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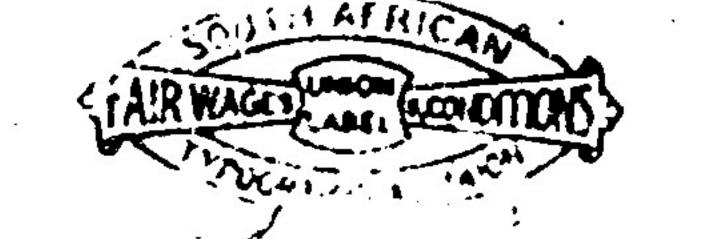
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TO-DAY'S MAIL BRINGS THE DETAILED STORY OF THE BRITISH CONSPIRACY IN RUSSIA
RECENTLY EXPOSED BY US,
ALSO NEWS OF A SIMILAR GERMAN PLOT IN SOUTH RUSSIA.
LOOK OUT FOR NEXT WEEK'S
"INTERNATIONAL."

The Econ mic Interrecation."

The outers against emperi-life-war deleisitions was well-founded. Withour declaration of war, without a voice of Parliament, without consulting the country, without an exense that they dare express in public, elunde-linely. Avasively, suchkingly, contemptibly, the British Government conspiring with the chief inginities tyranis non intethe ward brillian still is still in war, armistice or no armistice, active-Fly attaching Russin by land and sec with the increased forces now released lor that eminipolise. What are the obe-justs of this monstrous attack againsi. not militarism but parifism, not world domination but utter self-determination, not antograms bin bin anarchy. against a people win if attacked as "allies of Germany are entitled to digree in the envisablement hostilities against that country?

SWAG.

The first is just plunder. We are indobited to the Giacison "Sedialist" tor die quointions which tollow ... "Rit-sia. The official organ of Anglo-Russing, made, recently publicided a map of the Russian-Asiatic continent across which like the "Z.A. Republick agross Kruger's maps of South Africa. hire the words "Britain's Great Opporunity: and in describing the wealth ready to be looted, said: "We are witnessing the opening stages of a great struggle for Russia's immeasurable raw materials. The enormous wealth arvaiting exploitation in Russia's mineral deposits is evident.... The economic control of the Cancasus, with its immensely rich deposits of fron, manganes@ gold, silver, nickel; zinc, tin. lead, sulphise, oil, ashestos. ... It is only in Russia and the Transvaul that the gold industry is developing. Russia is practically the only country which supplies the world with flax, manganese, and platinum. The explored coalfields in European Russia alone are estimated to contain at least sixty thousand million tons. Russia possesses nearly one half of the world's available; timber. Likewise in cotton, this magiclike country ranks fifth as a cottonproducer." The officially recorded minutes of the British Federation of Indusirv speak of "Siberia! the richest prize

ever officied to the civilised world since the discovery of the Americas. As to: Rassia as a puny-haser, the same periodical says the demand for machinery. anil-, mad all sont-ant industrial outsile mend a opens a Visia of new possibility ties which surpass the dream of the holdest imagination belove the war. Ti Shired Plancial is abilit a health resource is an ecestioniale basis deficient : and the domination of Russia plantes and wit terre the construct of Chillian Pace British didibitation of Builtin the entification in the grane. Catherinalists will be delicated. more vainable man ever since Mexico has secoved fromble-come, that med-minn of the inlimitation from Bel-heric. Tyronny. Rulling we will not should the sword until we have got awar with as materias war as we can carry.

£ OF FLESH.

Then there are the bondlieders. "It was tour of dupations aggins-initial Silve eria in opposition to America's interest. Says Win. Paul in the Society ist in the leaf Press. Wilson in the miss the Construs and Soviets that the dinigode Shatis would work for assist Russ size in maxing complete independence in her own affilier. But since there dure intermediate heaven being antiqued both or Americand Japan. Pros. Wilson has also best ment ment by Fillier, Wille heavily involved in the repudliched hisy tions: Edeint, to send in texpedition to Russia. The American ficanticus, the doubt now hold as part of France's se curilies some of the bonds purchased by the Premobilities the Perer's Grayern.

Lord Robert Cecil said recently.

Any attempt to draw a distinction between diplomacy and commercial questions must be traught with disaster in just as you Moltke said: "The Bourse has now acquired an influence which can mobilise armies for the protection of its interests." Mexico and Egypt were occupied by European armies to secure the payment of debts of high finance."

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FUNK.

Finally there is blue funk of the spreading Socialist movement, the same motive that contributed to plunge the Tsar and the Kaiser into war. This requires even more artful screening; hence the amazing barrage of Press lies that invariably accompanies such occasional glimpses of what is going on as it is considered safe to permit; but which could not prevail against repeated refutation were it not that the public mind—has—become completely addled by four years of war propaganda.

We repeat our exhortation to send home resolutions demanding an immediate peace with Russia. These of themselves may seem feeble, but such encouragements may spur the workers of Britain, on whom the chief responsibility rests, to some considerably

more drastic form of protest. For even the most victory-mad of them, it they realised the true raison of them, it they campaien, now concealed, as that of the S.A. War was concealed from them, beyind atrocky stories, would surely hurl Lloyd George and his gang to post-dition even before the General Election, and join hands with their heroic tellow workers of Russia in the fight for the economic Liberation of the World.

Preparin For Action.

Although we in South Atrica are far soon the great drama in hurope, we cannot remain mere passive spectators. The changes asking place will not be stayed by sons at oceans. However small, we must do out part in this world struggle between the workers and the exploiters.

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We are at the parting of the ways. Socialism must come here as elsewhere. Are we to assist in its coming or must it be forced upon us by the more ensightened communities overseas? The answer to this question lies with the workers of South Africa and must be given at no distant date.

Cape Notes unfortunately reached us too late for insertion this week.

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Chesinuts.

As a bloodeurdler, the 'Boloism' of barely five months ago has been replaced, by order of the British Foreign Office, by "Bolshevism." Yet even so the Press—which requires a niche to itself below "Statistics"—cannot make our flesh creep without trotting out anew the already battered bogeys of "billows of blood" and "German! gold"—except that the "Vaderland," pro-German like, is silent on the latter. (Note how atrocity stories hegan to come thick and fast against Germany when a real Socialist triumph there was thought possible, and died down again. as soon as the news became more "reassuring —viz., that the "Kaiser's Socialists were on top.)

BLOOD.

. Not one specific case of Bolshevik massacre has been published, still less any casualty list like those of Capitalism's ten million murders. The language is always general, wholesale but not retail, or else the case on examination proves to be not one of murder at all, e.g., that of Capt. Cromié who, when the ('.I.I). visited him with a search warrant bäsed on information laid, and since confirmed, that the British Embassy was the centre of a plot of armed rebellion about to be hatched. shot three of them and got shot himnelf: who was then the murderer? We . would rather apply the word to the Allied invaders who boast of heaping up piles of dead Bolsheviks. Balfour's "information" that the Bolsheviks "intend to exterminate all their opponents" is as vaoue as the rest, and at best is no doubt a distortion or mistranslation of an expressed policy of stamping out armed rebellion or abolishing the capitalist class, just as Milner set out to exterminate Africanderdom, with less intent to kill every Afrikander (even through concentration camps) than some of our patriots who wanted literally to exterminate all the Germans. At worse, these stories are -well, something like the recent besay in romance, shall we say, of our Native Affairs Dept. under its Right Honourable Chief, General/Botha. The Paris Commune shows which side in the class struggle really aims at extermination.

COLD.

We are tired of exposing the feeble but wicked lie of German Gold. See the "International" of Nov. 16, 1917, March 28 and May 10 1918, where we convicted. The Star" of falsely citing the "New Europe" which really dismissed the story; riddled the alleged letters on internal evidence; and quoted Litvinoff's comment that the documents were (like Lockhart's recently) obvious forgeries. "The Star" the other day spoke of the worthless statements of the anonymous writers of the I.S.L.'s "Bolshevik" pamphlet, hut carefully omitted to mention the statement in the introduction that much of the historical matter was supplied by M. Litvinoff, late Plenipotentiary of the Russian People's Government in Great Britain. His booklet "The Russian Revolution' was in fact largely drawn upon by the compilers, one of whom, Com. W. H. Andrews, had an opportunity of judging of his calibre through

considerable personal contact with him recently in England. Well, Litvinoff in his account of the revolution deals with the "German Gold" lies as fol-OWS:--

"On July Ist came the new offensive, to end three weeks after in a complete rout of the Russian army; but previous to that , on July 16th, the masses of Petrograd again rose in revolt—this time against the Provisional Government as a whole and the coalition principle in particular--without any lead from the Bolshevik party. This time the rising was unsuccessful-partly because it had not been organised, but partly also because a mass of forged documents had been secretly set in circulation among the Petrograd troops with the connivance of the Government, showing that Lenin, Trotsky and other Bolsheviks were in the pay of Germany. The opportunity was a happy one for the bourgeoisie, who were now able to connect the rising with the disaster at the front by representing the former as the cause of the latter, and thereby to create a double diversion by divesting itself of all responsibility for the fiasco of the offensive and by inciting all "true patriots" against the Bolsheviks. The Bolshevik leaders and their followers were hunted down like wild beasts; Trotsky, Kameneff, Alexandra Kolontay, and hundreds of others were thrown into prison; Lenin and Zinovieff were obliged to seek safety in hiding; the Bolshevik papers were suppressed one after the other—in fact a veritable orgy of white terror was now set up, with a restored death penalty for military offences at the front, and with the final abandonment of all reforms and all peace talk."

This authority is at least as good as that of the editor of "The Star," and is supported by the correspondents of the "Manchester Guardian" and "Daily News," and many other impartial witnesses from Britain, America and elsewhere, and by the probabilities. For with all its faults the old regime in Germany was too astute to foster a Socialist revolution in a country whose frontiers march for hundreds of miles with Germany and Austria. If they were so foolish they have met with swift retribution, for the revolution has, as any sane man might have expected, spread with irresistible rapidity through the whole of Germany and Austria.

. The German Minority Socialists tanti-war) in their manifesto issued in Berlin on May 27th this year were under no-such illusions. They said inter alia: "In the liberatin - struggles of the people of the old Tsarist Empire. German and Austrian baronets have taken their part in favour of the counter-revolution." We know this to be true. The Ukraine Rada (anti-Bolshevik) was supported by French gali and German bayonets, and the revolution was temporarily crushed. The German army assisted in the brutal 'suppression of the Fnnish revolutionary (Bolshevik) workers and subsetionary (Bolshevik) workers and subsequent slaughter in cold blood of thousands of working men, women and children.

But the charge that the German Impenal authorities financed the Bolsheviks is not too stale, absurd, or exploded to be repeated in "The Star."

League Notes.

KLIK HIER! --- There is a possibility of "The Truth About the Bolshoviks" being reprinted in the Dutch language. Will comrades who are able to dispose of any number kindly notify Head Office of their requirements? Without a fair promise of support it may not be considered advisable to make the venture. Assistance is also requested. not only financially but by the submission of written contributions and the distribution of other literature in Dutch. Let us hear from you, comrades.

PICNIC.—The Building and Printing Plant Committee, Johanneshurg. has under consideration a suggested

pienie for December 15.

MARX' "CAPITAL."—The Assist. ant Treasurer makes a final appeal to comrades in possession of books of tockets to return them all before the end of the month, so that the business may be brought to a close.

STAMPS. -- The Treasurer of the Building and Printing Press Committee desires that all monies collected and stamps unsold be returned by return of

post.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

OPEN-AIR. — Sunday's open-air meeting will be held at the corner of Maddison and Marshall Streets, Jeppe. Comrade W. J. C. Gibson in the chair. assisted by Comrades W. H. Andrews. S. P. Bunting and T. P. Tinker.

STUDY (LASS. -- Comrade T. P. Tinker will take for his subject "South Africa's Part in the Reviseution" next Friday, November 29, in the Palmerston Hall, commencing at 58-5p.m. All League members are reduested to atiend and tackle this questions

JOHANNESBURC JEWISH-SPEAKING BRANCH.

SPECIAL MEETING. -- Membera are reminded of the Special General meeting to be held in the Palmerston Hall, on Sunday morning, the 24th inst., commencing at ten o'elock.

PUBLIC MEETING.—Comrade A. Goldman is the speaker for Sunday night at the Palmerston Hall, commeneing at eight o'clock. Subject: "Europe and South Africa."

PRETORIA BRANCH,

Pretoria Branch holds a public meeting in the Federation Hall on Sunday, 24th. at 7.30. (om. Colin Wade and Barendregt will speak, the latter in Dutch.

CERMISTON BRANCH.

The Germiston Branch have organised a public meeting in the Old Apollo Hall, Germiston, on Friday, 29th, at 8 p.m. Comrade Andrews will speak on "The Truth about Bolshevism."

Germiston Branch is finding its quarterso in Comrade Wade's surgery too small for its rapidly growing membership, and will soon have to look for a larger room. It is intended to organise public meetings at intervals in this important industrial centre. Branch Secretary's address is Box 290.

It was amusing to notice that at the top of the headgear at Springs Mine a red Kaffir blanket was fluttering in the breeze on the day of the armistice rejoicings. Were the authorities short of Union Jacks or have the natives hoisted the Red. Flag.

Distortion.

The dope administered by the capitalist servile henchmen in their leading articles, and the cooked news cabled from overseas, are keeping the masses ignorant of the nature of the epochmaking events taking place in Europe.

These intellectual proletariats have served their economic masters well in the past and are excelling their past regords for servility by their dirty tactics

at the present juncture.

In the "daylie" press controlled by these sycophants, the Russian revolution is always referred to as a bloody horror with all "the excesses of the Paris Commune," magnified a hundredfold, conveniently forgetting that the bloodthirsty Thiers and the capitalist of the Paris Commune, a brustality of the Paris Commune, a brustality that was backed up by the Prussian Government liberating 70,000 French prisoners of war to enable the scoundrels to carry out their dastardly scheme to "exterminate", the Paris workers.

How well this scheme was carried out is well known to these sycophants, but being paid to do the dirty work of their capitalist masters they have distorted the truth of the Paris Commune as they have distorted everything that should enlighten the masses in those essentials necessary to a proper understanding of the nature of capitalistic society and

the status of the workers.

So with events in Russia. These labourers in the capitalistic vineyard are not only mutilating the news of the social revolution, but attributing to the Russian workers and peasants murders and atrocities that never occurred. Without a blush they label any judicial act of the Russian ('ourts as "murder. Capitalistic counter revolutionaries if shot in their armed attempts to overthrow the workers' regime are described as being "brutally done to death" or "assasinated" by the "Red Terrorists," just as our Nationalists say the 1914-15 rebels were "murdered by Botha. Yet a little while the game of misleading the masses can be indulged in, but what of the aftermath? fours to-day, to-morrow the workers. All these attempts to stay the onward march of events are hopeless, and what is more, they will rebound upon. chose that lend themselves to such vile tactics.

The revolutionary forces set free by the world war cannot be controlled by the capitalist class. They never did control the system, as evidenced by the crises during the past century. Much less can they control the psychology created by the awakening consciousness of the workers. Distorting news will only intensify the antagonism of the workers and make them more bitter against a class that has been the most hypocritical of any of the past ruling

classes.

The Feudal Barons were directly brutal-in their methods. They made no pretence to humanitarianism. The capitalist class of to-day with its pharisaical platitudes of love of humanity has been a greater oppressor than any of its predecessors. The new "social concience"—more dope to keep the workers blind to the inevitable fall of the system in all countries. Ameliorating schemes as sops are being trotted out snew in Britain by Lloyd George, the

henchman of British capitalism. But the time has gone for such pulliatives. The Russian workers have blazedothe track to be taken by the workers in other countries, and the cue has been taken in Central Europe. Just as "civilisation" arose in the East and rolled towards the West, so the new light of Socialism has had its birth in the East and must travel westward until it encircles the globe, embracing in its folds all races in all climes, with its economy of co-operation that will eliminate war and all its horrors, and the antagonism of a system of "beggar your neighbour or be beggared." J.M.G.,

The Revolution in Germany.

We welcome the revolt of the German people against the theory of Divine Right. We also recognise the tremendous difficulty that the revolution is placed in owing to scarcity of almost every necessity of human existence, and the further complication of huge hostile armies marching across their western frontier. Nevertheless it is too early for the workers to rejoice over another victory for the proletariat similar to, that accomplished in Russia more than twelve months ago.

Reactionary elements plus timid constitutional Socialists seem at present to control the Central Government at any rate. Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg have it is stated been ejected from the Palace in Berlin and the office of the 'Lokalanzeiger' respectively. They will probably if left at large organisa the forces of the 'Left' and bide their time as Lenin and Trotzky did in Rus-

sia during Kerensky's regime.

The local press gloats over these indications of the non-"Bolshevik" character of the new German Government. On the other hand the Soviets of Dresden, Leipzig and Chemnitz demand more power for the Soviets. It is probable that although the revolutionary movements in Holland. Switzekland. Denmark and Belgium may be, temporarily scotched they will revive and assume irresistible strength at no disant date. It is significant that in Brifain the Labour. Party immediately after ordering its members to leave the * Cabinet should have endorsed the candidature of John Maclean for Gorbals (Glasgow) in opposition to Geo. Barnes, the labour renegade. We are denied by the capitalist press any information as to hoppenings in Great Britain, but it is certain that both political and industrial organisations are daily becoming more revolutionary and militant, and the time is not far disstant when they will refuse to allow British troops to be used to crush out the revolutionary working class movements in Russia, Germany and elsewhere.

At a meeting of the B.W.I.U. at Krugersdorp on Thursday, Comrade Andrew Watson gave a stirring address after which a resolution protesting against Allied intervention in Russia was passed. Same to be moved at the Trade Union Congress in Durban.

For some time past the "International" has not been allowed to enter the United States.

"ATrade Union Trust."

In an article on the African Theatres Trust dispute with its employees, appearing in the organ of the S.A. Industrial Federation, the Federation is described as a "Trade Union Trust." Although a corner in labour power has not vet been made by the Federation bosses owing to the refusal of several powerful organisations to place themselves under the Crawford voke, yet here it is now acknowledged to be their object. Every individual and every organisation not recognising the authority of the would-be Rocketellers and Morgans of labour will be crushed out of existence by the systematic scabbery of the Federation, assisted by the employers' Press, money and machinery.

Labour is frankly recognised as a commodity to be bought and sold as the market fluctuates, and the 'leaders' desire to corner the whole supply in order to withhold it or sell it as they think lit, and thus secure for themselves great power and influence. This is a typically craft union outlook. Accepting the commodity status of the worker imposed by the capitalist system, which only looks upon its "hands" as part of the machinery of production, and refusing to recognise them as human beings, the Federation of Craft Unions is content to bargain with the capitalists for small concessions such as holidays here and rises of wages there, thus keeping its dupes amused with bread and circuses. True industrial unionism organises for one definite purpose, viz., the removal of the commodity status of the worker altogether. It recognises that this cannot be done by boards of reference, conciliation boards. Whitley reports, etc., etc. No compromise with the employing and exploiting class is possible if the worker is to become really free.

The total overthrow of capitalism and the taking over in their entirety of the whole productive forces of the community is the only goal worth striving for.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the fighting sectionalism of the moulders, parts of the A.S.E. and other societies is preferable to the so-called solidarity which the Federation seeks to bring about.

Mere organisation is not necessarily beneficial to the workers, otherwise the perfect discipline of militarism would lead to their emancipation. The **objective** of the organisation is the important thing, and when the Federation in its own paper frankly confesses that it desires to secure a trust or corner in labour in order to control that commodity it stands self-confessed as the exploiter of the workers' necessities and of their lack of knowledge of economic forces, and not as an agency for their emancipation.

When the workers organise on the job irrespective of craft and link up along the line of industry, they can take and hold the means of life and dispense with officials who only look upon them as pawns in a very profitable game of make believe and sham fighting with the employing class. W.H.A.

Addressing a crowded meeting in St.
Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, Comrade
Maxton said amidst thunderous applause that this meeting of 6,000 was
not an ordinary audience of every day
respectable citizens, but a crowd of
Bolsheviks.

More Imperialist Democracy:

A lecent "Workers Dreadnought" contains a numble petition by the "Westure League of India" to the Secretary in State in London, planting on bulker of the lighten workers in belief housing, sanitation, relief trom: . Solling exteriorities of wages by the masters, free education, reduction of working as a custable in hours a day in parties, and representation. En partie die indien water builder the say is at process entrely in the hands of their masiers. The holpless working man Tails. Walleut a voice in the administration of the country, has to compete with the capitalist chass advantegel and up-todatie in every mediculostición decir compermitted West office.

The British reply is the Montagn Chelastord Report designed to meet the Nationalist or Home Rule agitation. It it does this, it only shows how after such agitations are to the interests of labour, and how they represent the chains merely of native chalian. Date'r, brish, Polish, etc., as the case may be capitalisis to equal featurent with the adready dominant opes. That is all that the Indian agi-

The Report gives, it may be said, nothing whatever, political or otherwise, to the proletariat--the 38 millions industrial workers and 200 million food growers of Indias Its excuse is that the number of people who really ask for free institutions does not exceed 5 per cent. of the population. . . We ere not setting about to stir 95 per cent, of the people" (described as " not capable of holding opinions ") " out of their peaceful conservatism." Even education cannot be rapidly extended " as the question is mixed up with important political and Imperial considerations.

As our contemporary remarks:

First enslave a people, destroy their own democratic system, give them deceitful, unnatural, soulless political institutions which, as the Report says, must react on their character's deprive them of the exercise of responsibility which, as the Report says, calls forth the capacity for it'—and then refuse to bestir them from their slavery!''—and treat anyone who strives to give expression to their wants as a criminal agitator.

Denying the rights of the immense majority, the Report busies itself with entrenching those of minorities ——"special electorates" being advocated for the representation of the planting and mining interests, for the Chambers of Commerce, for the great landowners, where forming a distinct class in any province, etc. As for the Europeans, "the material interests of the general European community are out of all proportion to their numerical strength."

(loreign) imperialist bureaucrat and a graveyard for working class democracy. India has been called. The report aims at "maintaining in the lower House such a number of votes upon which the Government can in all incumstances rely as to ensure the macange of the legislation that it requires." Nor is this enough. Of the 51 members of the "Council of State."

a second (vetoing) chamber I superior persons, there are to be on 15 representatives of the people, and tree only indirectly elected. Every magicable autobratic right is given to provincial and supreme overnments, is apposed of tovernors and Executive I serveill a over whom not a traction of these cent, of the people have a control of the readitional policy of protecting the readitional policy of protecting the readitional policy of protecting the readitional policy of maintained.

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The "Dreddhought" appeas to British Labour to establish solid lity between the workers in Britain and Audia. For highly skilled wors in the rail department Indians are now employed at 10d, per day in place of British Trade Unionists who were trought out on contract at 12s, a day, in many other industries the wages are under 6d, a day. British Worker if you do not aid the Indian workers to raise themselves from their state of heavy oppression, you may shortly and their labour power used to oppress you.

The parallel with conditions in this country is too significant to ed developing.

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Hath not a black man eves? hath not a black man hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer us a white nkm is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh? if you poison us, do we not die? and if you wrong us, shall we not revenge? if we are like you in the rest we will resemble you in that. The villainy you teach us we will execute; and it shall go hard but we will hetter the instruction.—Shakespeare adapted.

"Democratic" ir "Priletarian."

A resent cable said that in Germany deam destroyed and the working chas were on atop. That shows you what "democracy" means, and who "democrats" attack Bolshevism, which leaves all other tomes of democracy in the shade, for it involves cominments conning of the centradebody by immunerable local conneils or Workers Committees in constant session. The only "class" as such exchided from voting is the class of won't works, when empitalism puts in gaol diction mon, on decome it they uie rich. Soldier- voie in Russia, bui British soldiers me distraisedrised today. All workers vote in Russia, but only male white ones in Some Atrica. "Minorities are crushed in Russia ": it is majorities that are crushed in capiadist countries. The Star is shocked tius in Russia Government departments is ne regulations, etc., on their own. What is our "Government Gawite full of every week? The Bolshovik authority is supported by armai. what government is now they dicensed out-throat. deciment according to the complexion. of the party in perwer? The Allies are now in a position to teed all those who lick the feet of capitalism and to starve all who support Socialism, and are nyingsto do it: but, as the German protost says, that is just what leads in Bot-Shevism.

FREE STATE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

dagerstontein has had the many experience of a strike during the past fortnight. The newly and A.S.E. branch soon got to busing a and demanded a reduction of hour-from 52 to 48 and no reduction of pay. Conferences with the management and Sir D. Harris failed to accomplish anything and 48 hours' notice was given on Nov. 6 (the Bolshevik anniversary). After the men had been our about a week the point was conceded by the management at a public meeting in the Town Hall. A strong branch of the S.A.M:W.U. has been formed, and the possibility of the mine being closed down by joint action on the part of the miners probably hastened the management in coming to a decision. Besides the reduction in the mechanics' hours, all the workers have had their war bonus raised to the same figure as that of the engineers.

RURAL SOCIALISM.—Some of our comrades in Prince Albert are printing a leaflet in Dutch as the first of a contemplated series. When that village celebrated the news of the armistice the Red Flag waved over a couple of houses there for the first time in its history, and had not the news come so suddenly the number would have been considerably bigger.

An address on the Russian Revolution to a meeting of moulders and other workers in the Johannesburg Trades Hall was given by the Organiser on Tuesday afternoon. The Bolshevik pamphlets available at the meeting were all snapped up.

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