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We hope to be running and printing our own paper at the end of August and shall then be able to undertake propaganda and general work of all kinds up to the capacity of the plant.

One of our objects will then be realised, viz., to increase the size of the "International" to 8 pages.

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Comrades and friends have advanced the necessary funds to enable us to get to this stage. There are no shareholders and there will be no interest to provide. The plant will be the property and under the sole control of the International Socialist League of South Africa.

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Attractive certificates are being prepared which will be issued to all donors of £1 and

upwards, and these will be interesting and permanent mementoes of what you did in the great CLASS war.

As the question has arisen it will be as well to make it plain that ALL donors to this fund are entitled to the certificate whether their donation has been received since this announcement or before.

BOOKS OF STAMPS.

We have a number of books of stamps value is. each, twenty in a book, ready for issue. Comrades wishing for these books can obtain same at the Head Office. Those comrades unable to pay a pound down can buy the stamps from time to time, stick them on a card and when 20 have been bought a certificate will be issued for £1.

DO IT NOW.

The revolution will not come of itself. The workers must bring it into being. Those who tell us that they are sympathisers with the movement but cannot come into the open now have an opportunity of doing good by stealth. We have already received valuable support from an anonymous friend. Like Oliver Twist, we ask for more. We want your financial help and we want it NOW.

THE BIG THING.

This is the boldest attempt yet made by a Socialist or Labour body in South Africa to create an independent press, and we confidently look to Socialists and Trade Unionists and workers generally to support it. There are many snags before us, but with enthusiasm tempered by cool heads we shall negotiate them all.

There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune. We have taken the plunge. We look to those whose true interests we seek to serve to see that we are not submerged either by open hostility or, what is perhaps more fatal, by indifference.

"Back to the Cage"?

"As yet I do not see the drift of things. I see a kind of restlessness in the spirit of London as of people waiting for something else to happen after one act in a sensational drama. In all classes and all places there is this sense of waiting and expectancy, a kind of hanging about in the corridors of life before the messenger comes with a new announcement... waiting for something to turn up, like old Micawber. . . waiting to see what England is going to do for them. . . waiting anxiously for the next phase of history which has already changed all their habits and all their thoughts. . . (In the poorer districts) they will not go back to the old conditions without a desperate struggle, fierce as escaped animals thrust back to the cage."

So writes Philip (libbs in the London Daily Chronicle," betraying at the same time the colossal blindness and ignorance of phrase-making journalists, publicists and middle class people generally, and the equally formidable march of events which more than

any propaganda will force even the most "victorious" of peoples—because the most servile and so the most imperialist, the most class-unconscious and so the most overbearing -into the inevitable turmoil of the social revolution. They may wave their patriotic flags still, but they find "all their thoughts changed." Like the Johannesburg Town Council rightly refusing to welcome Botha and Smuts, they are driven, not by their own crawling arguments but by the compelling force of a world movement they do not realise or understand and even repudiate and resist, to break with the capitalist past and grope for contacts with the Socialist future. To the pennya-liner these things are so much good copy: the mystery touch helps to sell his article. To the Socialist accustomed to read the signs of - the times it is like a breath of fresh air at the opening of a prisoner's cell, it is like news to a beleaguered garrison that relief is on the

No, they will not go back, any more than a man once "his own boss" will willingly "take a job" again. Yet a little while they will continue to open their mouths and shut their eyes and wait and see what the King.

and the Peace bonfires, and the Grand Council of the Contrades of the Great War, and pious resolutions about Russia, and chevrons and ribbons, and a general's or a Director's compliments on their heroism in the Great Mar, will give them. Their counterparts in some other countries have been through this stage long ago, and have come out militant Socialists. England too cannot for ever play Micawber; the very humiliation of that role will shame her to action, and organised revolutionary action too. For that restlessness, which hunger also will prevent from over again relapsing into listlessness, betokens the first wistful inklings of the Class Struggle so religiously ignored hitheric by your English middle class, but so palpably raging over the world to-day; the first ashamed questioning whether we were deluded all this time; whether after all the "Bolshies" are not "right in the main"; the first weakening in face of a seductive Communism already dang ling, though incomplete and riddled with arrows from their own armoury, before their

No! English workers are not such fools for ever! Miserably as bourgeoi, ideas have enslaved their minds, even they can learn how to break the cage-bars. The workers of South Africa, too, both black and white, have get a glimmering of the humbug of the system. Let them apply that knowledge, such as it is, to test the reality of all the vapid day-to-day questions, industrial, political, social, with which the capitalist agencies so successfully keep them brainstormed: to party politics, to ... trade union "business," to racial congresses. colour bars, nationalism, to sport, films, balloons, All Blacks, lotteries, races, and the rest. Away with all these enemy feints and, ? diversions! Concentrate on the class war, felt though not yet seen by gaping Londoners. but dominating the world stage for the first time-in history! Declare for the flag of the struggling proletariat, he you a bottom dog or a privileged member of it! Seek ve first the Kingdom of Labour, not your little clique of it, but the labour of the whole world. Européan Labour, Asiatic Labour, African Labour! Come out as revolutionary Socialists; join up with a revolutionary socialist party; see that your fellow workers do the same; let ait be done in masses. Slake up the fossilised associations that may have alisorbed their and your attention and energy hitherto. The world is moving too quickly for Micawberism or "waiting for the dawn." God helps those who help themselves. It is for you to make your own sun rise. One rose. lute word from the industrial workers of Africa really organised on a class basis, and Corner Houses and territorial Parliaments will topple and the Communist Common. wealth rise resplenden; before your eves.

The official Town Council of Johannesburg, was; "it? when that mad "Soviet" was afoot, wasn't it? But now it has turned down the "Peace" delegates, it is nothing, and the parasite class in its turn is "taking matters into its own hands" in other words forming a Soviet!

All who have missed the public meetings of the League in Johannesburg in recent months are reminded of the public meeting on Wednesday next at the Selborne Hall at 8 p.m. Speakers: Comrades Andrews, Tinker and Wade. Chairman: J. M. Gibson. Meetings in these times are not merely meetings: they mean action, and it is action that is called for and being taken now. Come and hear all about it on Wednesday.

In Communist Hungary.

H. N. Brailsford, in the "Nation," writes an interesting, if somewhat middle-class, article from which, we extract a few passages.

"Law and Order."

There is in Europe to-day no city more monotonously orderly than Budapest, and the stranger who expected confusion emerges in the end a little stifled by the oppressive order.

In point of fact, after three weeks of proletarian dictatorship, only one death sentence has been passed by the revolutionary tribunal, and even that has not been executed. There is no terror, for there is no resistance. The essential difference between Russia and Hungary lies in the fact that the Hungarian proletariat was from the first united. There are no Mensheviki and no Social Revolutionaries in Hungary. The Social Democrats and the Communists fused their organisations at the moment of the revolution to form a united Socialist Party. The orthodox Socialists supplied the members, the Communists the driving force.

Even of property there was little left to defend, for every man's wealth had shrunk by the fall of the exchange to a fifth of its

old value.

In nothing, perhaps, did the Commissioners act so firmly as in the instant and total prohibition of all alcoholic drink. There is no evasion of that command: Hungary is obediently "dry," and to this, even more than to the firmly disciplined Red Guards, Hungary owns the preservation of order.

Agriculture.

The test question for any form of Socialism in Hungary lies beyond the boundaries of the towns. One might divide the dand, but one could not break up the immense model eattle-sheds with their perfect equipment. saw some of these estates in County Somogy. There was electric light and hygienic drainage in the byres; the workers' cottages had neither. The Hungarian peasant readily understood the case for communising engines and steam-ploughs. and on one great estate near Kaposvar the labourers under the influence of the local Socialist Party themselves formed a Co-operative Society to work the estate as an alternative to sub-division.

expend half of each year's surplus on improvements—a term which covers the building of decent dwellings for the working members of the society as well as the purchase of machinery. The remaining half of the surplus is distributed in time-wages to the working members of the community, and is the inducement which will stimulate them to work their best for as many days in the year

as possible.

Each estate (they average 10,000 to 20,000 acres) elects its own workers' soviet, and this, in turn, chooses a managing committee of three. Side by side with this elected authority there is, however, a manager appointed by the district organisation. He is usually the bailiff of the old aristocratic landlord. These men were experts, and against all the traditions of their class they have rallied to Socialism. The steward has the right to veto the decisions of the elected authority, and all his plans and budgets go with his independent reports to the omnipotent central authority.

There will be in the villages no Socialisation of houses or of land. The small owner will struggle on as before. If he is adaptable, he will himself create a voluntary co-operative system. If he is conservative he will fail to compete with the great industry, of the socialised estates. He will have to pay a fixed minimum wage for his hired labour, and if all goes well the attraction of life on these comfortable self-governing estates will raise the requirements of his hands:

industrial Organisation.

Industry has been reorganised on similar lines. Like the absentee landlord, the sleeping partner and the shareholder disappear. As a rule the capitalist who himself conducted his own business remains as a consulting expert at the maximum salary recognised by communism (3,000 kronen, or at the present ex-

change, about £15 a month). A People's Commissioner (Minister) receives no more. In mines and factories the workers elect their own soviet, as in the rural guilds. The workers have a vastly larger sphere of self-government than the most liberal form of capitalism allowed, but the final authority lies with the State.

I visited a great factory at Budapest which makes electric lamps, telephones and telegraphic apparatus. The soviet consists of three scientific and four manual workers. Men and women alike worked with more spirit, more conscience, more honesty, because they felt that they were "working for themselves," and no longer for an exploiter.

Educaton.

Even the village schoolmaster will receive the maximum—salary of 3,000 crowns—a month. The school age will be raised to sixteen and presumably to eighteen years, and every boy and girl will have such further education, technical or scientific, as his capacity may merit. Dr. Lukaes hopes to recruit his corps of teachers from the ranks of the academically educated men and women, especially the lawyers, whom the revolution has placed temporarily among the unemployed. Meanwhile, he is organising courses which will enable the more capable adult manual workers to fit themselves for scientific work.

The policy of the Government is to please the masses by offering them the fullest satisfaction of their aesthetic capacities. The amazing and creditable thing is that in music and in the theatre it insists on a high standard, which the untrained mass will certainly find exacting. Here, 100, there is work for the expropriated class. I Pound myself one afternoon in a company which included a big landowning nobleman and three ladies of the same class. They bore their reverses with remarkable spirit, and took pride in recounting their successes in looking for "honest" work. One of the ladies has found it as a musician, and another as a translator. The third was already teaching in a State school and professed herself an ardent communist.

If freedom is eclipsed for a moment, the destruction of the capitalist system makes for the first time in a modern State the only condition under which real freedom is conceivable, whether for the will or for the intellect. Hungary builds upon ruins, but the authors of the destruction were the makers of the war. To chaos and despair a living idea has brought the stimulus of a creative hope.

An Italian correspondent in "Avanti" of May 23, describing "Bolshevist" Hungary, says:—

All the factories here are working at full speed, in order to increase production for the benefit of all. I have visited, together with Comrade Morgari (the Italian Socialist) the great workshop for agricultural machines, the "Landmaschinen Fabrik," and I have found the greatest possible harmony prevailing between manual and intellectual workers. The same thing I observed in the work on the fields, and, but for the menace of the Allied Powers, the Hungarian people would be able soon to produce enough for its needs. Never has the countryside been so intensively cultivated, and this year the crops will be more abundant than ever before.

Hungary, like Russia, is all for Bolshevism. "We are in the happy position," said Bela Kun recently, "that we have not to fight interior enemies, but only the hired mercenaries of Allied Imperialism."

Lunacharsky, the Russian Minister of Education, informed the correspondent of the Peris "Excelsior" that the expenditure on public instruction in Soviet Russia this year is seven thousand million roubles. During last year there were provided 7,000 new village schools, 3,000 secondary schools and 12 establishments for higher instruction, comprising five new universities and some workers' universities.

In the London toyshop windows the latest toy is called "Shoot the Boishevik!"—a hideous brutal face and a toy airgun.

Poison Again.

Some weeks ago a Greek comrade protested against our statement about Greek mercenaries fighting against Soviet Russia. He has been justified after the event. On May 19, according to "Humanite," a Russian wireless reported: "The Greek admiral at Sebastopol has assured the representative of the Red Army that henceforth Greece will not participate in the operations against Bolshevik Russia. Previous to his departure he called with othe diplomatic representatives on the President of the Revolutionary Committee and repeated his assurances of Greek sympathy for Soviet Russia. In their private conversations the Greek representatives condemned in strong terms the Entente's action in forcing the Greeks to participate in operations against the Red Army. In the evening all the Greeks appeared at the President's house with the flags of the Red Army."

The names of the French Black Sea squadron which refused to fire on the Crimean Workers' Republic are the Jean Bart, the France, the Justice, the Vergniand, the Mirabeau and the Democracy. Not only, says the "Socialist," did the sailors mutiny, hoist the Red Flag and fraternise with the workers on land at Sebastopol, but the land forces also refused to fight against the revolutionaries.

From Genoa comes the news that the Italian crew of the steamer Marcotti-Martinovitch, which flies the Inter-Allied flag, has declared itself ready to be imprisoned or sunk to the bottom of the sea rather than help in the defeat of the revolution of the Russian people.

The "Socialist" adds that the railway-workers of Italy and France have refused to work trains taking munitions and men to Russia or Hungary—leaving British Labour to play the part of international blackleg?

Then comes a dispatch from Japan:

American troops refused to co-operate with the Japanese in fighting the Bolsheviki near Blagovestchensk, War Minister Tanaka declared in answering questions put in the Japanese House of Representatives.

Asked if the Americans' refusal to co-operate with the Japanese amounted to insubordination, Tanaka replied that the orders of General Otani, Allied Commander in that region, are effective only when consistent with the principles of America's national policies. The American attitude, he said, probably was due to differences between the Americans and Japanese as to what constitutes Bolshevism

Col. Wedgewood, M.P., once a magistrate at Ermelo, is picking up the nature of the world struggle more aptly than many labour leaders ever will. On Churchill admitting a "considerable set back" to Koltchak, Wedgewood's satisfaction was so audibly expressed that the Secretary for War advised him to "go and help the Bolsheviks." "If there is to be a class war." retorted the Colonel, "that is my side."

These are just so many more illustrations of "how the Bolsheviks fight"—less by military victory than by the victory of their appeal to the workers, civil and military, of all. lands. Besides, what about such facts mentioned in a Moscow wireless of May 26? "In Siberia there are now at least three governments. Koltchak's extending to the Lake of Baikal, Semenoff's to the Lake of Baikal and Manchuria, and Horvat's from Manchuria to Vladivostok. All three are fighting for supremacy and trying to injure one another's position. . Meanwhile. the economic position in Siberia is nearing a catastrophe. The works and mines in the Urals are idle owing to lack of fuel. Even the simtexules are unobtainable Omsk."

We must all now choose between Kari Marx and Winston Churchill.—Robert Williams, General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation.

A Messenger from MOSCOW.

People are no longer starving in Petrograd

and Moscow.

Production is so much greater and more efficient under Communism than under the old haphazard order of private capitalism, that the competition of Soviet Russia will eventually force the other nations to adopt Communism.

There is no longer an unemployed problem. in Russia, and great progress has been made

in building up the Communist life.

This news, with the evidence supporting it, was brought to the People's. Russian Information Bureau in London by a comrade, a Soviet member who left Moscow so recently as May 20, 1919. . . .

(Hero follows a description of military,

successes on all fronts.)

Vilna, however, had fallen to the Poles, who killed all the Soviet officials. Polish troops had advanced as far as Sventsyany, but the Soviets do not regard the Polish ofsensive as dangerous because they believe that the Poles will only advance into territory which they wish to annex to Poland. It is not anticipated that the Poles will attempt to advance much further than they have done.

We (says the "Workers' Dreadnought" interviewer) asked whether the upheaval in Afghanistan had been influenced by the Bolsheviki. The Soviet messenger poplied that the Russians had had no direct hand in the matter, but that the Afghans are influenced by

the Soviet idea.

The Soviet idea meets with great response in the Orient. All the Asiatic nations were represented in the Conference of the Third

International at Moscow.

We repeated to our comrade the already exploded story of Lenin's Red Guard, which has been denied by so many reliable witnesses from Russia. Our comrade told us that there are Chinese soldiers in the Red Army because there are Chinese living in Russia and becauso the Soviet Republic makes no race distinctions between its citizens.

We asked whether German troops are fighting with the Soviet Armies. He replied that not a single German officer is fighting for the Soviets though proletarians of all nationalities are to be found in the Red Army. The Communists only make prisoners of officers. When rank and file soldiers from the opposing armies are captured they are released, and allowed to return to their native countries or to remain as free citizens and equals . of the Soviet Republic. The story that the Red Army kills prisoners of war is untrue.

German troops are fighting against the wiets in Esthonia. They are officered largely his description of the second season of the season of the second season of the season

lived there under the Tsar.

The Communists believe that the Germans by a recent Secret Treaty are pledged to do police duty for the Allies in Russia. In any case it has been made public that, under the armistice terms, Germany agreed to keep troops in the parts of Russia she had occupical until the Allies should instruct her to f withdraw them. The Peace Terms make the amo stipulation.

We asked our comrade whether he could thow any light on the story recently reportin the press here, that the Allies had, a Bolshevik woman spy at Yalta. Hel said that a French woman, Mme. La Bourbe, had been shot by the Allies for attempting Communist propaganda amongst (Allied troops. She was the daughter of a French

communard of 1871.

Speaking of army discipline we learned that in giving an official greeting the officer salutes, then the soldier, then both shake hands as friends. The army committees continue: they take no part in military tactics, but deal with local questions, quarters, the mess. literature, and lectures, concerts, discipline, education. They elect the military tribunals which try estences, and the educational commissions which manage the educational courses which the soldiers attend. The officers give orders only in regard to technical melitery questions. to and the second secon

Further evidence is given in the Paris "Populaire" of May 12 by a "distinguished personage," a lady belonging to one of the Entente countries, just returned from eighteen months in Russia. Unlike the whining English governess of a few months back, she says:

"In the whole of Europe there is not at the present time a single capital where order is so perfect, and sécurity so complete, as in Petrograd. . . You do not see any police in the streets, only members of the Red Guard, who hardly ever have occasion to intervene. .. Many times I have walked home at night, without ever having had an unpleasant experience. . . . Socialisation of women?? As a matter of fact there are no prostitutes. in the Petrograd streets. Other foreigners who have lived in Russia for months tell me that the Bolshevik regime has practically eliminated me hideous sore of the capitalist regime.

"The Allied blockfele has certainly caused cruel sufferings to millions of innocent people. But the excellent organisation of the Soviets and co-operative societies has largely relieved this painful situation. . In the forty Soviet restaurants you could get for 31 roubles (about 91d.) a simple meal, but sufficient, consisting of cabbage soup, fried fish and bread, black but eatable. . The telephone works well--much better than in Paris.

National Guilds

"National Guilds" or "Guild Socialism" is one of those ill-digested schemes put forward by middle class intellectuals with an eye to the main chance of conserving to their section, of the community the loaves and fishes of office as statesmen and other positions in the State and municipalities as administrators and heads of the several departments.

The advocates of this panacea have failed to understand the economic sevolution and the driving force that has changed one phase of society to another. Failing to recognise the economic basis of society or having only a hazy concept of it, they place the basis of the future society in the State and Municipal Council, transformed by some legerdemain into ideal bodies run by "men of ability" elected by the consumers.

"The State, with its government, its parliament and its civil and military machinery remaining independent of the Guild Congress; certainly independent, probably even supreme," says A. R. Orage in his book "Na-

tional Guilds."

This hash, served up by these shallow surface skimmers as the future form of society, proposes handing over to the State the power to coerce the producers, the State as representing the consumers having full power over national, imperial, international, educational, religious, judicial and other social activities. A Utopian scheme, cut and dried, that ignores or is ignorant of social science, as is evidenced by the amount of "pay" to be paid to producers, using of money, banking transactions, selling of goods, taxation and other paraphernalia of commodity production and political government.

This panacea has been aptly called "Industrial Unionism half-digested by a middle class Socialist mind and thrown back to 'the public' mixed up with all the silly nousense of State and Municipal Socialism which has ever dominated the 'middle-class' drawing-

room Socialist."

Industrial unionism based on the class struggle, and devoid of the trappings these shallow-pates enshroud it with, takes its stand on the social ownership and control of the means of livelihood. Its energy is derived from the struggle between the workers and the masters. Recognising no mutual interests, it will have no truck with joint boards or conciliation boards. Rejecting political schemes of amelioration and reform put forward by "political saviours," it will by its revolutionary industrial organisation give expression to revolutionary political action that will capture the State (but not for the purpose of handing it over to consumers as opposed to producers) which then becomes obsolete and disappears.

These schemers overlook the fact that any form of society perpetuating class distinctions such as would obtain in a society based upon the State composed of representatives of the consumers—who as consumers are members of the several guilds and vice versa—is an abortion, a confusion that shows a want of comprehension of the nature of the State, a scheme of reforming what has been called a cruel step-mother (the State) into a paternal executive council.

This Utopia is to be brought about by a general strike, the details of which are given in Orage's "National Guilds"; a strike equipped like an army invading an enemy's country, with commissariat and everything complete to the last button. But one essential to success is overlooked. The power of the pontical State and the material forces at its command, which would be ruthlessly used to conserve to the possessing class their economic power, is ignored.

The movement that will transform the present form of society to a society based upon the social use and ownership of the means of production, whilst being a social movement, will have as its backbone the working class.

The structure of that society, based upon co-operative production and use, will largely determine itself. We as Socialists recognise the value of industrial organisation as the nucleus whence will spring the new society: By organising at the bottom on a class conscious basis, it will give us unity on the industrial field, leading to concerted action on the political and educational fields. Controlled and guided by the clear cut issue of eliminating the capitalist state, not amending it, we shall be free of such silly nonsense as "the rights of consumers as opposed to producers."

Consciously or unconsciously the advocates of guild Socialism are misleaders. Taking no heed of social science their scheme is but a red herring drawn across the path of the workers, misleading and giving them a wrong conception of industrial unionism and the unate goal.

J.M.G.

Your "Labour" Mayor.

A writer in the "N.Y. Call" rakes up awkward reminiscences of the earlier career of Hanson, who is now lauded by the U.S.A. capitalist press as the vanquisher of the recent Scattle strike: a former boilermaker turned Mayor who now screams of "Bolshevism, the I.W.W.'s and the like" that "kindness and mercy only make them believe that the officials are afraid and fear to punish: they must be driven out, deported, imprisoned, exterminated ":---

"Not many years ago, in Seattle, Wash., I stood for an hour one evening on the sidewalk and listened to a slender, blonde, middle-aged man on a soap box deliver an eloquent indictment of capitalism. His voice quivered with emotion as he told about the thousands of poor little boys and girls who could be seen in the early morning trudging to their long day of toil in the cotton mills of the South; about the unhealthy and dangerous work of the 'breaker boys' in the Pennsylvania coal mines, and about the ruthless exploitation of women and children in the factories and textile mills in the New England states.

"The speaker denounced the capitalist system in no mistakable terms. He skilfully drew vivid pictures of poverty, misery and degradation, and he did not hesitate to say that these conditions were caused by Capitalism. Then he proudly stated that when he was elected as a senator on the Progressive ticket to the Congress of the United States he would do his utmost to abolish the causes of these wrongs. Although a real estate operator and a capitalist, he flayed the profit system and pledged his allegiance to the cause of labour in its effort to end exploitation and establish the universal brotherhood of man.

"The speaker was none other than Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle strike fame, the slayer of Bolshevism and the idol of the labour hater to-day."

Straws Round the World.

In Brazil a month or two back gigantic strikes were in progress in Rio Grande, San Paulo, Bahia and Rio Grande du Sol. In San Paulo alone 70,000 workers were out.

According to "Humanite," there are over 4,000 workers imprisoned in Barcelona as the result of the general strike there, including six solicitors who had defended the workers in court. In one prison, where there are over 1,000 prisoners, they publish a daily newspaper, all done by hand, called "El Bolohevique," the only uncensored paper in-Spain.

One of the terms of peace which the Soviet Government offered in March to accept was: "That all governments of the former Russian Empire acknowledge their finapcial obligations, and "--a characteristic counter thrust -"that the Russian gold seized by the Czechs in Kazan and that confiscated by the Allies from Germany be devoted to the payment of dehts!"

The new "Rhenish Republic." represented as a bulwark against Prussia, is explained by the following leastet circulated, it would seem, under the auspices of the "Koelnische Volkszeitung," ford ihr a vielert German annexationist crgan---so collev can Capital, like Labour, snamp "race-hair d':- "In view of the Bolshevist danger which rules in Bavaria and the whole of Germany, and the confiscation of wealth already decided by the Bavarian Government, we must consider the hard position we shall be in if we remain in the Bavarran State when we can hope, if we hecome united to France, for a great economical development, and even to be exempted, partially, at least, from the war indemnity."

In ex-German New Guinea, says the Australian "Worker," the natives are still being flogged, and that with the consent of the (Allied) Administration, and civilians are still expected to raise their hats to officers in the good old Prussian style, under penalty of imprisonment if they fail to do so: "As the bombed Afghans and Egyptians and the 'bloody niggers' of New Guinea would undoubtedly say." comments the "Socialist," "there is no Prussian, English, French or American militarism any more than there is a Prussian of British or French moon."

According to the "Socialist," Winston Churchill had the effrontery—and the Labour M.P.'s sat silent—to say in the House of Commons that "our" reason for being in Russia was "because we have £20,000,000 worth of munitions for which at present there is no market elsewhere."

The "Times" of June 10th reports: "At noon yesterday 700 British, Canadian and Australian troops left Leith for the Murmansk coast on board the ex-German merchantman Steigerwald, flying the League of Nations flag." Exactly.

One of the," Peace" demands not included in the official press version was that Germany should hand over 140,000 mileh cows--at a time when the "Daily Express" correspondent reported that "30 per cent. of the German women die in confinement; 30 per cent. of the children horn to married women die, and 50 per cent. of those born to unmarried mothers. I have encountered dozens of children two wears of age who have never tasted milk." Those who show up such atrocities are prosecuted—to wit, printers and members of the "Fight the Famine" Council in England. Do." we" starve the world? Then hist, not asword!

In the debate on the secret circular as to the attitude of soldiers to the Labour movement; Winston Churchill (the "Dreadnought" reports) had to admit that the replies returned by commanding officers to the circular proved that the mass of British soldiers object either to fight against the Sovicts in Russia or to act as strike breakers at home.

The Man-Market.

We have read in our daily press of the wonderful good fortune of the (coloured) unemployed from the Namaqualand Copper Mines in getting jobs at once in Cape-Town. The demand for labour of course exists everywhere, provided it is cheap enough—unemployment can always be abolished, for a time at least, if you lower wages sufficiently, subject of course to wastage by starvation. That is what they call "free labour." This is the explanation of the prompt snapping up of the Hottentots, herded by the Government at the Woodstock Depot. According to the "S.A. Review" of June 27, their labour was to be sold to members of the Wine Farmers' Association, Ltd., to whose secretary alone application for families was to be made. Families were to be distributed to the members pro rata according to the numbers they applied for ("as in the case of guano supplied to the farmers by the Government'') and allottees could then make their selection at the depot, supplying housing and 2s. 6d. a day wages per Hottentot eum wife. It is noted by the "Review" that the advertisement, which must have been drawn up some time previously, appeared in the "Cape Times" for the first time the day after Parliament rose!

Censors Acrostics.

Our exchange copygot "Humanite" for June 5 arrives with a blank (censored) column under the heading "What happened at Toulouse." Another French contemporary fills the gap thus:

"Suppose, now, that some hundreds of points, the Tricolour at their head, had paraded the streets of Toulouse one evening singing the Marseillaise and shouting Vive la Guerre,' Vive Clemenceau,' do you suppose the General Commanding the 17th District would have prohibited the papers from reporting it?"

Thus the "Canard Enchaine." Probably not many of its readers lacked sufficient mental agility to read "Red Flag" for "Tricolour," "International" for "Marseillaise" and "a bas" instead of "vive," becoming thus possessed of a complete and accurate answer to the mysterious question, "What happened at Toulouse? "

Ransome on Lenin.

Arkhur Rausome, in his latest publication, "Six Weeks in Russia in 1919," of which we have only reviews so far, describes how Lenin was amazed to discover how far and how early De Leon had pursued the same train of thought as the Russians. His theory that representation should be by industries, not by areas, was already the germ of the Soviet system. A few days afterwards Lenin introduced a few phrases of De Leon into the draft for the new programme of the Communist party. Speaking of the chance of a revolution in Britain, Lenin caustically remarked: "You cannot stop a revolution.... although Ramsay Macdonald will try to at the last minute." "Lenin," says Ransome. "utterly discounts the value of his own personality. As a Marxist, he believes in the movement of the masses which with or without him would still move: His whole faith is based on elemental forces that move people; his faith in himself is merely his belief that he justly estimates the direction of those forces."

Recently we published General l'huner's prohibition of strikes in occupied Germany. Metal workers' demands in the Dusseldorf district having been turned down by the British "Arbitration" Court, the workers in two places struck work. The "Times" reports that the British then took "severe" measures," including the arrest of two or three score of the strike leaders, who were sent across the frontier into unoccupied Germany with one day's rations. All inhabitants were ordered to be in their homes at 6 p.m., and force was used to compel them. So, says the "Dreadnought," the employing classes of rival nations combine in action against the workers.

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JEWISH SPEAKING BRANCH.

The Social at Prof. West's passed off suecessfully last Wednesday week, and we hope to see more of these functions before the winter is over.

The Branch meets at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 20th inst., at Neppe's Buildings, 54, Rox. Street.

Reuter reported that on May 31 the Winnipeg police force consisted of nine men only, 198 having been dismissed for refusing to sign an agreement severing their connection with the Labour agitation.

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