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"Our Martyred Dead."

Beyond all the horrors of the capitalist war, the tragic fate, if the cables are to be believed, of Germany's two bravest champions in the class war has shocked humanity with a convulsing shudder. "Murder most foul by the capitalist class' is the verdict of every man of sense and sensibility, while the instigators, seated round what they brazenly call a Peace Conference table, chuckle at their dastardly handiwork, consoled at last for their failure (so far) to compass a like fate for those other two great comrades in Russia. There indeed, bailled in their hope of raising even a 'mob' or (as it is cailed when it does their avowed bidding) "the public" to do their dirty work, they had attempted to suborn the assassin's knife and the alien conspirator's bomb. But in Berlin the arrival of President Wilson in Europe was the signal for American lynching methods, exouited through those worst of all enemies, their labour lieutenants, their social petriots, once the Kaiser's Socialists, who now control the Government of Germany on the Allies' behalf, and carry out, as jackals, outrages their masters would be ashamed to commit. direct, murdering those whom the Kaiser never dared to murder.

Boware of false friends! Kitchener, as we are told, was murdered through the treachery of certain of the Allies. It is more than probable that Judae Iscariots were sent into the Spartacus party to pose, like native spies, as friends and thus to betray its leaders into the hands of Ebert's and Scheidemann's thugs, besides demoralising the party with an atmosphere of mutual suspicion. Buch are the last vile methods of Capital fighting for its life against the resolute and logical forward movement of Labour, for of fair means it is already bankrupt. It is to such methods that our yellow policepress too incites when it says that "the authorities have the situation well in hand''—admitting that these mob at-

tacks are never spontaneous. It'would be pedantic to pretend that the loss is negligible. Leaders of outstanding abilify there will be, however much the "rank and file" may learn to assume the initiative; and the liability of most of them to turn dog makes the honest ones all the more to be prized. Such men and women as Liebknecht and Ross Luxembourg are all too scarce. How much poorer is Britain for producing, so few Socialist heroes of their stemp? When will a Henderson, a Thomas, or a Creswell face a lynching? For many are they, we admit, whose Socialism the "authorities" rightly judge can be "killed by press

But the martyrology of the world movement as a whole has been rich. Recall the Chicago victims of

30 years ago, murdered during the eight hours' agitation: Ferrer, the educator of the Spanish working class: Kotoku and his little band of fighters in the eause of Japanese labour; daures, the foremost opponent of the late war on the Allied side; in Russia, assassinations innumerable; not to mention such judicial sentences as that on Tom Mooney (now commuted to penal servitude for life), on John Maclean and Eugene Debs, and most recently on the Chicago I.W.W.; the attempt at legal murder of Ettor and Giovanetti during the fight, of the textile workers against the Woollen Trust in Massachusetts; and scores of others.

Nor were these two the only ones who gave up their lives in Berlin last week for the cause. These crimes defeat themselves. Kitchener's side won after all. Judas' backers, notwithstanding the capture, of Jerusalem itself, fought a losing battle from the day he hanged himself. The blood of the martyrs has proved but the seed of the Church. Nurse Caveil, shot as a spy, was a great recruiting asset, and has a street named after her: but Rosa Luxembourg, innocent of all crime except Socialism, yet done to death while unconscious by gunmen, will draw incomparably greater throngs of men and women to avenge her fate. The Press indecently attempts to hush up the whole affair. But "I will repar" is the oath of every class conscious worker the world over. Already the bourgeoisie of Germany are trembling and fleeing; and we can conceive worse disasters to humanity than even the summary despatch of the whole Peace Conference! As the jingoes classed all Huns as alike, so by Socialists all capitalists are liable to be classed alike. Our teeth clench at the thought that they still usurp the seats of the mighty.

Our memorial to the dead is to take up their work with unexampled intensity. This outrage will spur on the workers of the world to achieve victory years, sooner than they had ever before dared

to hope.

All Rand Socialists will please attend an

OPEN AIR MEETING

this

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1919, at 4 p.m.

at

THE TOWN HALL, JOHANNES-BURG (West End),

to denounce the real murderers of KARL LIEBKNECHT and ROSA LUXEMBOURG.

Speakers, W.H. Andrews, S. P. Bunting, T. P. Tinker, C. B. Tyler and others.

Amaigamation.

Just now the atmosphere amongst the engineering trade unions is thick with proposals for amalgamation of the unions in the iron trades. This consition is brought about by discontent with the present S.A.I.F., owing to its being unwieldy and controlled by the Miners' Union; it being the opinion of many of the old craft unionists that they do not want to be controlled by men who acquire the trade in a few months, as they have to serve an apprenticeship of several years.

Now amalgamation in this spirit is worse than even the present S.A.I.F., for it only makes the petty jealousies amongst the working class more acute. Even if it did not, its ideal is very far from the true one. To use this unionism as a weapon for wresting from the master class an ever increasing proportion of the value the worker creates, until finally the wage system itself can be overthrown and replaced by an industrial republic wherein all will be workers according to their capacity and none will be shirkers except at their own peril—is that the motive of these proposals?

No! "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work" has been their motto, and they have thrown out their chests and strutted around with pride, firmly believing they have done their duty when by conciliatory and subservient methods they have induced the masters to grant an increase of a miserable few shillings a week or a few petty holiday

concessions.

Well have they earned the scornful epithet of being bu warks of the capitalist system; well have many of them deserved the honours and the praise extended to them by the capitalist enemies of the workers.

No wonder that the principle of collective bargaining has been so generally conceded by employers when they discover how easily they can gull the workers with fairy tales; for instance, that fifteen low grade mines work at present at a loss and will have to be closed down if any further expense is levied on them. They are prepared to acrease the war bonus a few shillings to meet a little of the increased cost of living, but, you know, the workers must sacrifice as well as the capitalists for this great war for freedom--for the Allied capitalist to exploit to the disadvantage of the Central Powers' capitalist.

No, worker, that is not what you want. The only unionism required to meet present day capitalist development is revolutionary industrial unionism.

Industrial unionism is a twentieth century necessity for giving the required death blow to the present system and forming the foundation of the future system, the Industrial Republic.

Cape Nitis.

On Monday, the 12th of January, the Industrial Socialist League opened its new hall in the proper place for a 80chalist Hall, the midst of the working class quarters, with a social and concert. Although it was raining heavily the hall, which holds between 300 and 400 persons, was crowded to the doors. The trade unions were well represented, in fact all sections of the local labour movement had combined to make it a success. The following representatives of various trade unions addressed the audience: Messrs. Brown, Gamiet, Ries, Ash, Dean. The following in their individual capacity (not as representatives of any party) also said a few words: Messrs. Harrison, Haggar and Boydell, with Comrades Berman and Buirski of the League. Comrade Dryburgh acted as chairman and Com. Davidoff was very officient as auctioneer, getting 12 guineas for an enlargement of Karl Marx.

We have had the pleasure of the company of twelve members of the I.W.W. lately from off sailing vessels in the docks. We found them 'rebels' in the best sense of the terms and fully up to all the tricks of the priest and politician. They have rendered us a service in that they have taught the League to sing, and given us quite a repertoire of the Songs of Labour.

Our outdoor propaganda meetings are doing quite well, always attracting huge sympathetic crowds, and our weekly lectures are always well attended. The success of the opening of the new hall is a splendid augury for our propaganda amongst the workers in Cape Town, and also an inspiration to the comrades to 'hustle' still more in the task of educating and organising them for the now swiftly approaching revolution. Never at any time was there much excuse for Socialists to slacken off, but how much less should there be when it is now apparent to all that "The Day" will come in our own time. It is now a matter not of decades but of years.

M. LOPES.

A mass meeting to protest against Allied interference in Russia was advertised to take place on the Grand Parade on the 19th inst. Long before the appointed time an army of police and C.I.D. men arrived on the spot, anticipating "some fun" owing to tue fact that the police had "captured" our comrade bill-poster, and are instituting a charce against him as well as the S.D.F. for posting bills without a permit. I'ne attendance was about 400 but at the evening, meeting 2,000 were present. To the chagrin of the powers that be the anticipated "fun" did not come off; instead the meeting was a very enthusiastic ope.

However, the authorities got their own back the following day when the I.S.L. intended to hold a meeting out--side a factory for the purpose of organsaing the girls who earn the princely sum of 5s. to 7s. 6d., "top dogs get-12s. 6d., a. week, men from 18s. to 258. weekly. When they arrived there as previously arranged at the dinner hour, a cordon of police surrounded the workers and would not allow them to listen or the speakers to carry on the meeting.

L. TUROK.

League Notes.

DEFENCE DONATIONS.

As the bulk of the money contributed specially for the defence of our Johannesburg comrades, arrested for "geweld" last July, has not been needed for that nurpose, it is proposed to transfer it to other I.S.I. funds. All persons who have any objection to this course as regards their own contributions are hereby invited to communicate their wishes on the matter forthwith to the Secretary. I.S.L., Box 4179, Johannesburg.

BENONI BRANCH.

The Benoni Branch meeting on Thursday 16th inst., was largely attended. The Branch realises to the full extent the work and responsibility of the present year, and is rallying round the Red Banner with renewed energy. Every meeting brings in new members, and the old ones sniff the oncoming battle with delight; with a silence, perhaps you will say, but if so, with a silence of grim determination which betrays the difference between a body of sincere men and those giving lip service to a cause they have no intention of fighting for. But there is a danger of our silence heing broken, for there is a possibility of our getting a hall to hold Sunday night meetings.

This Branch reports rapid increase in membership and general activity.

CERMISTON BRANCH.

The usual meeting of Germiston Branch will be held in Com. Wade's surgery on Tuesday next, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. Com. Morgan has undertaken to. boss up the finances, and will act in the capacity of financial secretary, so as to leave the secretary more time for organising meetings, etc. All subscriptions and other moneys should be paid to Com. Morgan.

The meeting held in the Old Apollo Hall, on Friday, 17th, which Com. Tinker addressed, was a great success; many of the comrades and others see the native question now more clearly. "Internationals" were sold out, also

many Bolshevik pamphlets.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

For the OPEN-AIR MEETING this Sunday afternoon, January 26, see advertisement on Page 1. Open air propaganda meetings will be held weekly from this date.

PUBLIC MEETING this Sunday evening at the Palmerston Hall at 8

p.m. Speaker: I. Kessler.

THE STUDY CLASS meets at Palm-. erston Hall, every Friday, at 8 p.m. Speaker on Friday, January 31: S. Barlin on "Our part in the coming revolution." All comrades are invited to attend this class, which has done most useful work. If one of the main difficulties in our propaganda is lack of speakers, the class is a very effective means of overcoming it, and members of the League are called upon to suppcit it by their regular presence on Fridays.

THE SOCIALIST SCHOOL meets this. Sunday, January 26. at Milner Park. Assemble at the Town Hall at 9 a.m. Bring sandwiches and friends. Children's tram fares provided. In the event of bad weather the school will be held as usual at 11 a.m. at 4, Neppe's Buildings, corner of Fox Street and Marshall Square.

List of Mestings.

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Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7.30 p.m., cr. Marshall and Maddison Sts., Jeppes. Speakers: S. P. Bunting, W. J. C. Gibson and S. Ward.

Sunday, Feb. 2, opp. Town Hall (West End), 7.30 p.m. Speakers: H. Barendregt, C. B. Tyler, J. Black and E. J. Stewart.

Saturday, Feb. 8, Fordsburg Market Square, 7.30 p.m.—Speakers: T. P. Tinker, R. Roger and T. R. M. White.

Sunday, Feb. 9, opp Town Hall (West End), 7.30 n.m.—Speakers: E. J. Stewart, J. M. Gibson and W. H. Andrews.

Saturday, Feb. 15. cr. Marshall and Maddison Sts., Jeppes, 7.30 p.m.— Speakers: C. Dones, A. Goldman, I Ressler.

Sunday, Feb. 16, opp Town Hall, 7.30 p.m.—Speakers: T. P. Tinker, S. P. Bunting, C. B. Tyler.

Com. L. A. Shoul intends to revive the Johannesburg Study Circle for those desiring to acquire a systematic knowledge of Socialist economics which did useful work last year with a weekly study at comrades' houses, or in the country, of the first volume of Marx' Capital. All willing to join are requested to communicate with Com. Shoul, c.o. Box 4179, Johannesburg. It is suggested that similar circles should, as advised by John Maclean, be formed in other centres.

JEWISH-SPEAKING BRANCH.

A branch meeting will be held this Sunday, January 26, at 10 a.m. Business important. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

KRUCERSDORP BRANCH.

The public meeting at Thompson's Buildings last Sunday was successfully held, although the rain accounted for a rather small attendance. Com. T. P. Tinker was the speaker.

On Wednesday evening the Secretary-Organiser addressed a large meeting of the A.S.E. Branch on the Blop Stewards and Workers' Committee movement and its relation with the Bol shevik movement.

PRETORIA BRANCH.

PUBLIC MEETINGS will be beld regularly on the first Sunday in each week at the Federation Hall. speaker for February 2 is Com: T. P. Tinker.

THE SOCIAL MEETING on February 5 promises to be a great success. Com. W. H. Andrews will preside. Comrades attending from the Rand will be put up by the Pretoria comrades. Tickets, 2s. 6d.; children, 6d.

A.Z.B. writes confirming generally B.G.'s statements as to the immunity of rich Jews in Russia from persecution.

"The whole of society is in a molten state, and you can stamp on it anything you like, provided you act firmly and UNITEDLY. There is no time to lose. The country will be prepared for bigger things immediately after the war than when normal class-selfish interests are resumed, and unless the opportunity is seized IT MAY PASS. believe that the post-war settlement will succeed in proportion to its audicity. My advice is—AUDACITY, by new ways and methods, and you will get a really New World." Lloyd George to the English Workers.

Communist Exploitation.

The proletariat will use its political power to wrest by degrees all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralise all instruments of production in the hands of the State—i.e., of the proletariat organised as the ruling class—and to increase as rapidly as possible the total mass of productive forces."—"The Communist Manifesto."

With what remarkable fidelity the Russian Soviet Government has found it possible to vindicate the judgment of Marx and Engels is instanced in an article by Maurice Blackburn in the Melbourne "Labour Call" of the 12th ult., based on Lenin's "Spring. programme' address to the Soviets. It recalls a recent letter from Lenin to the "Pravda" urging journalists to give some of their high politics a rest and fasten public attention on the daily spade work of the development of the industrial democracy. "Efficiency" methods such as piece work which are anathema when applied to the grinding out of profits for the capitalist class take a very different aspect when the masses receive all they produce; while processes which are now the secrets of capitalists become public property.

The Kerensky regime, says Mr. Blackburn, took away the spur of capitalist management without supplying the incentive of workers' management. It is with a proletariat at the best but recently subject to the discipline of large scale industry, and in some degree enervated by Kerenskyism, that the Great Russian Adventure is being

made. On the very fall of Tsarism the Soviets' Congress by resolution urged self-discipline of the workers. And the ever-recurring burden of the Spring Address is self-discipline of labour, every day labour discipline. "We must kurn," said Lenin, "to combine the stormy, energetic breaking of all restraint on the part of the toiling masses. with iron discipline during work, with absolute submission to the will of one person—the Soviet director—during work." The Soviet director is appointed and removable by the Soviet, so that the discipline is a discipline imposed by the will and during the pleasure of the workers.

are famine and unemployment," says Lenin again, "these misfortunes cannot be overcome by any outbursts of enthusiasm, but only by thorough and universal organisation and discipline, in order to increase the production of bread for men and fuel for industry, to transport it in time and distribute it in the right way. Therefore, responsibility for the pances of famine and unemployment falls on everyone who violates the labour discipline in any enterprise and in any business.

ism, he proceeds, is to raise the productivity of labour and in connection with this (and for this) to improve its organisation. First of all must be secured the material basis of a large industry; the development of the production of fuel, iron, machinery and of the chemical industry. Russis possesses colossal stores of ore; coal and petroleum, and vast resources of timber, water power and raw material for

the chemical industry. These must be exploited by the latest technical meth-

The higher productivity of labour depends first on the improvement of the education and culture of the people. This, says Lenin, is now 'taking place with unusual swiftness.' Higher productivity depends in the second place on 'higher discipline of the toilers, on higher skill, efficiency and intensity of labour and its better organisation.

The most conscious vanguard of the Russian proletariat has already turned to the problem of increasing discipline. We should immediately introduce piece work and try it out in practice. We should try out every scientific and progressive suggestion of the Taylor system. We should compare the earning with the general total of production and the exploitation results of railroad and water transportation and so on.

"The possibility of Socialism will be determined by our success in combining the Soviet rule and the Soviet organisation of managers with the latest progressive measures of capitalism."

The measures of compulsion now applied appear to be--

1. Compulsory labour for all.

2. Compulsory accounting and record of labour for State enterprises and private traders, even down to the village storekeeper.

Efficiency is stimulated by the "So-cialist organisation of emulation."

"Model communes," says Lenin,
"should and will serve the purpose of training, teaching and stimulating the backward communes. The press should serve as a weapon of Socialist construction, giving publicity in all details to the successes of the model communes, studying the principles of their success, their methods of economy, and, on the other hand, 'blacklisting' those communes which persist in keeping the 'traditions of capitalism,', i.e., anarchy, loafing, disorder, speculation, parasitism and graft."

He explains why the work of expropriating the capitalist has been stopped. It is in order that the Soviets may make themselves masters of the industries already acquired, make them impregnable fortresses against middleclass attacks, as well as bases of fur-

ther offensive operations. The Sovieta propose to use the communes as the means of distribution. But-for that function the communes are not yet prepared. There are numerous local consumers' co-operative associations, comprising more than 10,000,000 members. The Soviets' Republic has entered into an agreement with them. It has been reproached for compromising with the middle class, who, with their working class adherents, are dominant in these associations. It is true that owners of capitalistic enterprises are by the agreement excluded from the management, but nevertheless the reproach is made—and with some justice. admits Lenin. It was a departure of principle excused, says he, only by necessity, and only to be made good when the Soviets are prepared to take over the work of distribution.

The third subject of explanation is the employment of highly-paid specialists. The Communists, as their name shows, stand for equal payment to all workers. Nevertheless, as they admit, they are employing specialists, technical, administrative and financial, and paying them high salaries. They frankly confess this, and admit it as a "partial defeat" to be retrieved later. The workers, they say, are not yet ready to control industry. They have the will, but they have not the knowledge; we must bring in teachers for the future, advisers for the present. We must get specialists—the best that can be got in or out of Russia. And we must pay them their market rate. And that must continue until the workers can carry on without them.

AN AMBASSADOR TELLS THE TRUTH!

During the German war Viscount Uchida, Japanese Ambassador to Russia. made the following statement according to the cables: "Japan's relations with Russia have been friendly, and there was nothing but maliciousness in the stories of the jingoistic Press, which urges that Japan should invade Siberia. Germany knows better than to try to reach Siberia. Even the Austrian and German prisoners are now Bolshevist, and would not hesitate to fight against the Central Powers. The Soviets are gaining enormous power in Russia. The people really feel that they are the rulers of the country, and it is wonderful to observe them. Germany Inow the En--tentel might destroy the Lenin Government, but Boishevism will permeate the world. Any other announcement would be false. Every foreigner who has not large interests of a commercial nature leaves Russia fairly committed to the Bolshevist view of life, and all the Germans and Austrians who may return to their country will most certainly be propagandists."

Why is not this Ambassador summoned, like the Danish one, to give evidence before the Peace Conference?

When the war broke out the "Times" sneered at the International Socialist movement for being unable to stop the world war. They sneer best who sneer last. International Socialism has stopped the war.—"The Socialist."

The French Socialist Party and Trade Union Congress, after the armistice, passed a resolution congratulating Germany on her revolution, the former electing Karl Liebknecht as one of its honorary presidents. A similar resolution was passed about the same time by a monster demonstration in Glasgow. The British Labour Party Conference failed to follow suit.

The British Labour Party Press Bureau said: "Nothing is better calculated to drive the masses of the workers in the direction of Bolshevism than the triumph of reaction in the election." That very triumph has occurred, and will, we believe, have that very result the sapient Labour Party so dreads!

Comrade D. Ivon Jones we regret to say has not benefited by his visit to the Rand and has gone to the Sanatorium at Sweetwaters in search of health and rest. All members of the League and many outside it will regret that continued ill-health prevents our devoted comrade from undertaking work for the cause he has devoted his life to.

The Anarchists.

Many may think it is a waste of time and space pricking the wind-bags of anarchy. But unfortunately many of the younger members of Socialist organisations are inclined to accept high sounding phrases as the acme of revolutionary socialism. They are too young or mentally ignorant to understand such phrases as mere jingling words without any meaning, claptrap that signifies nothing except letting off steam by egoistical individuals who crawl into the Socialist movement with the object of wrecking the organisation.

These Anarchists with their twaddle of "absolute liberty" for the individual have no conception of the historic development of human society. Their ideals are grotesque without that material basis necessary to give solidity to their theories, fantastic theories that ignore the material forces against which humanity has had to struggle in its upward march from savagery, theories light as air, to be discarded at the will of the individual whose view of society and all that it means is: "Nothing for me goes beyond myself" (Stirper), or, with Tailhade, "What matters the death of vague human beings if thereby the individual effirms him-

Qur anarchists are at one with the bourgeoisie. Their individualistic ideas are on a par with the ruling phrase of capitalistic society, "Everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost." This phrase has its counterpart in Kropotkin's cry in the name of the individual who seeks to shake off the trammels of society so that he may at last do freely what he wants to

Whilst the avowed anarchist has alway been and is a menace to revolutionary Socialism, those individuals within the movement who prate most of revolutionary action, who declare themselves to be the only exponents of true Socialism, are anarchists of an even more objectionable type than those who proclaim themselves as such. With a loud pretence of knowledge of the economic structure of society they in the long run become traitors to the Socialist movement, returning to their capitalist vomit. "No compromise" is a mere phrase to this type, for after accusing all and sundry of compromising they finish up by going over bag and baggage to the capitalist class. Being merely supeficial skimmers they are led into the trap of compromise with the capitalist class. As leaders of craft unions they are led into all sorts of ameliorating schemes of betterment for the workers. As petty bourgeois they become the nominees of the employing class to represent capitalistic interests on joint boards formed to square the circle of so-called mutual interests.

These wreckers have been dangerous in the past and are especially dangerous to the younger members of the movement to-day, because these juniors accept loud words for deeds, agape at fine revolutionary phrases which when analysed have no value to the Socialist movement. The Anarchists, having no constructive policy, will play no useful part in the construction of the co-operative commonwealth. Their ideas are destructive and to that extent are a menace to the Socialist objective.

J.M.G.

Whom Britain Delights to Murder.

A writer in the "New Republic," describing the happenings when the "Czecho-Slovaks" forcibly dissolved the Vladivostok Soviet, says:

"Listening I caught the strains of a revolutionary hymn, and looking up saw on the crest of the hill the first part of the funeral procession of the stevedores. Four days before, when the Czecho Slovaks, aided by Japanese and English troops, suddenly seized the Soviet and its officials, the stevedores rushed into the Red Staff building and, though outnmbered forty to one, refused to surrender until the building was fired by an incendiary bomb. What dreadful cowards these Bolsheviks are

to be sure! "And when the funeral orator declared 'We swear that the Soviet for which they died shall be the thing for which we live, or if need be die. The Soviet is dead: long live the Soviet!', the crowd caught up these words in a tremendous demonstration mingled with the strains of the International.' The resolution was read, proclaiming the restoration of the Soviet the objective of all the proletarians and peaeants of the Far East. At the call for the vote seventeen thousand hands shot into the air. They were the hands which had built the cars and paved the streets, forged the iron, held the plough, and swung the hammer. By these hands the riches of the Far East had been wrought."

The Chicago I.W.W.

The result of "America's biggest criminal case" was that 93 out of the 166 prisoners originally indicted were condemned to an aggregate of 807 years' imprisonment and 2,300,000 dollars fines. Those convicted include sixteen Britishers well known in the Labour movement of the U.K., and also a negro from Philadelphia.

Incidentally, "all charges of financial aid from any outside source were completely disproved by the Government auditors who went over all the books of the organisation"—as they did last July over the I.S.L. books. "In fact, these charges were not even made by the prosecution, but only by the sensational yellow press"—compare our ludicrous "Sunday Times."

But, as W. D. Haywood said on receiving his sentence of 20 years, "we who have been kept on trial are only a handful: our fellows have kept up the organisation and will continue to do so. The fight cannot end. The fundamental truth of Internationalism will grow, and it cannot be stopped. The One Big Union will come—it is bound to, even with us in the petitentiary."

Munition machinery in England is not being converted from sword and spear to ploughshare and pruning hook manufacture: it is being thrown on to the scrap heap and sold as old iron.

A deputation of soldiers waited recently upon Sir John Simon with a petition for an increase of pension. The new Lord Chancellor was unable to hear their petition as he was at that moment about to 70 to the High Court of Justice to urge Lady Dudley's claim to a pension of £9,000 a year.

"Free Love."

"The bourgeois sees in his wife a mere instrument of production. He hears that the instruments of production are to become common property, and naturally can only think that the lot of becoming common property will likewise fall to women... (As a matter of fact) community of women has nearly always existed... Bourgeois marriage is in reality community of wives... For the rest, it is evident that with the abolition of the present system of production will disappear also the community of women resulting from it, i.e., public prostitution."— "The Communist Manifesto."

We had been wondering how long it would be before Reuter trotted out the "free love" yarn against Bolshevik Russia. As a matter of fact, the Cape "Argus" recently quoted an article from the "New Europe" which cited a report in the "Isvestia" to support an allegation that Russia had made women common property, and it needed Comrade Berman there to point out that what "Isvestia" really reported was, not a decree of a Soviet, but a suggestion made last April at an Anarchist Club in a small town in the Ukraine, not in Bolehevist Russia at all, and reproduced by "Isvestia" as a curiosity!

Shortly after the Soviet Government became established, it passed a marriages and births law, which recognises civil marriages only, the civil ceremony being obligatory while any church ceremony is voluntary; provides for banns, against prohibited degrees, for free choice of surname by the married couple, whether the husband's, wife's, or both, issue of marriage certificates, registration of births, reciprocal duties of illegitimate children and their parents, proof of paternity of such children, etc., etc., very much on the lines of our similar laws, and not a bit like the "Sunday Times" trash!

A CONTRAST?

"German traders and settlers robbed the Hereros of their cattle. In 1897 the Herero people owned 90,000 head of cattle. In 1902 they retained 45,898 head, while the German traders and farmers owned 44,487 between them."

—"Daily News," Sept. 12.

"The Chartered Company spent £120,000 in the process of 'smashing the Matabele'—but that process brought to the company a considerable quantity of 'loot,' including over 50,000 head of cattle, a considerable asset which should figure against the debit account."—"Daily News," Sept. 13.

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