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The Pretoria Strikes.

WHY NOT RUN THE TRAMS?

The futility of merely stopping work and pitting an empty belly against the bosses' money bags daily becomes more

apparent.

The collection of pompous nonentities constituting the Pretoria Town Council say that rather than lose an iota of their dignity the frams shall stop for two months, the people who elected them to run the municipal services shall walk or stay at home, and the tramwaymen and their families shall starve.

How long will this impertinence be tolerated? The men's demands are modest, grotesquely modest. The public wants the trams running. Then why allow a few men with swelled heads sitting in the Council Chamber to stop

them?

The way to end the strike is for the municipal employees to unite, put on the current and let the train men take them out and serve the public whether the Council likes it or not. A committe of responsible men could receive the money, pay out all wages and charges and hold the balance in trust for the town.

Lock out the Town Council should be the slogan of the Pretoria tramway

men and the citizens.

CREAT MEETING ON CHURCH SQUARE.

The first open-air meeting organised by our Pretoria Branch should encourage the active workers in the capital to go forward. Quite four thousand people were assembled on Church Square when Com. H. W. Haynes opened the meeting, and they listened attentively to Comrades Haynes, Dones, Riley and Andrews for about two hours. There was no opposition. The literature sold well and about £8 was collected for the tramwaymen's strike funds. The circumstances were no doubt specially favourable for a big meeting, as two sections of the workers were out on strike, but it seems clear that Pretoria Church Square will be the scene of much useful propaganda in the future.

TANNERY WORKERS' WAGES.

That industrial organisation is necessary in Pretoria district is shown by the conditions obtaining at a tannery in Silverton. For a week of 56 hours the workers receive the princely sum of £1 6s. to £2 15s. They are anxious to organise for better conditions, and the Organiser will meet them on Saturday to discuss the possibilities of the situation.

Tomerrow, 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m.

Open air meeting on Church Square:

H. W. Haynes, W. H. Andrews and others. Subject: How to end these strikes.

The Soviet's Appeal to British Workers.

Comrades!

Why have you come to Murmansk?
Your Government tells us that it has no hostile intentions towards us, that it does not desire to occupy our territory. That it will not interfere with our internal affairs. That they have been sent here only for the purpose of defending ours Murmansk railway against the Tinns and the Germans. Comrades, it is not true!

When anybody offers to put himself to considerable trouble and expense on your behalf, unasked, you get a little suspicious of his motives. We have not asked your Government to help us to defend our country. We know that their intentions are quite other than those they express to us.

You are not required to defend us. On the contrary, your presence here increases our danger. Why then have your soldiers been brought here? We

will tell you.
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They have been brought here to occupy our country in the interest of Allied capitalists.

They have been brought here to overthrow our Revolution and bring back the reign of Tsarism!!!

You cannot believe this. You say that the British Government would never do such a thing. Let the facts

speak for themselves.

The English capitalist newspapers, Times," Morning Post," Telegraph," are writing every day about erecting a "strong, resolute government' in Russia. Do these papers represent the views of democracy, or do they represent the views of the financiers, capitalists and profiteers of England? These papers also constantly refer to the wealth of timber contained in our Northern territory, which they say would be sufficient to pay for the joanswhich the financiers, capitalists and profiteers lent to a corrupt and tyrannical Tsarism. Capitalists and financiers ere not the friends of English workers, nor Russian workers, nor the workers of any country. Who controls the Guvernment of England to-day? The workers or the financial oligarchy? The financial oligarchy. They are ordering and directing the landing in Murmansk. You are being used in the interest of the profiteers, who are profiting out of the lives and labours of the working people.

Your Government is interfering in our internal affairs. It has established its own control in the district you occupy. It has cut off our telegraphic communication with outside. It is attempting to seduce our citizens into fighting aginst us. At Kem your Government shot four members of our local Soviet.

Your Government is interfering in our internal affairs. It has established py. It has cut off our telegraphic communication with outside. It is attempting to seduce our citizens into fighting against us. At Kem your Government shot four members of our local Soviet.

Their accomplices are gathering round themselves the corrupt and reactionary officials of the Tsarist regime. It is the same crowd that betrayed kitchener, that sold the guns and munitions made in British factories to the Germans, that disorganised our Army, and who were just about to sell Russia to the Germans when we made our Revolution. Wherever they go they suppress our Soviet (Council of Worker Delegates), hang its members, and put Tsarist officers in its place.

The one object of this crowd is to crush our Revolution and to bring back Tsarism. They have officially declared that to be their object. And this has the unconcealed—nay, ourspoken support of the

Allied Governments.

The Allied Governments and the Allied Press are applauding their deeds. The French Consul made a speech in which he congratulated them on the task they had undertaken. They are financed by the Allied Military Mission. Their operations are directed by French officers.

The landing in Murmansk is part of the scheme to co-operate with them.

For the first time in history the working people have got control of their country. The workers of all countries are striving to achieve this object. We in Russia have succeeded. We have thrown off the rule of the Tsar, of landlords, and of capitalists. But we have still tremendous difficulties to overcome. We cannot build a new society in a day. We desire to be left alone.

You in your Trade Unions have been fighting capitalism; you know what it is.

Comrades! Englishmen! You pride yourselves on your love of liberty!

Comrades! Descendants of the great Chartists! You who have always expressed sympathy with the Russian Revolution!

Remember this! If the Russian Revolution is crushed, then the power of the capitalists will be enormously strengthened in every country, and the fight for economic freedom will be put back for a hundred years.

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The Workers not Educated?

The working class leaders who hold the idea that the workers are not sufficiently educated to take control of the administration and running of the industries are repeating, parrot-like, the ideology of the middle class apologists of our present system of greed and grab.

Those would-be political and industrial leaders who honestly assert such want of education have got mental kinks that can only be straightened by retiring from their self-imposed leadership and becoming honest to themselves, and incidentally to those they aspire to lead, by a study of the historical development of our system and the economic basis at the root of the subject.

Viewing the phenomena, of modern society through middle-class spectacles, and taking their idea of what education consists of, their whole vision is distorted, and they are unable to see that the co-operative commonwealth that will be the immediate successor of the present system will be the production and administration of the necessaries and luxuries of life to be enjoyed by each and all.

In such a form of society diplomacy, or the art of lying to overreach your opponent, will play no part. Such an education is necessary in the present system, and is the essential training of our successful political and trades union misleaders.

These misleaders, not having the knowledge of all that is implied by taking control of the instruments of production, can only see one phase of the social movement. "They cannot see the forest for the trees." They are not able to take that comprehensive view that is necessary to an understanding of all that is implied by social revolution. They view the subject from the parochial standpoint of their petty individual or sectional environment.

The revolution that will displace the capitalist class will be the work of the working class, a class composed of brain and manual workers. That class to-day, as engineers, architects, etc., with the hundred and one skilled and semi-skilled arts and crafts carried on by the workers generally, have built up our present civilisation. Without the labour of the whole, working coa operatively, civilisation would not exist. These workers produce the wealth of the world. They receive in return on the average, whether as engineer or architect, professional or clerical, skilled manual or unskilled, a mere subsistence. All, no matter what their calling or profession, are wage slaves to the firm possession of the machinery are and necessary to the life of the con:

The mass workers, those hewers of world and drawers of water. They are necessary to our present of society, but have been denied particulation in the boasted culture of modern life. Yet he lies, either deliberately or unconsciously, who brands them as uneducated. They in their various spheres of activity are highly skilled, educated in the tools of their trade and calling. They undoubtedly lack that veneer of respectability,

that so-called education, that in many instances is but the garb of hypocrisy covering the most degrading existence.

The educated experts of to-day have not been such a success that we need fear the working class taking control of the helm of social life. They have been a dismal failure from every standpoint except that of the few. Their education and diplomatic trickery has been powerless to control the economic forces. They have been powerless to prevent the slow starvation of countless numbers of individuals right down the centuries, or to control the forces leading to the late horrible war.

J.M.G.

More Truth About Bolshevism.

R. Reynolds Ball, two years on relief work all over Russia, wrote to "The Nation" at the end of Novem-

ber last:--"In Moscow and Petrograd I saw no scenes of violence or disorder, except a disturbance in Moscow occasioned by the murder of Count Mirbach by the (anti-Bolshevik) Social Revolutionaries, which was promptly suppressed by the Bolshevik Government. The usual signs of a 'reign of terror' are absent. The Red Guards are now a disciplined army, conscious that they share the faith and aspirations of the masses. Over the greater part of Russia there is a uniform structure of government. The confidence of the population in the stability of the Government is greater than it was earlier in the year. Lenin's popularity has greatly increased. Early in October Maxim Gorky called a mass meeting in Petrograd in which he appealed to the intellectuals to join forces with the Bolsheviks. The meeting had a great success. Gorky has joined the Government. As for the Soviet system, the Russians may possibly argue that a labour qualification for the franchise is at least as democratic as a property qualification: The Soviet, unlike the parliamentary type of representation, gives the rank and file of the Russian people direct contact with the Government, an outlet for that spontaneity of expression which they are accustomed to in the Commune. The Industrial Soviet is a spontaneous development in a centre of industrial activity of the same instinct for communal action which found its expression in the Mir and village Skhod or meeting. The scene constantly witnessed in front if the village hall is an apparent pandemonium; all are talking at once, no one apparently is listening to what auother says. And yet pandemonium it is not; a conclusion is somehow reached. It can only be interpreted as collective thinking. What a contrast to our 'ideally elected' Parish Councils! We English have not the instinct for meeting: Bolshevism rests on this in-

(We commend portions of the above to the natives of South Africa, and to the new Secretary for Native Affairs, as indicating the lines on which Native Soviets or meetings, recommended by the late Mr. J. B. Moffat, can readily and naturally be established.)

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League Notes.

BENONI BRANCH.

To-morrow Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.—Open air meeting on the Market Square: S. P. Bunting and W. Reid. Chairman: J. den Bakker.

This Sunday, 23rd inst., at 8 p.m.—Public meeting at the Balcony Tea Rooms: C. B. Tyler. Chairman: J. den Bakker.

Tuesday, 25th inst., at 8 p.m.—Public meeting at the Masonic Hall, Boksburg North: W. H. Andrews and J. den Bakker. Chairman: E. Thomas.

Wednesday, March 5th.—Social and Dance at the Hotel Cecil, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d.

CERMISTON BRANCH.

The meeting at the Old Apollo on the 13th was attended by about 200 persons who listened attentively to Com. C. B. Tyler on "Why I am a Socialist." The usual threats to smash up the meeting had been circulated, and C.I.D. men were present as usual to profit by the opportunity, but nothing untoward occurred; on the contrary the gathering was a complete success.

The Branch will meet on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at the usual place. The business being particularly important, all members are urged to be present.

JEWISH-SPEAKING BRANCH.

This Sunday, 23rd inst., at 9.30 a.m.

General meeting at the Palmerston
Hall. Business most important.

Study Class every Wednesday evening at the Palmerston Hall, at 8 p.m.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

Open air meetings, all at 7.30 p.m. To-morrow, 22nd inst.—Cr. Marshall and Maddison Sts., Jeppes: W. J. C. Gibson, R. Redger and T. P. Tinker.

To-morrow, 22nd inst.—Market Sq., Fordsburg: C. Dones, C. B. Tyler, T. R. M. White.

This Sunday. 23rd inst.—Town Hall (West End): H. Barendregt, J. Black, W. Reid.

Saturday, March 1.—Market Square, Fordsburg: J. Black, W. J. C. Gibson, S. Ginsberg.

Saturday, March, 1.—Cr. Marshall and Maddison Sts., Jeppes: H. Barend-regt, E. H. Becker, T. R. M. White.

Sunday, March 2.—Town Hall (West End): C. Dones. T. P. Tinker, C. B. Tyler.

Picnic this Sunday, 23rd inst., at the Zoo Lake. Meet at Tram sheds at a.m. Tea and cake provided: other refreshments and cups to be brought by comrades.

Study Class every Friday at 8 p.m., at the Palmerston Hall. Friday next. February 28: M. Barlin on "The skilled artisan in slavery."

Socialist Sunday School every Sunday at 11 a.m., at Neppe's Buildings, 54. Fox St.

Cinderella Dance on Wednesday, March 12, at 8 p.m., at West's Academy, 125, Pritchard St. Tickets, 2s. 6d.; ladies, 1s. (at door). Refreshments provided.

PRETORIA BRANCH.

Monday, 24th Inst.—Branch meeting at Federation Hall.

Monday, March 3.—Study Class at Federation Hall.

"Democracy."

The "Labour Leader" says that it is incredible that the arrangements for election of the so-called "Constituent Assembly" of Germany, including the compilation of a register, could have been completed within four weeks, which was all the time available. "As for the candidates, there was apparently no time to ask them to stand, so after the result of the elections was declared the successful candidates were to have a week in which to decide whether they would sit." The Allies, it is explained, had refused to settle peace terms until this "tragic farce" of a Constituent Assembly (which murdered Liebknecht and Luxembourg for them) was firmly established. Moreover this Assembly seems to have been elected with huge electoral divisions each returning from 6 to 16 members by proportional representation, thus divorcing the delegates from the electors more than ever. Such is Allied "demo-

Was not Russia right in rejecting (such a body in favour of its own "hierarchy" of local assemblies, which keeps each delegate in constant touch with the body that appoints him; and which encidentally improves on that Liberal wostrum, the referendum (whereby, as in the case of a Trade Union ballot. each elector votes without reference to anyone else, and mainly under the manipulating influence of press or wirepuller) by insisting on the voting being held in an assembly, i.e., after debate, the matter, being debated agin in each superior assembly until by the time it reaches the capital it has been thoroughly thrashed out? Government by meeting, not by mere secret ballot, is the root principle; and the foundation of all the other meetings is the meeting of the working people themselves. It is not a case of the Constituent Assembly of a centralised State having brought about artificial devolution; the local Soviets spontaneously existed first, and then formed the All-Russia Congress as . Federation.

History and Organisation:

The world moves, and the move has always been accomplished by a lever of accial organisation based upon the material foundation of society; in other words upon the way in which wealth was produced and distributed. All great events in history have had a material basis. Thus the wars of nations are explained as means to secure fresh spheres of commercial influence, while the powerful movement in favour of international arbitration or a League of Nations is due to the more enlightened of the capitalist class seeking to end the wicked destruction of property involved in war and the enormous expense of being prepared for aghting. They wish to save the expenditure of the thousands of millions sterling which it is estimated are invested in munitions of war.

The past history of the human race presents itself as the history of class struggles in society wherein a subject which governed and exploited it. The success of the lower class was always letermined by the degree of economic

strength possessed by it, and victory did not arrive until it had gathered to itself the material might with which to club into submission its economic and social master. History thus appears as a chain of economic and social events, the economic being invariably the sign of the social. In this evolutionary chain the historic struggle of classes is the sociological equivalent of the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest.

In discussing the reason for the existence of industrial unionism and its function in the social struggle for existence we may look back as far as the inception of capitalism for evidence in support of the chain required to justify its appearance, to wit, the continuity of social growth with the formation of the new society within the body of the pld, and the imperative necessity of the rising class having sufficient economic strength to enable it to break through the old structure (by which it is bound) and freely expand. Therefore the present subject class, the working class, must strive to overthrow the governing and exploiting class, and the best way to build up the necessary degree of economic strength is hy organising industrially with that object and on the lines of present day industry, so as to form the nucleus of the new society, the Socialist Commonwealth. W.R.

Russian "Atrocities."

The wildest stories are not too silly to be believed. That the Bolsheviks have decreed compulsory matrimony of a promiscuous sort is firmly believed because the Isvestia published in derision the plan of a colony of cranks. Colonel Pirie in Aberdeen told a heckler that "when one read in the newspapers that women in Russia who owned any property were having their arms and seet cut off and were left to burn in the fire, he thought it was time the Allies ipterfered. 'And when challenged he naively added: "I believe what I read'! There are many who firmly believe that the Soviet Government employs hundreds of Chinamen as full-time murderers and pays them piece-rates--and a premium bonus. It is all unspeakably silly—if it were not so damnably wicked. For these stories are the old familiar device by which our neople—generous and intensely credulouis—are deluded into wars. Never was there a nation, from the Spaniards to the Boers, from the Burmese to the Zulus, that our capitalists wished to plunder, but that first they persuaded us was a race of criminals.—"The Herald" (London).

It is alleged that the only motive in going to Murmausk and Vladivostok and Archangel was to reconstitute the Western Front. But what of Esthonia and the Crimea and the Ukraine? We have gone there since the armistice, and largely at the invitation of people who, during the last phases of the war, were hand-in-glove with the Germans. The notorious Ukrainian Government and the German landowners of the Baltic provinces are our newest friends. The latest of them all is the mushroom government in the south. The head of this is the Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the late Tsar, and often mentioned in Tsarist circles as his successor. His "Foreign Minister," M. Sazonoff, the most sinister figure of the old European diplomacy, is now in touch with the Allied Governments at Paris. Their Cossack colleague Krasnoff is threatening the population that if they resist him he "is bringing 3,000 balloons of asphyxiating gas. I shall asphyxiate the whole country. It will be death to all who live." We remember nothing to equal this in all the German proclamations.—"The Herald" (London).

The Colonel and the Admiral.

"Colonel" John Ward, M.P., one of those repulsive Labour climbers who sell their class for high place in the capitalist hierarchy, is too late in the day, and too grotesque to boot, with his traveller's tales from Omsk. We have already "had some,", and exposed it, too often by now. A labour officer in a capitalist army is an abortion in any case. This one must have swallowed not only the degradation of his masters' livery but quantities of General Koltchak's profitable vodky, and any rubbish old wives then pitched to him into the bargain. Names, dates, specific details are always conspicuous. by their absence in these stories; but it requires an expert indeed—in drinks to determine whether a given piece of flesh is that of a Tsar executed last July (Lazarus is not in it!), a Grand Duchess, or a working man or woman. (Or does blue blood still show?) His elbow as well as his arithmetic must have been busy when he declared that the Soviets in one year had inflicted more casualties than the Tsacs in a hundred: why, the war alone polished off ten million Russians.

As for his host, Admiral Koltchak, one of the Allies' pets (at present at loogerheads with another of them, General Semhenoff), he is the party who has abolished even the anti-Bolshevik Government of that region (rich in mines, ah!) and established himself as sole military dictator. He was up against even the notorious "Czecho-Slovaks." whom the Allies declared they were out to "rescue" but are disarming instead in favour of Paderewski's barons because the latter can be better relied upon to fight the Bolsheviks. It was at Omsk that, according to the 'Times,' 47 Bolsheviks were courtmartialled and shot in one day, while at Kolomsino, near by, the railwaymen who went on strike were "destroyed and dispersed, about 60 being killed and 70 executed"; it being added that "the measures taken have made a good impression "--like ours of July, 1913. Koltchak's financial adviser is a former high official of the Tsarist regime, who is also the Russian manager of most of the big English mining companies there. Of course, only a coincidence, hey?

Talking of the Tsar's flesh, the "Morning Post's" special correspondent at Archangel, M. Merindol, declares that the Tsar was alive on 18th November last, and that the ex-Empress and her daughters, despite the number of times they have been murdered in the Press, were still hale and hearty.—"Forward."

Spartacist "Audacity."

The Australian "Labour Call" of the 9th ult. publishes from an unnamed source an undated and perhaps incomplete revolutionary manifesto or army order signed by Karl Liebknecht, Rosa Luxembourg and Franz Mehring, and stated to have been issued before the armistice, when the present civil war in Germany was brewing. Whether the document is really what it purports to be, and at what precise juncture it was written, we do not know: but the German soldiers' revolt in Belgium and the revolutionary movements in Berlin certainly seem to have been planned somewhat along its lines, and it is thus of historical interest if not of equal world-wide propaganda value to some of the Russian manifestoes we have recently published. It explains among other things the German bourgeois Government's alackity in surrendering war vessels to the Allies so as to concentrate the naval forces of the world for usé against the world revolution. We have abridged the original:

Comrades, now comes your greatest opportunity. Unite! Stand together under the banner of the "International." It is not you who have occasion to feel humiliated. It never was your war. You were driven to the world butchery by your rulers. You have received your deserts. Now is your chance to humiliate your masters.

Lay down your arms, you soldiers at the front. Lay down your tools, you workers at home. Do not let vour rulers, the lip patriots and munition profiteers deceive vou longer. So long as, you are willing to continue the fighting, so long will these classes let you sacrifice your lives and the lives of your precious ones to save their faces.

Seize the reins of Government. Yours is the power. Yours is the right to rule., Respond to the call of liberty and win the war for vourselves.

For more than four years they have used you as pawns in their attempt to fill their purses. they had won the war you would have remained helpless slaves. Your liberty lay in their defeat; they are defeated.

Rise by regiments and rise by shops. Disarm those officers whose sympathies and ideas are of the ruling class. Seize those foremen who side with the old order of things.

Disregard the counsel of our Kaiser-Socialists. No longer allow yourselves to be led by the unworthy politicians who surrendered you falsely into the hands of your masters. Overthrow them as resolutely as you should overthrow your gold-lace masters. Do not permit them falsely to speak in your name. They betrayed the working class International; cast them off now for your own salvation.

Soldiers, sailors, working men and citizens! Do not permit your masters to make peace with the world in your name. Make peace with the world yourselves! Now that they have lost all hope of conquests they are willing to make peace with the rest of the world so that they can subdue you once more. Turn the defeat of our armies under our masters to a decisive victory for the German working men.

Mert than 5,000,000 Germans fell on the bloody battlefield for our Pan-German imperialists. The sacrifice of no more than 1,000 Germans can now win lasting freedom for our land. Then, comrades, rise and strike the last blow for freedom and civilisation!

Ascertain at once how many Socialists there are in your company or regiment. Attack the quarters of your officers; disarm them at once. Make sure that your officers are in sympathy with you. If so, permit yourselves to be led by them. Shoot them at once in case they betray you after having professed to be partisans of your cause.

Seize all food and munition depots in your neighbourhood. Do not destroy or set fire to depots containing food or wearing materials. It permissible to set fire to barracks and other munition depots if they are so situated that the fires starting from these places could not spread to other localities, resulting in damage to materials other than arms and munitions. It should be kept in mind that the setting fire to barracks and munition depots should be resurted to only after attempts to capture them for the revolution fail.

Sailors and mariners! Fraternise! Seize-your ships. First overcome your officers. Communicate at once with your comrades on shore, and in co-operation with them subdue ports and harbour authorities, and, if necessary, open fire on loyal groups. However, such firing. must be stopped at once when the object is attained. The immediate and general laying waste of all unmistakable military buildings, like forts and submarine harbours, is not only permissible, but even essential. Sabotage on fighting ships—if their seizure is not possible—is also essential. When mutiny on board a fighting ship is found a failure, the ship's water compartments and valves may be opened.

Working men in munition factories! You are the masters of the situation! Stop work at once. From this moment you are only making bullets to be used against yourselves and your own kind. The bullets you are now making will never reach the firing front. They are being made by your own hands to be aimed at you. Stop making bayonets that will be thrust into your own bowels by the servants of the Government. Rise, organise, and seize the arms and direct them against those who are planning to end the war and in return to enslave you. End the war yourselves and turn the weapons against them yourselves.

Down with the Kaiser, and down with those from whom he derives his power to rule vou.

Down with the capitalist Pan-German imperialists.

Down with the cowardly Kaiser-Socialists and lying politicians.

The Zurich "Volksrecht" reproduces a wireless message from the Russian Government, denying the capitalist press story that Kropotkin had been murdered. He is in good health, and is in friendly relations with the Soriet Government.

Mr. H. M. Hyndman's tombstone eulogy (or rather anti-Bolshevik propaganda) was therefore a bad miss, but it can be kept in type for another time.— "Forward."

Freedom, Where Art Thou?

The "League for the Amnesty of Political Prisoners," of 32, Union Square, New York City, issues an appeal for contributions to secure a reversal of the sentences last November against three young men, none above 26 years old (imprisonment for twenty years!) and a girl of 18 (imprisonment for fifteen years!), for protesting against American armed intervention against the Soviet Republic of Russia!

Following on the mob deportation of 1,100 Arizona strikers two years ago. twenty-five of the ringleaders of the mob were indicted as the result of a special commission from Washington reporting on the matter. The Courts however have quashed the indictment!

Another 80 or so I.W.W.'s were, it seems, indicted in December, when also the trial began of Victor Berger, Socialist Congress-man elect, Adolph Germer, national secretary of the Socialist Party; I. St. J. Tucker, an episcopalian clergyman, and two Socialist propagandists, for the usual "violation of the Espionage Act."

The United States Governmeni has refused to release, or even to alleviate the prison conditions of, any of those imprisoned for opposing the war. It does not differentiate between the political offender and the criminal prisoner, and has granted no amnesties for political prisoners: like the Entente Powers, but unlike Germany, or the Russian Government which, the yellow press flamingly announced, was projecting a St. Bartholomew of its opponents for the anniversary of the Revolution, but which actually celebrated that occasion by an amnesty—the news of which was stowed away in an obscure corner of. one newspaper and suppressed altogether in all the rest—to "all arrested hostages and persons alleged to be involved in plots against the Soviets, except those whose detention is deemed necessary as a guarantee for the security of the Bolsheviks who have fallen into enemy hands."

As the "Folkets Dagblad Politiken"

of Stockholm says:—

"Wilson is no democrat, as is proved by his attitude to the Russian peasant revolution. . . The Anglo-French-American expedition against the Russian Socialists is on a par in: brutality with the German interference in Revolutionary Finland—worse even than the invasion of Belgium, for the latter was a capitalist and reactionary state, whereas Russia is revolutionary and Socialist. The mantle of the Kaiser has fallen upon President Wilson. He never protested when the Socialist Duma factions were sent to Siberia because they wanted peace. Wilson was silent when whole regiments of Finns were shot; he did not protest against the White Terror in Finland bringing death to thousands of workmen, and calling the Germans into the land, setting aside all constitutional laws and guarantees. American capitalism is as inhuman as Prussian feudalism... In America the right to strike is denied; papers that speak against the War are forbidden; priests or professors with pacifist leanings are dismissed; Socialists on the side of peace are lynohed or imprisoned... Freedom for the workers is withheld, in speech and in print."