisions of craft and colour?

Why is the Trade Union unfitted for this task? When the Trade Unions were first formed they had only to cope with small individual capitalists. But to-day industry has grown to tremendous amalgamations and has left Trade Unions far behind. The power of the workers lies solely in their capacity jointly to stop the wheels of industry. But the Craft Unions only organise a select few from many industries, abstracting from them the cream of Labour, so that a Craft Union branch contains members from many industries, but commands no single industry, How then can the Craft Unions save the workers?

The emancipation of Labour, nay, the present day ameliovation of the lot of the workers demands that the Trade Unions as at present constituted shall be swept away. Their narrow craft vanity, their still narrower colour prejudice, their exclusive benefit funds, their compromising with the robber system, their friendly agreements with their masters to the neglect of the hottom toiler, their scabbery on the unskilled and one another, all this make

them a delusion and a snare, serving only the purposes of the Capitalists.

ganisation of the workers atong the time of industry triespective of craft or colour. We demand for each industry one Union for all the workers in that industry. For the Mining industry one Union of all the Mine workers, surface, underground, black, white, reduction men, engine drivers, mechanics, office workers, etc., their place is in the Union for that industry and nowhere else. Just as Mineowners present one solid tront in the Chamber of Mines, so should all the workers on those mines combine in one Union.

Thus organised, the individual Industrial Unions will link up into one National Industrial Union, which should regulate the transfer of cards as the workers migrate from one industry to another, so that the members are members of one great working-class Union.

The working-class is one, and the Workers Union must be one and indivisible. An injury to one worker, he he white or black, is an injury to all. Before the workers can discuss terms with the Capitalists they must settle accounts with one another and link up into one Big Union. In the commonwealth of labour, Labour is the only coat of arms. To those who toil shall all homour be due. The growing unity of the workers is the only victory. The distatorship of the working-class is the only "concession" worth fighting for.

Thus organised on the Industrial Field, we, the workers, will learn to control industry and show the capitalist off the stage of human society. The one Industrial Union will become the Parliament of Labour and will form an integral part of the International Industrial Republic.

We recommend the foregoing ideas to the workers and hope a practical organisation will be the result—an organisation capable as it grows, of fighting our every day battles, and of which mately enabling the workers to continuity for themselves.

To further the above purpose we mitted all workers believing in the principles of Industrial Unionism to achieve a Convention on Mar. 31, (Easter Manday), in the Palmerston Hotel, Commissioner Street, at 10 a.m. Trade Union Branches may send one delegate each 50 members or portion of the Only delegates and other works endorse the principles of the prin

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Unions, so that the transformation from the old to the new may come, as come it must, if possible with the full consent of the Trade Union membership.

> Yours for Industrial Solidarity, Solidarity Committee,

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#### The Light in the East.

Comrade John Campbell was called upon to deliver the lecture of the evening last Sunday at the Palmerston Hall, although he only appeared on the scene as listener. John Campbell took as his subject "The Russian Revolution." He remarked in opening that Trotsky, addressing the troops during the Bolshevik revolution, said there was no time for long speeches. They were just out to close the "courts and open the jails."

The spread of the Bolshevik propaganda was undermining Capitalist interests in the East. The whole issue of the war was as to which group of Capitalists was going to exploit the Asiatics, Chinese, the Arabs and the Indians, as well as the virgin spaces of Africa. Capital was looking to this world market to save itself. If it cannot get them the system must "choke in its own grease." That is why Trotsky had sent 2,500 Bolshevik missionaries to Norhern China to spread the revolution throughout the East and thus forestall the schemes of world Capital.

Russia was strategically favoured for this propaganda among the hitherto-nnexploited races, being contiguous to China. India, and Turkestan. In the West of Europe the Capitalist system would crumble of its own accord. Trotsky had perceived that the strategic point of attack was in the Far East.

Moreover, so-called civilisation nad poisoned the minds of the western peoples with middle class small talk, schemes for purifying milk, what will Lloyd George do next, and such newspaper gossip and petty quarrels. But Russia and the East was free of this. Though containing varieties of peoples in speech and custom, they quite readily saw and understood the question of bread and butter when they were told that they had only to take it. On that issue their vision could not be vitiated by any newspaper guile.

The lecturer was enthusiastically received and thanked for a most instructive address, the geographical explanations being especially appreciated.

The natives on the East Rand went straight for the mark on the "Cost of Living Question." The recent Trade Union Congress spent half a day on the Cost of Living Commission, listening to assurances from Mr. Fim, who gets his living from food merchants, that they were doing all they could to keep down prices, etc.

#### The Two I.W.S.

Comrade L. H. Greene is a great catechiser. He asks us to explain the difference between the two I.W.W.'s operating in America. He says "it would be interesting at the present moment to compare the two."

We have not the constitution of me original I.W.W. at hand, but Daniel De Leon in his great speech at Minneapolis in 1905 (Principles of Industrial Unionism. 6d. League Literature) picked out the three most important clauses by which the significance not only of the whole constitution but of the movement which uttered it may be understood. That speech was delivered two days after the close of the first I.W.W. Convention at Chicago, at which convention Daniel De Leon had himself taken such a prominent part. These three clauses read:

There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common.

"Between these two classes a struggle must go on until all the toilers come together on the political, as well as on the industrial field, and take and hold that which they produce by their labour through an economic organisation of the working-class without affiliation with any political party."

In that speech, which is available all who care to read it at the price of sixpence. De Leon laid down in simple yet unexampled terms that clear cut Marx-De Leon tactic of revolutionary political and industrial action of the proletariat which is now comprehended the world wide over in the three letters S.L.P. (Socialist Labour Party).

At the 1908 Convention of the I.W. W. the political clause in the constitution was deleted. How this changed the whole character of the organisation is best shown in the preface to the American edition of De Leon's address aforesaid:

"The truth is there are two organisations known as I.W.W., the one, treated of in this pamphlet, is the original organisation with present headquarters at Detroit, Michigan; the other is an anarchistic excrescence which dates its separate existence from a split in the organisation in 1908.

The Industrial Workers of the World was launched as a revolutionary organisation of the working-class. Its objects were, and are, to-day, the organising of the workers both for the daily struggle with the employing class in the workshops and for the final overthrow of the Capitalist class and the inauguration of industrial democracy; that is, a society where the workers cotlectively own and democratically manage and operate the industries of the land. Such a project implies a Social Revolution.

The organisation when founded realised the nature of its ultimate demands—the everthrow of the present regime -and recognised the necessity of conforming to the methods prescribed by civilized society for the inauguration of such a fundamental change, namely political action; and it acted accordingly. It adopted a preamble to its constitution in which it declared the necesity for POLITICAL as well as ECONOMIC action. Society must be given a chance to decide the question in a civilised way, through discussion and the ballot.

The other, the Anarchist I.W.W. deliberately rejected the idea of political action. At the Fourth Convention of the I.W.W. which took place at Chieago in 1908, that element, after seizing control of the Convention by main force, flagrantly barring rightfully elected delegates, struck from the preamble the clause providing for political action. It thus placed itself upon the anarchist basis of resorting directly to force,—to violence, to dynamite, to the bomb,—to settle the question of a change... mlanted upon such a basis it has acquitted itself in keeping with its anarchist character.

The result was the forming of the 1. W.W. of Detroit to carry on the idea of the original Convention, hence the distinctive popular titles of The Bummery I.W., and the 'Detroit I.W. W. While the Bummery I.W.W. counts amongst its members many heroic souls, its anarchist character has drawn to its ranks 'a conglomerate of adventurers and slummists," and its notoriety seeking, physical forcist tacties have brought odium on the idea of Industrial Unionism in many places.' The Detroit I.W.W. goes quietly on organising the workers on the lines of the original Preamble. A couple of years ago its name was changed to the "Workers International Industrial Union." (The W.1.I.U.).

"Every class struggle is a political struggle" said Marx. The full significance of that declaration is only grasped by a study of De Leon's pamphlets.

In this country especially does the political weapon, (not necessarily the narrow conception of politics implied in the election of men to Parliament) afford us an impregnable vantage ground from which to educate and arouse the masses of the native workers to realise their historic mission as part of the revolutionary proletariat. The recent impotent ravings of the Capitalist Press against the Socialist educators of the native workers should make us cherish that weapon as our surest shield.

"The Socialist" says that the "go-slow" strike of the Liverpool Railwaymen revealed the marvellous power of industrial organisation. The men simply put into effect the regulations drawn up by the railway directors. The result was so effective that the Capitalist Press and J. H. Thomas (Railwaymen's Secretary) became hysterical.

Here, again, we observe that it is the working-class which organises and controls industry. The men applied the regulations so correctly that traffic became impossible.

#### Toil, Sacred Toil.

By J. M. G.

All past phases of society no less than our present have been dominated by those in posession of the economic forces, with the aid of the unproductive labourer, who have always lent themselves as ready tools to distort the material facts, to the perversion of the ego of the masses, creating a psychology that will act in the interests of the possessing class instead of their own.

"Reconstruction of society after the war" has become the rallying cry of these intellectual hirelings. All sorts of fantastic misleading schemes are being propounded from pulpit, platform and press. Schemes that are in opposition to the evolutionary forces in society.

These unproductive servile tools of the possessing class have been advocating efficiency schemes, with the sop of shorter hours and higher wages for the workers, with of course increased production of commodities for the good kind bosses, reclothed with the new social conscience. We also have innumerable "welfare" schemes with the "right to live." bonuses as an incentive for increased outputs, etc., etc..

The workers for many years were told by these tools of the dignity of labour, but this died a natural death as it aroused no enthusiasm in the mass of the workers, condemned to sweat and toil in factories and workshops at uncongenial drudgery. The idea has been resurrected under a new guise. These perverters are telling the workers through the press, in that insidious way peculiar to them, that "Toilmanual toil--is a sacred thing." Yes, so sacred the possessing class consecrate it to the masses, allowing them to indulge in it to their hearts content. They are using every means to continue our present form of society lest they should have to share that sacred toil. Again we are told "Somehow it, seems that in manual toil, the soul can express, promulgate, and justify itself; better than in any other way." The old dope to justify the exploitation of the masses. But the times are out of joint for such cant, the 'Village Blacksmith" ideal has not reality in the everyday toil of the workers. It is absolutely untrue, a fantastic conception of labour, and exists only as an amiable ficton in the brain of the poet.

Society is in the melting pot, and the possessing class know it. It is simmering as it never simmered before. It is on the verge of boiling over. And all these fantastic schemes are but attempts by the hirelings of the Capitalist class to side track the awakening conscience of the workers. To allay the unrest that must give expression in revolution, and change the basis of society.

Our present system of society based on the exploitation of the many in the interests of a few, the few that worship the god profit, condemns the mass of the community to toil for a mere subsistence wages; unremitting drudgery that degrades labour. To speak of

labour as sacred under any system of production for profit, even if ameliorated, is an insult to humanity. The toil of to-day has dragged humanity in the social mire. divesting it of all human traits. It has dehumanised the masses and made them but cogs in the wheels of industry, to grind out profits for the aggrandisement of an idle parasite class. The god of profit is omnipotent with the class in control of the tools of production. The strong and healthy are seized by the hundreds of thousands and are immersed in the soulstifling factories, workshops and mines to grind and toil at producing profits for their masters, reducing them to mere shadows, prematurely old, caricatures of men and women, scrofulous, anaemic, consumptive.

The masses have no interest in their labour. How could they, under a system that compels the employing class in competition with his fellow capitalist to extort to the uttermost by speeding up the workers. The workers loathe their work. It is neither congenial, nor yet have they any assurance of continuity, always dreading what to-morrow will bring. Never and assurance of the essentials of life which should be assured to every unit of society. To prate of the sacredness of labour under our present form of society comes either from imbeciles or deliberate perverters. There is nothing sacred in such a phase of society as exists to-day. Millions of lives that should be sacred, and would be sacred under an equitable form of society, are being sacrificed to the greed of profits. And whilst these millions are being destroyed, the possessing class, the rulers, are organising to conserve the markets of the world to themselves and. reap an increased harvest of profits by selling the volume of commodities produced by what they are trying to make the workers believe is "sacred toil."

### Comrades of the Class War

Gather recruits, readers, for "The International." That is the only way to fight for Socialism to-day. Every new reader of "The International" is another crack in the Capitalist system. The Capitalist Press calls us "Poisonous" people. Spread "the poison." The poison of the Capitalist is the Meat of the workers. Send along name and address of likely readers. We will post him "The International" for four weeks. Get new subscribers, new subscribers, that is the work worth doing.

### LEAGUE PICNIC.

A Picnic will be held at the Zoo Lake on Sunday. March 3rd, to which all comrades and friends of the League are invited. Bring your own baskets. But extra Tea and Cake will be provided for the children. Come early in the morning. No tickets. No trolleys. Come for a jolly time!

#### War Aims:

It appears that Arthur Henderson and Ramsay Macdonald have gone over to Paris to arrange an Allied Socialist Conference. The Labour Party wants to restore the International, or at least the workers have asked for it. Now the Henderson-Macdonald clique are placing impossible conditions while giving lip service to the idea. All the Allied Labour and Socialist Parties must first agree on a settlement of the war, they say. The Capitalists cannot settle it. don't want to. So these Labour misleaders make the solution of impossible Capitalist contradictions the condition of the International solidarity of Labour. What they are really doing is playing the Capitalist game of 'keeping the settlement within just limits." that is, keeping Europe from revolution: But their delaying game only ripens the revolution

# Nothing to Lose but Their Change.

The Capitalists are looking after the Trade Union Funds. The A.S.E. boasts about its big balance, and the other big Trades Unions of Britain make the accumulation of money the ambition of the organisation. The Russian workers' organisations had no money, yet they achieved the Revolution. The property of the German Social Democrats is somewhere round twenty million marks. The result is that the machine becomes of greater concern than the fight.

The British Unions are investing their savings in the War Loans, getting a rested interest in the putrid tanng. The Railwaymen's Union has invested most of its money in Railway Stocks, so that when they go on strike they depreciate their investments. In previous big srikes the London Banks are said to have combined to refuse accommodation to Trades Unions. The Miners for instance, with two or three millions of securities, were definitely refused advances, and they had to realise at a loss. If they had spent their huge balances on propaganda, they would have had the men solid. and no need for money. As it is the Capitalists are seeing to the expropriation of Trade Union Funds through the ordinary channels of Stock Exchange speculation. The workers will fight best when they have no Trade Union Eunds to lose. All they need is Fighting Solidarity.

Commenting on the recruiting poster "What did you did in the Great War, Daddy?" Bob Smillie said: "If my son asked me that, I shall say: 'My boy, I stried to stop the bloody thing."

#### Black Justice.--IV.

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#### "The Pass Law."

There remains the third cieft stick the Pass Law. No native can move more than a couple of miles from his location without taking out a special pass, which is available for ten days only. It he wishes to (a) absent/himselt tor a longer time, or (b) proceed beyond the limits of his district, he is compelled to apply for a travelling pass, which costs him is., and is available for one month-(capable of extension to three months). When he leave's home to look for work, he has also to take out a 1s. pass, which must appear a most inexplicable anomaly to him, as white men are always impressing on him the duty of finding work, and yet fine him a ls. when he goes in pursuit of it. It must also be remembered that up-country pass offices are few and far between, so that a boy often has to walk from 20 to 40 miles before he can obtain a pass. This is also the case when he wishes to pay tax or rent; every time he has to visit the Commissioner's office it costs him at least a day's labour. The simplicity of farmers has enabled them to get it provided by law that no native squatting on their farms can obtain a pass to go outside his district for any purpose whatever without their written permission, which is witheld unless the native has completed his yearly period of service in lieu of rent. By these beneficent provisions, it will be seen that freedom of movement is prohibited, and that the natives are as effectually chained to the soil as if they wore leg-irons. The three cleft sticks also enable Government to squeeze a most substantial and rapidly increasing revenue from native pockets, of which statistics show that 19 per cent. is spent on maintaining a host of white officials (to administer the Acts) plus an army of native police (to chase and arrest defaulters), and as much as 1 per cent. locally on things that may be called improvements, while 80 per cent. is swallowed up by other departments of State. Though not yet aware of the exact figures, natives perceive quite clearly that out of the heavy impost laid upon them practically nothing is spent for their benefit, nor are they blind to the glaring injustice resulting from the simple farmer's system of "service in lieu of rent." or the liberalminded mine-owner's 'month of 30 working days."

There is no redress. Native Commissioners (supposed to hold the balance evenly between the white man and the native) are in reality nothing but super tax collectors, and act openly hand-in-glove with the farmers and mining interest. Though they draw the hand-some stipend of £1,000 a year (including perquisites), they are sometimes not above doing a little highly profitable recruiting business—even from the judgment seat—for their own benefit. It is not even unknown for a Sub-Native Commissioner, sitting as judge, to inflict a hefty fine, and himself find

the native the money to pay it, taking twice or more times the value of the amount advanced in cattle, or other produce, thereby identifying himself most completely with the lowest type of the recruiting profession. truly abominable instances of "Black Justice," together with the heinous practice of wholesale flogging and the acceptation of 'presents,' are overlooked, or winked at, by Government so long as the Commissioners prove themselves to be efficient taxcollectors; but if they grow slack in that, or err in protecting the interest of natives, they soon find themselves relegated to a back seat. General Botha is never tired of assuring deputations how dear is the native interest to his heart; perhaps he means their 'compound interest," but, at any rate, it is small wonder if, to their unsophisticated minds, there is little difference between their status and that of slavery pure and simple.

## The Servility of Deputations

Workingmen labour under an illusion that Cabinet Ministers have some magic power at their command quite apart from the power they have of getting the workers to do their bidding. They have not. The workers dump fabulous riches at their master's front door, and then crawl round the back to ask the servants for a crumb.

It is not often we agree with "Justice," but it is dead right in the following par:—

We have been opposed for many a long year to the foolish practice of deputations to Ministers. Such proceedings only give our incompetent, conceited and overpaid servants much too high an idea of their importance. The mistake is most serious when it is committed by representatives of millions of the working people, who do nearly all the fighting and all the producing and all the paying. Why should they "wait upon" Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Fisher, or Mr. Bonar Law? Why should they thank these unprofitable servants at £5,000 a year for 'having received them with such courtesy"? These Ministers, we take it, don't go on deputations to their butlers or their coachmen and thank those functionaries for their courtesy, if not kicked out of the pantry or the stable. The whole thing is ridiculous and contemptible. It all arises from the sills notion that a very commonplace and often very ignorant person hecomes worthy of servile deference from us common Englishmen because he is caucused into office, and we are compelled thereupon, to par his £1(11) a week, no matter how he may sacrifice us, ar swindle us, or being us. It is high time that this degrading farce came to an end.

#### Pro Working Class, not Pro Colour

On no economic or political question that arises in South Africa can a Socialist dwell for five minutes without finding rock bottom on the question of native labour. Cursory readers, because of our weekly attention to the native proletariat, hastily conclude that "The International" is a pro-native or a pro-coloured paper. It is nothing of the kind. We give increasing attention to the native workers not because they are the natives but because they are the workers. Correspondents who send us notes on coloured and native grievances solely because they are grievances of natives or coloured men should note this. We are not concerned with the civil disabilities of Indian storekeepers or native lawyers or coloured middle men. For us they all belong to the parasitic class. Our concern with the natives and our faith in them is our concern in them as workers, as potentially, the revolutionary proletariat.

We are pro-working class, not pronative. Constituting as they do the big majority of those who do the work of the country, we want the native workers to realise that it is their historic mission to bring about the emancipation of Labour. Everything and everyone is marking time for them. We also want the white workers to realise this. Nothing can give a soul to the South African Labour movement except a strong agitation among the white artisans for solidarity with their mative fellow-workers, against the sjambok rule of the Capitalist class. It is the business of "The International" to arouse that faith, that revolutionary vision, that solidarity of Labour which can conquer colour barriers, that fighting spirit of the white worker devoted to waking up the Bantu to class consciousness. There is nothing finer conceivable. But the colour is only an incident, one of the difficulties, one of the barriers. Our propaganda does not aim at emphasizing colour lines. It aims at showing that colour lines do not exist for Labour. The class struggle cuts across nations, creeds, and demarcations of colour.

To-day the Bourgeois Rada of the Ukraine has made peace with Germany, leaving the Bolsheviks with Trotsky and Lenin leading to fight German Imperialism. Do we hear any word of German gold now that the Ukrainian Capitalists have sold their country in order to sell corn to Germany? Not a word. Where is all the German gold that the Bolsheviks are supposed to have pocketted, now they won't anti up the country to German Traperialism? The Capitalist Press is the foulest slandering institution of civilisation whenever the workers make a move on their own behalf.

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# THE CALL OF THE BOLSHEVIS.

#### INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MANIFESTO.

WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA! It is time for knew what game is afoot. It is time for you to ealise that your fellow-workers in Russia need your roice and your help. The Capitalist Press hides the eal state of affairs behind foul slanders. It hides the not that the Bolshevik Government is only the lovernment of the workers by the workers for the workers. It hides the fact that Lenin and Trotsky are may the delegates of the Russian Federation of Labour, therwise the Council of Workmen, or the Soviet. It your fellow workmen they are slandering. It is your llow workmen who are calling upon you to hurl these the slanders back into the teeth of your and their spitalist enemies.

What are they up to now, these International appealists? Labour having conquered power in Russia occupied in quelling the rebellion of the "bourgeoise"

class," that is, the capitalist class. The bourgoeisic are opposing the workers by force wherever there is a hope of saving their precious private interests from being captured by Labour for the common weal. It some cases they have massacred the working men by the hundreds. What will they not do when, with the help of German arms, they get all the workers of Russia under their heel again? They will massacred them by the HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

The Tiger of Capitalism will show no mercy when his hide is threatened by Labour. You know that You found that out in Commissioner Street in 1918, when even your parsons took up arms against you Consider, then, the position of your Russian fellow workmen.

You say: The Russian workmen should not have dissolved their army. We say: That the victory of Labour means the dissolution of all armies. You cannot have Labour triumphant and militarism on together the same time.

Make no mistake; this is not the crime of Germa militarism alone, this attack on the Russian revolution Lenin has declared that the Allied Governments at silently backing the German Government against the Bolsheviks. No matter what family quarrels International Capital may have, they are all united against the Bolsheviks, that is, the working men of Russi And they will unite against you, too, when you do to assert your rights as the producers of all wealth

Balfour, the other day, would not deny that the British Government had negotiated directly with

Austria. What did they negotiate about if not to protect their common capitalist interests in Russia?

A gathering of International Financiers was held in Switzerland last year from all belligerent countries, Germany and Britain, America and Austria, and all the family cats of capitalism were there to arrange how to stem the rising tide of working class revolution in all countries.

Remember that once, only once before, have the working men held power as workers—in the Paris Commune of 1871. Remember how Bismarck, at the very time he was imposing harsh terms upon the French Covernment, co-operated with that Government to crush the workers of Paris by releasing drafts of French prisoners of war for the purpose. And the greatest massacre in all history was the result. Remember that it was a massacre of the workers. If they can, they will do the same with the Russian workers, but on a still greater and more horrible scale.

While the Capitalist Governments are quarrelling over the booty they have stolen from Labour, they are keeping alive a family understanding against any sign of working class unity. They are all united when Labour shows signs of coming into its own.

What can we do? It is our part as workers to denounce these capitalist slanderers of the Russian proletariat. It is our part to help in the great class struggle of the toilers of all lands that is now beginning. The humbug of national wars is being exposed. Behind it all the exploitation of the workers of all

treasure. The great war of Germany versus the Allies may go on. It is the only hope of Capital that it shall go on. In any case it is the working masses that are slaughtered. Capital thrives on it. But the class war of International Capital against the rising working class is also waging to-day.

Workers of South Africa! Arouse from your submissiveness and lethargy, and show that you see through this foul conspiracy of International Capital against the Russian workmen. The cause of the Russian workmen is your cause. Workers of the world, UNITE. You have a world to win.

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