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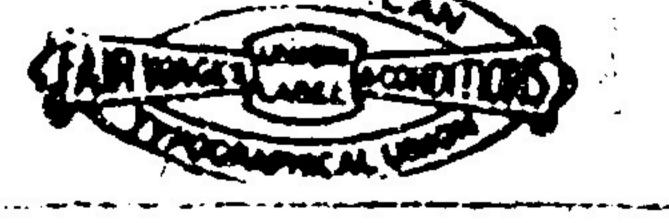
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The Spreading Revolution.

We have heard middle-class people call this paper 'intolerant.'. It is not often that we really are intolerant, but when we read of the Uitenhage railway workmen at last downing tools, but only in honour of the "surrender of Bulgaria," we can only describe them as ignorant tools. Allied victorv indeed! Over whom, pray? "In Bulgaria a revolution was already making progress. The most extreme form of Bolshevism was the doctrine of the day in Sofia. The workers and soldiers held meeting, made laws, etc. King Ferdinand appealed to Berlin and Vienna for immediate help, which was refused. He then appealed to the Entente Powers, because (like many 'patriots'), he realised that in order to keep his throne and life it was imperative to have a foreign military force in Bulgaria." And the Entente Powers gladly accepted the invitation, as Bismarck gladly accepted Thiers' invitation to enter Paris and balp smash the Paris Communards. Evidently the Bulgarian soldiers are not having any more capitalist warfare: the "intoxicating virus of Socialism" (so harmful to black workers; at any rate, as the "Star" savs) has opened their eyes to something better; and in a twinkling Tsar Ferdinand, for four years given next place to the Kaiser for villainy in the Allied Press, finds the Allies falling on his neck and helping him to suppress his subjects' unvising, just as the Germans helped the Ukrain-ian property owners (after the latter had got seven millions out of the Allies for the same purpose) to suppress the local Bolsheviks there; and the like in Finland. That is the event which 'Uitenhage Labour" delights to honour. Not as a demonstration against the master class, but in support of a despot against their fellow workers.

Henceforth. Socialists in any country can count on heing attacked—international law or no international law. selfdetermination or no self-determinationby the capitalist. Powers of either group indifferently. Where the Central Powers fear to tread the Allied Powers will still rush in: in fact they wire help and supplement each other to do the dirty work. "It is thought in many quarters that Austria was privy to the Bulgarian surrender." In other words, we Austrians can't spare troops to help you against vour workers, Ferdy old man, but by all means get some from the English. This explains how Ferdinand while surrendering to the Allies. can yet go to Vienna! The war is no longer between Buiton and Hun but between Capital and Labour. Bonar Law already says: "If there is any danger, it is not on the hattle fronts."

But the Allies will fail in Bulgaria as the Hung are failing in Ukraine. The taste of liberty, like the taste of blood; once experienced, cannot be forgotten. Once vou have been in touch with "Bolshevism"—with the revolutionary fire of Socialism—"you can't do without it." Our Anglo-Saxon Henry Duobs are decades beamd the times, and must learn wisdom from Dagoes. This news of the spread of Bolshevism to Bulgaria is the most stirring since last November's revolution at Petrograd and gives hope of a further rapid spread towards the West, until even Britain and America, as the last homes of the last cause of reaction and capatalism, will also burst at last into blossom.

Amenities of the U.S.A.

Eugene Debs, four times Socialist Party candidate for the U.S. Pre-idency, and recently sentenced to tenyears, was arrested on June 30 as he was about to deliver an address at a big Socialist meeting at Cleveland (where three local Socialists are already doing time for utterances on the war). Debs' crime was that he said at Canton, Chio, on 16th June, that "he was as guilty as Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes" (who had been sertenced to ten years imprisonment for "seditious speech"), and that "Junkers" controlled the war policy of the United States."

The exact passages complained of are thus given by the 'New York

"The United States under the rule of autocracy is the only country in the world that would send a woman to good for ten years for exercising the right of free speech."

"Don't imagine for a moment that all the Junkers are confined to Germany. Here they want our eyes focussed on the Junkers of Berlin, so that we will not see those in our own country:"

"In a country fighting to make the world safe for democracy, it is danger-ous to express an honest opinion. I must be careful what I say."

The arrest was made on a "secret indictment" returned on the previous day by the Federah frand jury, and containing ten specific counts under section 3 of the Espionage Act, which provides a penalty of 20 years in the penitentiary and a fine of 10,000 dollars and costs, for each violation. (This "secrecy" touch and melodramatic police kidnapping of public men for their public acts seems fashionable in more places than one. And, following another analogy, had Gompers a hand in cetting Debs gaoled?)

Among the ten counts are:

to a Defence Fund.

"Attempting to promote the success of the enemier of the U.S.

"Uttering disloval language about the form of government of the U.S. hy

On the arrest becoming known, over £200 was collected at the meeting to go

Stephens: Governor of California, complains of receiving threatening let-

case. The letters turn out to have been written by the wife of a police spy employed by Stephens!

Samuel Gompers has clearly been used by the Allied Capitalists to block the inter-belligerent Labour of Socialist conterence which was proposed by the Inter-Allied Labour Conterence in London last February. Invitations were sent to the "enemy" Socialist parties, who have replied accepting the Allied Labour war aims as a basis for discussion, so that Henderson and others began to demand a Stockholm Conference after all. But now the trumo card is America, and Gonipers (with whom a hogus Socialist Mission, repudiated by the American Socialist Party, also received passports) is brought over to block the scheme by declaring that American Labour is a knock-out-blower, and will have nothing to do with any peace parleys among the workers. From what we are beginning to learn of the sort of things American workers apparently take lying down, we are inclined to believe that Gombers is partly right. These western patriots must also go through their gruelling.

Gompers claims that by pledging its support for the war the American Federation of Labour has placed itself "in the superstructure of the Government of the United States." Exactly. Just as the flunkey sits on the superstructure of my lord's coach, or the fly gets ensconced in the superstructure of the spider's parlour.

League Notes.

PICNIC.—Comrades are reminded of the picnic which is to be held an Sunday next, October 6. Assemble at the tram shed near Town Hall at 9.30 a.m. Comrades and friends are expected to provide their own luncheons but tea and light refreshments will be supplied by the conveners. Bring your own cups. Several nevel items have been troduced in the programme, and, W.P., a success is assured. Don't forget the Zoo Lake on Sunday next.

REFERENDUM. — Owing to the poor response to the invitation to subscribers to express their opinion on the advisability or otherwise of increasing the price of the "International," the Management Committee does not see fit to alter the existing arrangements at present. Although the donations to the Press Fund have increased during the month, a sustained effort is required if the paper is to be maintained at the present level.

DEFENCE FUND DONATIONS.....
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I.J., 7s. 61.; M.O., 20s.

Comrades with lists are requested to return them as soon as possible. The Treasurer will be saved a lot of inconvenience if other comrades will put themselves out a little.

The League of Nations.

The "League of Nations," advocated by the intellectual proletariat in the interests of their economic masters, is not a new idea, but one that was advocated in the Middle Ages by the Church, and again at the close of the Napoleonic Wars. These ideas were not capable of being put into operation owing to the want of economic devicesment, but nie possible to-day owing to the nature of modern capitalism and the world-uide iamifications of its operations. Capitalism and financial interest, belore the war, whilst not international in the fullesis sense of the . Reim, and inid the seed from which such internationalism could grow.

in the belligerent countries have been forced to invoke the material forces of the State behind which they have entranched themselves; and still further to safeguard their interests against the rising demands of the working class and eliminate competition in the world's markets, they are endeavouring to combine internationally on an

economic busis.

Such a combination of national capitalistic interests is quite feasible. We have seen these economic combines within the national boundaries, as trusts. In the Confederation (on an economic basis, with the military power to entorce compliance) of the Germanic States under the leadership of Prussia—many of these States being coerced into the confederation—we see how this principle in a modified form was extended to Austria.

International control based upon combinations of financial and industrial capitalism would have the material force to coerce small groups of nations to comply with any regulation considered necessary to the maintenance of the combine, and would be a powerful weapon to combat the workers and keep them subservient as hewers

of wood and drawers of water.

Whilst it must be recognised that a league of nations is possible, yet there are indications in the growing consciousness of the working class that will, if sufficiently understood, prevent such a confederacy. Just as capitalism has been forced to combine nationally and is endeavouring to do so internationally, to safeguard capitalistic interests, so the working class have been forced, by the very nature of the methods used by the capitalist class and the economic development since the beginning of the war, to look for other methods of organisation to combat the possessing class. In Britain the workers are beginning to shed the craft-union restricted outlook and adopt the industrial idea of organisation upon the job, discarding the officials who have gone over to the capitalist class. They are generally getting rid of the mental kinks of "mutual interests," in spite of the frantic efforts of joint boards, advisory committees and labour misleaders.

Just as State control within the nation and international combines are the last phase of capitalism, so international solidarity of labour is the response to such combinations of capital, and the economic development of the near future will create the psychology that will give expression to the clarion call of Marx, "Workers of the world, unite."

J.M.G.

Branch Notes.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

PUBLIC MEETING.—Comrade J. M. Gibson will speak on 'The Basis of Socialism' at the Palmerston Hail on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m. Ml. well-come. Questions and discussion invited. Commade J. P. Tinker will occupy the clair.

bers of the above hanch! which inclinds will members of the late Central. Englern and Western Branches, are reminded of the meeting to be held in the Palmer too Hall, on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. Rollym, comrades! A perusal of the capitalist newspapers should be sufficient to point out your place in the revolution.

will take for his subject on Friday next, the 11th inst., "Socialism and the logical means of attaining it." All League members are entitled to voice their opinions at these meetings.

JEWISH-SPEAKING BRANCH.

SOCIAL.—The above Branch organised a very pleasant and successful rally for Sunday last. The Palmerston Hall was not half large enough to accommodate those who turned up, but in spite of overcrowding all the instrumental selections, songs, recitations and readings were encored. From a financial aspect also this function was one of the most successful in the history of the branch.

BENONI.

The open air meeting on Saturday evening at Benoni was quite a success in spite of the stormy weather. Courades Tyler and Andrews spoke to a good audience. The local comrades turned up in full force and a hig contingent from Brakpan were present. "Internationals" sold out; pamphlets were in demand and collection good,

The Branch will meet at Smith's Studio, 14a, Lake Avenue, on the 10th inst. The Organiser hopes to attend.

Under the auspices of the B.W.I.U. a public meeting will be held in the Savoy Theatre on Sunday, 6th. Com. Andrews will speak.

PRETORIA.

On Sunday evening, under the auspices of the newly-formed Branch, Com. Andrews (Organiser) addressed a good audience in the Federation Hall on the policy of the League. Papers and literature sold well and collection good. Seven new members. Questions and discussion filled up an hour, and everyone seemed satisfied with the success of the first meeting. It was decided to hold a meeting every four weeks until further notice.

KRUCERSDORP.

By arrangement with the B.W.I.U. the Organiser addressed the local branch and dealt with the necessity for and construction and objective of industrial unionism. Interesting discussion took place. Pamphlets sold out.

A.S.E.

By invitation the Organiser addressed the Maraisburg and Johannesburg No. 2 branches of the A.S.E. on industrial unionism. "Internationals" and pamphlets are eagerly bought at these meetings and the peaker's remarks well received.

CERMISTON.

In common with the rest of the Reef and South Africa the workers of the Germisten District are suffering from a new disease or rather an old disease in a virulent iona. The symptoms are somewhat similar to those of Spanish . influenza, and adack the patient in the region of the legs, particularly the Enter, with a material permittee of the spine. The very interdiction post specials rapides where men and we men congregate in his inthick was will be the meaning that members of the walling class have sufin the result realist many eximing an abnormal swelling of the condimin. Their vitabily being criffcially simulated, a collapse took place. under the smain imposed by the events of 1914, from which they are but slowly recovering.

In this gigantic asylume called the world it is didicult to pick out the patients from the doctors. The Germiston Branch L.S.L., however, will meet at Comrade Wade's surgery, next Apollo Theatre, on Tuesday, October 8, at 7.30 p.m., to discuss and consult on the above disease, and consider remedies. All members and readers of the "International" are invited to attend. Professor Com. Andrews, who knows something about the disease (having passed through most phases of the delirium himself) will probably be

present.

Cape Notes.

Com. W. II. Harrison recently tested the feeling of the electors of Ward 7 by standing as a candidate for the Town Conneil against Dr. Abdurrahman. In a coloured constituency, to vote for the Doctor, assupporter of the capitalist class and Unionist party, and self-styled democrat --but "nemocracy has bludgeoned humanity"--was made a sine qua non of "race" or "national" loyalty on the part of the colour-. ed voters; vet notwithstanding this Harrison got 212 to Abdurrahman's 543. His only programme was "Vote for pure unadulterated Socialism, no quack remedies, but the true social intellectual and economic advancement of the people. The meetings were of the usual propaganda type: municipal matters were not discussed. "Whatéver I could have done as a member of the Town Council," writes the candidate, "I don't know. I should be sorry. to become a revisionist, and I have vet to know a Town Councillor who is not, in any part of the world: and the opinion of many of our contades was that I should be bound to suffer the same fate and be lost to the cause." Never mind, he is not lost. Altogether it seems to have been a very satisfactory little campaign: none the less so, perhaps, for the inconsistency of standing when you don't want to get in.

The bourgeoisie, by the rapid improvement of all the instruments of production, and by constantly facilitating communication, draws into civilisation even the most barbarian regions. In one word it creates a world after its own image. Just as it has made the country dependent on the town, so it has made barbaric or semi-barbaric countries dependent on civilised countries, nations of peasants (or "boers") on bourgeois nations, the Orient on the Occident.—The Communist Manifesto.

the White lerror.

We are hearing more Gilbertian stries than ever about the Bolsheviks' adocities---the latest being that of the man who signs death warrants so fast that he would never notice if his own weie among them -- and also (still) assent their allience with Germany.

The Maintie of the Guardian's on 15 Medical described how the capitalist's "White Guards," aided by German 'University of in Enland and Rust with stands the Bolsheviks and their) distantion. Milago, were set on fixe for the still policities, worsen and chilserie van Chienopred to escape from the lives were flouzed with whips or with swords by Uhlans. The most savage acts were perpetrated in the Jewish villages. All persons suspected of belonging to the Bolsheviks and those who were in military uniforms were shot on the spot. Men, somen and children by hundreds were put in rows against a wall and shot by machine guns. The wounded were killed with rifles and bayonets. The corpses were mutilated. "70,000 citizens, most of them members of the Social Democratic party, and of whom 30,000 are civilians, have been thrown into prison, there to be starved." etc. "Many invalids of the Red Guard have been shot without trial, and the Social Democratic deputies have been hounded about like wild savages. The Finnish workmen are detrived of all main and civil rights. Slavery, hunger, disease, political terror, prison and death at the hands of legal assassinsthis is the lot of the Finnish working class meted out to them by the White Government."

Such is the condition of affairs revealed in an appeal is ued by the Central Committee of the Finnish workers. But the Allies, who are intervening "against Bolshevik Terrorism" because of 2,000, reduced a day later to . 500, and again in the same week increased to 10,000, deaths in Petrograd --nothing authentic to show whose deaths in by whom caused—have not so much as an official protest against these Finnish outrages. Indeed, one British newspaper said: "The one bright spot in the whole squalid story is that the Germans are shooting the Red Guards when they capture them."

The Allies are now following suit. As the Germans intervened in Ukrainia and Finland, so the Allies invade Siberia and Murmansk. The first act of the Gormans was to provide aims for the White Guards, to suppress the Soviets and other democratic institutions, and to restore the land to the landowners. The first thin that the Allies do is to provide munitions to the Czecho-Slovaks (whoever they may be, and who aptly call themselves Black Guards), and it is significant that the new "Government" of Siberia has started upon its career by suppressing the Soviets and restoring the landowners. If the intervention is successful and the revolution is orushed, save "The Call." an additional argument will be supplied to the German masses to continue the war so that they may avoid the fate of Russia.

When President Wilson paid homage to the Bolcheviks, he was merely indirectly warning Janan that American conital looked with disfavour unon the Siberian mineral deposits heing dominated by the Japanese. — "The Socialist."

Treason.

"Snuffy," said Peppermina in a low voice one night. "Snuffy, you asleep?"

"No," replied Smiffy, "hed foo hard. hones too sore, too much sucre everywhere, no sleep to-night, to-morrow -work-work-all work."

"Jah!" said Peppermint, "work Nervelierd, ca. Smulty?

Yes.

"What we work for every day, down hig hole, dig, dig, dig; Whai it ali

"Mond mine," said Smally, "that's what hig hole is, get heaps gold. make pienty mali."

"Where does mali all go?" enquired l'eppermini.

"Go?" replied Snuffy, "P. Jon. pay machine man baas, pay muce culbtain, pay big chief baases, Corner. House, pay for war, pay for everything!"

"How much big bauses get:

"Lots," said Snuffy, "Some £50, some £100, some more than that, every month!"

"How much we get?"

"We," said Snuffy, "We only do the work, we get £3, some £4. some £5 a month; skott, plenty hard place to sleep; that's what we get!"

"Why does big baas get so lauch,

and we so little: '3

"I tell you, we only do the won!, big baas, he own the mine.'

"How did he get it?" en nired Peppermint.

"I don't know," replied Snuf:, "I suppose he bought it-big baas not big thief, he not steal it."

"Does he do any work?" encaired Peppermint, simply.

"Of course not," said Snuffy. "he no need to work, he baas. You see, we do the work; hesides, he couldn't work like we do; lie not so strong—our work kill baas."

At this point Peppermint sub-ided into silence; such depths of political economy appeared to be beyond him. It was only just as Snuffy was dropping at last into his troubled sleep that Pennermint spoke again.

"Snuffy!"

"Yespin

"You and me very good boys, very good boys, eh?"

"How?" asked Snuffy.

"Baas no work, plenty mali, our work kill baas; we strong, we work, we get sick, we get killed, picanin skoff, plenty hard place to sleep, all for baas. Baas no work, he haas, that's why. We hir mood boys." And Peppermint settled down to sleep the sleep. of the just.

"We either bi- mood boys or bir dann fools." muttered Snuffy under his breath, "that's what we are. Good

night, Peppermint."

SCATTERBRAINS.

Com. D. Ivon Jones writes repudiating, somewhat indignantly even, not his debts but his credits; insisting that the League must treat all his alleged claims against it for arrear salary, etc.. as wined out: and returning a cheque recently sent him in respect of same accordingly, which is therefore being donated to the Press Fund.

S.A. Patriotism.

The first object of the S.A. National Union is "To promote a spirit of patnotism throughout S. Africa." To illustrate this "patrolism," the annual report for 1917-18 says: "Thor markets) we must look to the north, i.e., Southern Africa north of the Zambesi. A large trading concern should be established to secure trade in the areas referred to and to hold it for British and South African commerce. It is most undesimble dual the industry Linterior, which is chicilly native, should he allowed to fall into the hands of the small and importantible trader, as it is supidly doing in the Union and other parts. The issues involved are too serious. The while man must see that his prestige with the native population remains at a high level, otherwise trouble, such as has already occurred in the Transvaal, may come about."

Big Trade for the sake of White

Prestige! How noble!

Again: If inland wages are inflated, manufacture will shift to the coast where Trade Union conditions are less stringent and the coloured man in many capacities is prepared to do skilled work at a lower rate than that which prevails in the interior." Therefore, brethren, scab, lest ve be scabbed

"The United States obtains a larger output from every worker than any other country except perhaps Germany." So Germany after all is "perhaps" the finest country in the would,

"Winning the War."

Lord Mersey, the legal luminary who was put in charge of the Insitania enquiry, actingoas Mr. Asquith's chairman at a meeting last June, said, "No one could predict when peace would come, but even then many years must elapse before we should be able to say who was the winner of the war."

And Lord Buckmaster at the National Liberal Club three weeks earlier

Said :

"The real winners of the war will be determined ten or twenty vears afterwords, and they will be the naken who will be best able to face the growing discontent of a disillusioned people, to ward off growing famine, and to save their people from the universal bankrupter to which Europe is speeding every day with increasin~ pace."

SOCIALISM IN JAPAN.

The New South Walds Notoney-General. Mr. Hall, has lately been on a visit to Japan, and says: "Huge fortunes are being made in Japan to-day. People are flocking into the cities from the country to join in the prosperity. The cost of living has of course increased, rents being double what they were, and there has been many a bitter struggle to secure better wages. Although the Government practically shoots. Socialists on sight, the fact remains that last vear there were 300 zuccosful strikes in that country.

The Butcher's business registered Germiston Municipality 1918 by K. Frankel, Stand 1467, Primrose Township, has been transferred to Elias Prag. trading as the INTERNATION-AL CASH BUTCHERY, as from 1st October: 1918.

A Frame-up flasto.

whose oracle is the "Sunday Times," the Attorney-General has declined to prosecute in the recent public violence case against the Socialists—according to the paper of September 29th; the accused have still received no statutory notification, but a journal which supports the Government and gets weekend "Police News" scoops in return may be considered an "official organ." The "Mail," which has heaped dirty, innuendo and vulgar insult on the accused for months, has not the decency to mention the fizzle-out at all.

Government's first serious attempt at a frame-up. It lacks the pluck of the American gangs for such enterprises, though in personal malice some of its representatives must be hard to equal. Let us recapitulate the procedure.

July, 1917. The Industrial Workers of Africa, a little native group for the spread of labour principles and organisation, is formed. Within a few weeks police spies are sent from Maraisburg to attend it, posing as honest members. One becomes secretary later.

December 3. General Botha at Johannesburg reports "Strong rumours of native unrest." and Malan from same platform says (white) men are fomenting it, holding meetings with natives. "Government has detectives on their track, but public opinion should be roused," etc.

January 20th, 1918. "Sunday Times" starts rouging it accordingly. "I.W.W. on the Rand." Slimy misdescription of I.W.A. meeting. Data obviously supplied by spy.

February 13 and 14: Boycott of stores ascribed by "Mail" to "sinister influence of socialists and pacifists." Malignantly false translation of leaflet. Leading article suggests German agents. Immediate arrest urged. Similar article in "Natal Mercury."

March 3. "Sunday Times": grotesque travesty of I.W.A. objects and proceedings. Information clearly supplied by police. "Government cannot discover where funds come from."

March 12. Botha in Parliament: "Attempts had been made to get the natives on the Rand to form themselves into a Union. It was a serious state of affairs."

March 22. Botha in Parliament. "Extremely serious. Government would have to ask for greater powers to put a stop to this organised movement."

April 9th. Question in House: "Has Botha read the Sunday "imes" onticle (above)?" Reply: "Yes; Attornev-General is to decide whether criminal proceedings can be taken."

June. Great indignation at Macfie's sentences. Thuknown agents (? of Native Affairs Dout.) at protest meetings call for a strike.

June 14. Col. Mentz, Minister of Defence at Johannechurg: "Boloism on the Rand" Special appeal to "loyal Labourites."

June: Secret attempts to form Defence Force Battalians of white trade unionists to shoot natives when strike, evidently already "contemplated" by Government, hugalia out.

June 26. "Mail" accribes native feeling to I.S.L. "insidiously stirring

up trouble." Similar article on July 1.
July 1st. Botha's message to natives: "All sorts of rumours of possible violence. Beware of irresponsible persons." (Native Congress replies: "We are organising in the ordinary way in peaceful manner.")

July 1st: Native strike. "Mail" admits "No violence," only "passive resistance."

July 1st. "Natal Advertiser" gives story about Sophiatown meeting from Luke Messina's affidavit (not sworm until July 6), i.e., retailed in advance by Native Affairs Dept., in whose hands the document was, to newspapers at safe distance. "Examples should be made of the ringleaders."

July 2nd. "Mail": "The strike organised by International Socialist agitators in Ferreirastown." Leading article urges Government to "deal promptly and sternly" with them.

Botha, evidently for over eas consumption: "Good reason for suspection that insidious enemy agencies are at work... amongst natives.... Object... the subversion of the Constitution by methods of violence.... Compare Iteland 1916." This tale is cabled all over the world.

July 3rd. "Natal Advertiser":
"Prominent members of the organisation" (? the C.I.D.?—Ed.) "which is believed to have attempted to bring out the natives on a general strike have left Johannesburg for Natal." (!)

July 6th. Arrest of accused on Luke Messina's affidavit. Bail refused. Accused "Highly dangerous to community." "Sedition," "Treason," "Liars," "German gold."

July 17th. Luke Messina, of the Na-

tive Affairs Dept., splits.

July. Native strikers sentenced and lectured by Magistrate "not to listen to white agitators"—though nothing about these before the Court. (We note he is still on that tack.—Ed.)

July 30th, August 8th. Botha resents being ridiculed for having made a fool of himself.

September. Moffat report ascribes unrest to the "International." October: Case withdrawn.

It will be seen that the prosecution did not really arise out of the July 1 strike at all, but had been urged and threatened months before a strike was dreamt-of. What is the "reasonable inference"? Those threats had to be backed up. Probably the A.G. advised that there was no sure case unless violence took place. It was therefore necessary, first, to work up a bit of a strike with a dash of violence about it, and secondly to connect the accused with it. Nothing venture nothing win!

An agent provocateur is stated to have gone round in June fomenting a mine native strike, and to have received a soft billet in July.

As early as June 28 one of the accused was told to expect arrest.

With regard to Luke, we must do-

fer a good deal of revelation while his prosecution, so frequently postponed, is still pending.

Other spies, not whole time police or N.A. Dept. boys, were sent to attend meetings at 5s. a week, but were not called by the Crown. These ningers are so unreliable! Note that the Crown called no genuine members of the I.W.A., only informers: and all their evidence had been prepared in writing

before they came to court and showed signs of having been edited

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One of the accused was, before his arrest, offered money by a C.1.D. man to incriminate the others.

Moreover, other spy witnesses were asked to embellish their statements a la Luke's, but refused, for reasons

easy to understand.

The frame-up, like the military expeditions into Russia, is one of those foul means, utterly unjustifiable even by hourgeois canons, to which canitalism has to resort because with fair means it is powerless against the naked strength of working class truth and action. Recall the case of the Chicago anarchists, not to say the Johannesburg tram strike—or the conviction (subsequently quashed) of an I.S.I. member for resenting the "moh" attack on a Trades Hall Meeting, which attacks the police and magistrate declined to prevent. And remember that not all these cases are shown up—far from it. Many a Socialist has done time or lost his life on the strength of a concocted Crown case. Mooney is in danger of hanging, if he has not already been hanged. One of our I.S.L. accused, though not expecting a geweld case, did anticipate a trumped up liquor charge, for he knew what the C.I.D. are capable of in that line. And the fact that the I.S.L. has successfully parried nearly overy court attack on it up to now does not warrant the slightest over-confidence for the future.

Had our comrades been convicted, after Botha's pretentious cabledrams on the one hand and Luke's "blab." also cabled, on the other, there might have have been a bit of a row in England, where Andrews had spread a good deal of enlightenment on the true nature of our attitude, and that of our ruling class, to native workers. They have enough courses of trouble there already, without, "Dominions" complications. It was just as well therefore that the Crown refused to prosecute: although one result is that Moffat's report is left standing rather high and dry

And now, forward the ISL.! Agitate, educate and organize the workers of Africa, irrespective of colour—a true "Workers' Educational Association"—se that when the Day comes we may be ready to step into our place in the world-wide Co-operative Com-

monwealth.

The police are stated have obtained affidavits proving that the present outbreak of Spanish influenza is the result of the pernicious propaganda of the Socialists with the aid of German gold. Several arrests are expected.

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