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The Task of our Press.

Not much good news for Socialists has been forthcoming lately; but still less for Capitalists. It is as well not to attempt to follow the cablegrams of military operations or coups d'état like clubmen sticking little flags on war-maps, for apart from the urtrustworthiness of our cunningly cooked cable news and cable silences which usually take quite a different complexion when the mail news comes along, it is obvious that unrest, to give it no more pretentious name, is so widespread in the world to-day, so deep-seated, so well-founded on stark economic facts, that military successes calculated to suppress it must only have the effect of aggravating it. We may smile at those who pose: as thorough-paced r-r-revolutionaries while doing nothing to forward, and sometimes much to retard, the revolution; but we equally refuse to believe that the toiling masses of the world can be permanently reduced by never so many tanks and bombing aeroplanes, manned by never so many picked parasites of the ruling class, to such imperielist servility as is reported of the Liverpool police strikers, who "admit their mistake and respectfully beg for reinstatement." As a matter of fact, the best feature about all these "suppressions" of "Bolshevism" is that they have a splendid educational and rallying effect. Defeated masses now discover their slave-status as something real not bookish: they can never go back to their old ignorant apathy, but must catch the warmth of the revolutionary fire. Just as the Rusmen revolution of 1917 would never have worked itself up without the defeat of 1905 with its residue of revanche-feeling, so the workers of England, Canada, Germany and Hungary can only derive from their recent set backs an unprecedented degree and qual-

ity of divine discontent. But discontent "is not enough," to use Nurse Cavell's phrase. The Social Revolution is an immense undertaking requiring, besides disaffection, a widely diffused high intelligence, sociological insight and education based on experience as well as theory, together with close national and international organisation and rapid and elastic strategy and tactics. It is here that propaganda steps in. There is a certain tendency (as apparently in Canada), in face of the spectacle of "unconstitutional," i.e., revolutionary movements checked by force or corruption, to hark back to old formulae such as 'constitutional action' which we have all seen through long ago: or to relapse into fatalism about the swing of the pendulum. This is not a pendulum ago, nor are consti-. tutions naturally suicidal: and questions of method and tactics, perhaps more difficult today than we ever before realised now that one attempt after another to break the chains of military capitalism miscarries before our eyes, call for constant review. Above all, education in Socialism and in the nature of the class struggle is still wofully behindhand. Strike failures are in the last resort mainly due to insufficient class consciousness; so that men will strike against one exception to solidarity in their shop, but will never dream of solidarity with their fellow-workers fighting their battle in Russia or Hungary, nor with their native fellow-workers here. On all these matters, while ordinary political parties do not know what to do with themselves, what apter time or finer nursery for Socialist propagands than the present discontent cepecially among men core at consciousness of failure and half conscious that the failute was due to want of this terv properties

Then raise the propaganda standard high. Niceties of organisation will follow automatically: the heathen cannot organise, but the converted cannot help doing it.

Whatever other weapons may be applicable against the armed violence of the ruling class, the printed word has been found, even by the keen and well-equipped Red Guards, to be the one certain weapon, always available, before which the proudest capitalist armies will melt away.

Forward then to the highways and hedges, kayas and compounds, the shoos, the mines the railways, and the barracks. Let every comrade work breathless overtime to help the proletariat of this country catch up the pioneers of Eastern Europe, so that their next general strike becomes a Socialist revolution.

To assist in that work is the task of our Press.

Gorky Killed Again.

The Bolsheviks collapse and murder Gorky about once a quarter, and the Lie-press publishes an antediluvian attack by him on the Soviet Government to explain why the latter polished him off: although it is well known that he has recanted his opposition, and in his appeal to the world, published in the "International" of March 28 last, he wrote: "Vladimir Lenin holds the torch of the Russian Revolution firmly in his hands, and it sheds its light over all the world."

"A military correspondent" of "The Call," writing of the progress of the campaign in Russia, generalises on what we have all noticed in the bourgeois press from time to time—great anti-Bolshevik successes an-

nounced, and then silence:--"We witness everywhere the same spectacle; an initial success of the counter-revolutionary forces, and then a set-back, defeat, and hasty retreat. And everywhere the same factors are in operation: the Allied tanks and guns supply the initial success, as the Reds have nothing to oppose them; but as the counter-revolutionary forces consist mainly of officers and young boys of the bourgeois classes dragging at their heels misguided or coerced peasants, the mechanical impetus is soon spent, the living force following it either proves insufficient or breaks down through desertion, and the Red army advances, being a mass-movement animated by a-great revolutionary ideal, and therefore overwhelming in numbers, devotion, and energy."

The police of Winnipeg joined the strikers at first, but when the Winnipeg authorities proposed to raise a new police force the regular one returned to work. This sounds encouraging, said the "New York Times," until you hear the reason. They returned to work so that there should be nobody to interfere with the strikers, who as yet had committed no overt acts of disorder.

The "Jugo Slavian" Government recently seized and confiscated the funds of the Social Democratic organisation at Serajevo. "This is not a Bolshevik Government, remember," says the "Call," "but a capitalist government which believes fervently in the sacred rights of property!"

Johannesburg and Reef comrades are urged to attend the public meeting at the Selborne Hall next Wednesday, 27th inst., at 8 p.m., and bring their friends along. Com. J. P. Anderson will preside and the following comrades will address the meeting: R. Rodgen, T. P. Tinker, C. B. Tyler. The Burning Question of Labour, hurns hotter them over; come and feel its giow.

The 24 hours' Strike.

What success had this strike, fixed for July 21, on behalf of the Soviet Republics the most genuine bit of solidarity, so far as it went, in the history of British Labour?

In effect, it was smothered by the Labour Executives, both in Britain and France. 5,000 navai mon mon in ter out of the Yorkshire cal mine, and not a Labour member protested when the fact was announced in the House of Commons. The Miners' Conference at Keswick ignored the strike, although it decided to move at the Triple Alliance Conference on July 23 a proposal asking the members of the constituent bodies to consider taking direct action on Conscription, military intervention in Russia, release of conscientious objectors, and military intervention in trado disputes; and this is probably the motion that according to the cables was turned down:

In France the strike was called off because the Government promised an immediate amnesty of political and military prisoners, comprising 150,000 people, a general demobilisation, to be finished not later than September 30, and new vigorous measures to reduce the cost of living; and these promises were considered trustworthy by the Social patriots. At any rate they were better than the noth-

At any rate they were better than the nothing secured in England.

In Italy they did better. The Premier has pledged his Government not to attack the Soviet Republics: "Italy must not intervene in Passic and Hungary unless these countries.

in Russia and Hungary unless these countries attack us." Moreover ,the Peasants' Congress at Bologna, representing 700,000 members, has declared for the immediate social ownership and working of the land, and in some cases the socialisation has actually, it seems, been taken in hand. "Avanti" reports that on July 3 the proletariat of Forli took possession of the city: and in the town of Inola the red flag has been hoisted on the cathedral tower, and the Socialists and Syndicalists are directing the movement: the town is being administered by committees, who carry red cockades. General strikes have taken place at Florence and Ancona. Soviets have been proclaimed in the whole region of the valley from Bisanco to Vacano and in other neighbouring localities. Villas and private houses, and all farriages and automobiles, have been requisitioned. A Committee of Public Safety is in control, and the Red Flag is flying.

During the popular uprisings in Turin an Italian militia regiment was ordered to fire upon the people. The men refused, where-upon the regiment was removed to Finis-

trelle and decimated.

The Federation of Italian Sailors ordered its members to stop the steamer Cablons arriving at Naples from London loaded with munitions for the Russian counter-revolutionaries.

In Norway a general strike took place on July 21, and in Vienna and Berlin solidarity strikes were decided upon, with what result we have not yet heard.

The Norwegian politician, Puntervold, gives an account of an interview with Lenin in the columns of the "Berner Tagwacht," in the course of which, speaking of the freedom of the press, Lenin said; "We believe that the so-called freedom of the press is the right of the bourgeosie to cheat and deceive the proletarist. The bourgeoisie possesses all newspaper capital, printing material, machinery, and the papers themselves. With the press in its hands the bourgeoisie has unlimited power over public opinion. The freedom of the press is the same as freedom for capital."

A Communist Minifeste.

In answer to the coll issued late in January by the Russian Soviet Government, the International Communist Congress assembled at Moscow on March 2nd, to inaugurate the Third Internationale." The Cougness. was attended by thirty-two delegates, representing eighteen Communist or Left Socialist Parties, together with representatives of fifteen organisations of Europe and Asia in an advisory capacity. The Manifesto by the new Communist Internationale, to which the "Workers' Socialist Federation" and the "Socialist Labour Party" of Britain have definitely adhered, as translated, was taken from the "Christiania Social-Demokraten," of March 29th and March 31st. Here are some extracts:--

THE WAR: CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Two years before the outbreak of war, at the Basle Congress, the responsible Socialist leaders in all countries pointed to imperialism as the cause of the impending war and threatened the bourgeoisie with the Socialist revolution as the vengeance of the proletariat for the crimes of militarism.

The German social-patriots, who in August, 1914, spoke of the Hohenzollern diplomatic White Book as the nation's most sacred gospel, now, in cringing servility to the Ententa Socialists, accuse the fallen German monarch — whose slaves they formerly were—of being guilty of the war.

have exerted themselves to collect from all corners of the world both real and fictitious facts to show how prosperity, in certain groups and categories of the working classes, was on the increase. But we are faced to-day with the harrowing reality of impoverishment not only of a social nature, but physiological and biological also.

TRADE MILITARISM.

l'inance and capital, which plurged mankind into the abyss of war, have gone through alarming vicissitudes during the war. Paper money, as dependent on the material basis of production, has had a severe shock. In proportion as it has gradually lost its value as the capitalistic medium and regulator for the circulation of goods, it has become simply a means by which to requisition stolen goods; in short it has come to be used as a military economic force. The complete falling off in the metal fund reflects the universal and deadly crisis in the capitalistic circulation of goods. Although for many years previous" to the war; free competition as a regulating factor for production and transactions of vast economic import had been oliminated within the trust and monopoly system, it has been proved that in the course of the war its regulating functions were taken out of the hands of the economic groups and transferred direct to the military state power. The distribution of raw materials, the working of the oilfields at Baku and in Roumania, coal from the Don region, corn from the Ukraine, the German locomotives, the railway carriages, and automobiles, the supplying of starving Europe with bread and meat—bhese fundamental questions of the world's economic life are all regulated, not by free competition; nor by combines of national and internation. al truste, but by the direct use of military force in the continued interests of self-sup. part. Finance has thus not only completely militarised; the State, but itself as well, and is no longer capable of omrying out the most important economic functions other than with the sweet and blood.

UNDER WHICH CONTROL?

The nationalisation of economic life, which was so obstinately opposed by capitalistic Liberalism, is now an accepted fact. Not only is there no possibility of a return to free competition; there is none either to trusts, syndicates, or other economic marvels. The only question is, who in the future is to conduct nationalised production, the imperialist State or the victorious working-class State? In other words, are the whole of labouring mankind to become serfs and

day-labourers under a victorious international oligies, which, in the name of the League of Nations, and assisted by an "international" fleet, alternately plunders or casts a morsel of bread to the needy, but everywhere keeps the proletariat in chains with the sole aim of retaining its own power; or shall the working classes in Europe and the most civilised countries in other parts of the world take into their own hands the shaken and ruined world ecenomy and thus ensure its restoration on the basis of Socialism?

INTERNATIONAL SELF-DETER-MINATION.

The national State, which gave such a mighty impulse to capitalist development, has become too restricted for the continued development of the productive forces.

These Entente imperialists, although they oppress and persecute the smaller and weaker nations and let them suffer starvation and distress in exactly the same way that the imperialists of the Central Powers recently did, still go on talking of a nation's right to self-determination, which at present, both in Europe and in other parts of the world, is being utterly trampled underfoot.

The only means of securing the possibility of a free existence for the small nations is by a proletarian revolution which releases all the productive forces in every country from the tight grip of the national States, unites the nations in the close economic co-operation based on a joint social economic plan, and grants to the smallest and weakest nation the possibility of developing its national culture independently and freely without detriment to the united and centralised conomy of Europe and of the whole world.

LIBERATION OF HELOT RACES.

Indians, Negroes, Arabs, Madagascans, all fought in the European contingent—and for what? For the right to remain in the future the slaves of England and France.

In Europe, there is Ireland reminding us by furious street fighting that she is still an oppressed country and feels herself to be

At the best, Wilson's programme will only effect a change in the signboard of colonial slavery. The liberation of the colonies will only be feasible in conjunction with the liberation of the working classes in the mother countries. Not until the workmen of England and France have overthrown Lloyd George and Clemenceau will the workmen and peasants, not only in Annam, Algiers, and Bengal, but also in Persia and Armenia, have a chance of an independent existence.

Slaves of the colonies in Africa and Asia! The hour of proletarian dictatorship in Europe will be the hour of your release!

DEMOCRACY.

The entire process of capitalistic development undermined political democracy (especially during the last imperialist epoch), not only by dividing the nations into two irreconcilable classes, but also by condemning numbers of the smaller bourgeois and semi-proletarian; camps, as well as the lowest class of proletarians, to a state of permanent economic misery and political impotence.

The Bavarian or Baden peasant, who does not see herond his own church steeple; the French grower of vines, who is ruined by the great capitalistic adulteration of wines; the small farmer in America, robbed and oheated by bankers and representatives—all these social groups, shut out by capitalism from the wide path of development, are called nominally to administer the state by the regime of political democracy. In reality, however, all important questions concerning the fate of nations are decided by the financial oligarchy behind the back of the Parliamentary democracy. Such, above all, was the case in the question of the war, and this will be repeated now that it is to be applied to peace.

When the financial oligarchy consider it advisable to conceal their acts of violence at Parliamentary elections, they have the bourgeois state at their disposal, with all the varied means inherited from previous centuries, and developed by the marvels of capitalistic technique; lies, demagogism, provocation, contempt, bribery and terrorism.

WOUNTED CLASS DEF TERMINA

To expect that the market in the final settlement with capitalism, when it is a question of life and death, should meetly as a lamb agree to the demands of the bourgeois democracy, would be the same as to expect a man, defending his life and existence against thieves, to follow the arbitrary rules of French wrestling, laid down, but not adhered to, by his enemies.

The proletariat creates a new form of apparatus comprising the entire working class, irrespective of their being ripe in an expert and political sense—an apparatus so elastic that it can always be renewed, always be extended, always attract fresh groups within its area, and open wide the doors for the groups of workers in town and country who are in close touch with the proletariat.

THE RED ARMY.

The collapse of the imperialist state, from the Czarist to the most democratic, is proceeding simultaneously with the collapse of the imperialist military system.

The revolt of the peasant against the landowner, of the workman against capitalism, the revolt of both combined against monarchical or democratic bureaucracy, must inevitably lead to the revolt of the soldier against his officer, and later to a sharp division between the proletarian and bourgeois elements in the army.

The outery by the bourgeois world against civil war and the Red Terror is the most abominable hypocrisy ever noted in the history of political fighting. There would be no civil war if the profiteering cliques, who have brought mankind to the verge of ruin, did not oppose all progress on the part of the working masses, and if they did not bring about conspiracies and murder and call in armed assistance from outside to protect or restore their thieving privileges.

Civil war is forced on the working classes by their mortal enemy. The working classes must return blow for blow, unless they would prove faithless to themselves and their future, which is also the future of all mankind. The Communist parties never try by artificial means to encourage civil war, but exert themselves, as far as possible, to shorten the duration of it, and, if it does become an imperative necessity, they endeavour to keep down the number of victims, and, above all, to secure victory for the proletariat.

THE TRUE INTERNATIONALE.

The Franco-German war, from which emanated the Germany of the Hohenzollerns, undermined the first Internationale, at the same time giving an impulse to the national Labour parties. Already, in 1889, at the Paris Congress these parties united and oreated a second Internationale. But during that period the centre of gravity of the Labour movement rested entirely on national grounds, within the limits of the national states, on the basis of national industry, and within the province of national Parliamentarism. The organising and reformative work of decades produced a generation of leaders, the majority of whom accepted textually the programme of social revolution, but disowned it in practice.

If the war of 1870 dealt the first Internationale a severe blow in disclosing that the social revolutionary programme was not backed by powerful united masses, the war of 1914 has killed the second Internationale by proving that, dominating the fraternal masses of the workmen, stood parties transformed into the cringing organs of the bourgeois state.

The fight against the Socialist Centre is a necessary factor in the fight against imperialism.

In repudiating the vacillation, mendacity, and superficiality of the Socialist parties, we—the united Communists of the third Internationale—feel ourselves to be the direct successors of a long series of generations, heroic champions and martyrs, from Baboeuf to Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

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THE SHARE

in the immertality of the social is one of the ideological phenomena of its social environment it will never lose it till it is dispossessed of the wealth stolen from wage workers, and transformed from a parasitic class into a productive class."—Paul Lafargue.

An invitation from the Christian ministers of Durban to the local labour bodies to send delegates to discuss the present condition of society and, if possible, to decide on common effort among men of good will," was received and dealt with by the Natal Federation of Trades on Sunday, 10th inst. It was decided to send delegates. The parsons have drawn up the agenda for the conference as follows:—

1. What does Labour expect of organised religion?

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3. What is the attitude of Labour towards the Christian Faith?

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Some time back Labriola foresaw the coming of such conferences as the above upon the eve of the break up of the capitalist system. Incidentally he expressed the opinion that the future working class would not look for any "transcendental explanations of the practical problems of daily life," and in this he was a true prophet, which must be obvious even to those who have but a slight idea of the revolutionary psychology of to-day.

It is however, a sign of the times in south Africa when the hiererohy of all bults, or as Lafarque calls them "the domestics of the capitalist class," make a serious move in the direction of coming to an "understanding" with Libbour. Unfortunately for the priests—like the small producers—as a class they are no longer necessary to the capitalist system and, consciously or unconsciously, they begin to realise the fact. Thus it is that, from the highest prelate to the youngest curate, they to-day are "all socialists." Mark you the change that has taken place in the short space of five years. Hence they call the working class to consult with them; of course in the interest of the working class. But the working class are found to be indifferent to feats and tales of legerdemain, and the purveyors fail to inspire either awe or reverence. The bourgeoisie—sponsors of state religion—are waiting to be dethronrd. But they will not be dethroned by true Christianity, nor by the truest of the true. Christian Socialism is merely the Holy Water with which the Priest consecrates the heartburnings of the Aristocrat."

The final crash is close and the bourgeoisic in their fall will take their own ideology down with them into the abyse, and for the present the Socialists are too "busy with more useful and serious work than that which would liken them to those Hebertists, Blanquists, Bakonnists, and others who decreed the abolition of divinity and decapitated God in offigy."

SEN YAH.

Churches"—What for?

The "S.A. Review" recalls that on July 6, on the first serious rumblings of working class revolt in Britain, several leaders of non-Anglican churches attended the Peace Thanksgiving at St. Paul's, on the invitation of the Bishop of London, even the Catholic Cardinal apologising for his absence in a sympathetic letter.

In Germany, too, it seems, the Catholies made advances to other denominations when the revolution was impending.

In Austria the Catholics aid in "maintaining order" by inviting the people to fasts and prayers "so that God may spare humanity from the calamity of a Communist regime"; thus following, says "Avanti," "the Protestant Governor of Connecticut who has made the same appeal."

Upton Sinclair in 'The Profits of Religion' re-emphasises the conscious anti-so-cialist activities of the Roman Church in the United States, but he need not have confined the warning to that church in particular,

"As for Russia, of course all the churches flow to each other's arms before the Socialist memace." And now, according to the "New York World," a "League of Churches" has been formed 'for the protection of the world's faith, to combat Bolchevian, and to combine the 41,000,000 church members of the U.S.A. into brotherhood for inspired public service."

The Durban pow-wow mentioned by "Sen Yah" should be weighed up with the above.

N.B.—Meeting next Wednesday, 27th; Social Thursday week, 4th, both at Selborne Hall.

Partners?

The "produce more" fallacy put forward by the intellectual hirelings and traitorous Labour leaders as a cure for all the ills that society is afflicted with shows that these sycophants look upon the workers with the same contempt for their intelligence as that of the clergyman advising the budding sky-pilot how to overcome his nervousness when preaching his first sermon. dear young friend," said he. "when you get into the pulpit, forget you are looking upon human beings; think you are looking upon a field of cabbages." So with these interested prostitutes, they continue the same ald dope of distortion, platitudes of human fellowship and pairtnership between Brother Capital and Brother Labour; they still trot out the "mutual interests" fallacy to what they consider an imbecile working class, never realising that as the economic forces develop these old platitudes have as little value to the awakening consciousness of the workers as a tract to a person requiring a square meal.

The tactics have been so successful in doping the workers in the past that they are continued notwithstanding that the workers as a mass are asking questions as to the truthfulness of the "partners"

theory of Capital and Labour.

There is an old story of an illiterate negro clergyman who told his audience that the flist man, Adam, was made of wet clay and put against the palings to dry. One of his audience promptly got up and asked who made the palings, and was as promptly told to sit down as such questions would knock the bottom out of any theology. So the workers to-day are asking these hirelings ugly questions, questions to which the old answers to their awakening consciousness are no answer at all, but only arouse a spirit of antagonism to those in possession of the economic forces; and that spirit will knock the bottom out of the present system of wage slavery.

The new heaven and earth promised by interested patriots in all countries as the reward for sacrifice of liberty and life has not materialised. Reasons are asked why these promises are not being fulfilled. They were made by the hirelings of the capitalist class from pulpit, platform, press and in hundreds of leaflets and pamphlets, but they could never be fulfilled under our present system of exploitation, and many of those making them were deliberate liars, knowing the impossibility of their fulfilment.

The working class, the so-called partners of the capitalist class, instead of having hatter conditions have worse, and are susvely told by their co-partners to produce more and then, perhaps, they will get a larger share in the wealth produced. The workers and nature produce the wealth of the world, but owing to the stranglehold the capitalist class has on the tools of production, distribution and land the workers get a mere subsistence. The surplus value annexed by the parasites owing to having control of the economic tools of production gives them power to control prices without their so-called partner having any say in the matter. Profit is their god and human welfare or life is but a secondary consideratdon.

Section of society that has the power to withhold the essential tools that are used to preduce the necessaries of life for the community, and that section that uses them for the production of these necessaries, and which in return is dependent upon access to those tools to earn the money wage that on the average gives it a bare subsistence. He that owns the job owns the man, and to talk of partnership with mutual interests is moonshine. Partnership implies equality between the capitalist class and the working class.

The workers are beginning in larger numbers to question the truthfulness of the mutual interest dope. They are gradually getting rid of the mental kink that capitalistic hirelings have been responsible for, and, not yet but in the near future, will realise the economic truth that the present system makes their status no better then that of chattel slaves. Just as the chattel slave was denied liberty of thought and action, so the present industrial wage system compels the workers to sell themselves in the labour market, where in return for their labour power placed at the disposal of the capitalists to whom they him themselves they receive, not a partnership, but a measly existence.

Pogroms and Pogroms.

In Johannesburg it seems to be respectable to protest against Polish Pogroms and even to attack the League of Nations and the capitalist system for these; but as for the pogroms in Russis "we don't speak about them."

In the U.S.A., however, where the split-up into the two opposing camps, called by the Russians Communist and bourgeois, has become more distinct, and the meaning of the Polish pogroms is therefore already better understood, we find the Socialist Party itself divided about them. In June three branches of the party at Detroit were suspended by the City Central Committee of the party for participating in a protest movement against the pogroms on the Jewish people in Poland. One of these branches writes to the National Executive of the party: "You comrades of the National Executive understand well that these pogroms (in Poland) are organised by the Polish bourgeoisie for the express purpose of suppressing the Socialist Revolution. in Poland by means of such pogroms and the spreading of national hatred. The Jewish workers as a rule are the greatest sufferers of these pogroms." It is only fair to add that the National Secretary comments that on the same basis a branch protesting against, e.g., the Ludlow massacre "would be fired out of the Socialist Party in Michigan!"

The Secretary of the Industrial Socialist League writes criticising our article of the 8th inst. on "Helot Races," for (a) "Westing revolutionary sympathy on a section of a race that wishes to preserve its trader's status"—but the article did not do this; (b) adopting "Ivon's" remark in an Indian paper that "for a race consisting overwhelmingly of proletarians like the Indians or natives, Home Rule would mean projeterian dictatorship," because "Home Rule" means no more than what they have in England, France, America, etc.—but no reader with a spark of imagination could attribute that meaning to the phrase as used in the article; (c) saying "Only by joining the Labour movement and forming Labour Unions can you help to bring about a Socialist Society," because this can only mean a racial movement of whitee only, or Trade Unions—but such restriction of the meaning of "Labour" is quite unwarranted.

Giving evidence before the American Senate Military Committee on June 16th, General March stated that Great Britain and the United States have an understanding that each shall maintain a military establishment four times larger than before the war. But General Maurice said the other day that preparing for war was the best way to bring it about.

Sacred Profits.

This war has seen many bubbles burst and we are not surprised to hear that the greatest bubble of all has been pricked. The latest piece of English legislation will bring the fact home to all that profits cannot be considered as something divine and outside the control of society, but are the outcome of social activity and therefore subjected to our wishes.

The anti-Profiteering Bill passed in England owes its origin to the workers' determination to maintain and if possible improve their standard of living. Their action has caused the capitalists some little anxiety. america has been compelled to dispose of cold storage stocks to satisfy a hungry population, and Great Britain has been forced to ourtail profits. Both acts show clearly that owing to unemployment and high prices the workers cannot buy with their wages the commodities they consider should be their share of the wealth they have produced. The capitalist governments have realised the danger of the situation and are endeavouring to stop its development into a class conscious

revolutionary movement.

In England steps have been taken to curtail profits. To-day the very slow absorption of demobilised war workers proves the reluctance of capitalists to invest in England -except commercial capitalists who are sending prices higher daily. The cause of this shynese is due to the high prices of commodities required by the workers, and comsequently finds expression in high wages. Once before England was faced with this question and it led to the repeal of the Corn Laws. That was in the early days of English capitalism's struggle to become a world exploiter of markets. The repeal of the Corn Laws reduced the cost of living in England, and wages fell in proportion, with the result that English prices enabled capitalists to bleed their countrymen for profits raked in from foreign markets.

The same game is now afoot. The local press does not attempt to hide it either. How is it possible, they ask, for England, with its present enormous pay roll, to compete with foreign countries? And they also remind us not to touch profits, they are something sacred.

However, profits are to be curtailed (1) with the idea of reducing wages to enable capitalists to invest in England at a profit; (2) as a tariff to keep foreign commodities out of England (particularly American).

The flow of capital (British and foreign) to exploit British labour will solve for a time the unemployed problem, but it will not last long. England, which with war prices reigning has been a good market for foreign capitalists, will now be closed while higher prices can be obtained elsewhere. With the closing of the English market, plus a fuller exploitation of English labour, there can only be one result, the glutting of the world's markets, involving industrial and commercial stagnation, the shaking of a none too sound oredit system, and starvation and degradation for the working class.

This has been the lot of society since 1825. A spurt in production terminates in an industrial and commercial crisis. It is a spurt the capitalists want to-day, to tide them over the after war conditions and gain time in

the hope of Russia collapsing. The Socialist maxim that capitalist society cannot be reformed with advantage to the working-class is as true to-day as ever it

was.

W.J.C.G.

This week Saul 'Msane insinuates the whole Luke Messina story again, and adds the parrot cry that to a black man "strike" means "commit violence," though the whole world testifies to-day that it means "suffer violence." But M'Sane and Bud M'belle (late Secretary of the Native Congress, now rewarded with a Government job) are only like other Labour leaders—no better or worke

The New York "Nation" estimates the number of armed men in Ireland to-day at 250,000. "Some capacity there," says an exchange. "for governing other reces."

League Notes.

ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL.

The Entertainment Committee have been busy arranging an attractive programme for the September 4th function in the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg, which will celebrate the opening of our own printing press as well as the fourth birthday of the I.S. League. Tickets are going well and can still be obtained at the Head Office and of members of the committee. 2s. 3d. adults, children ls. at the door. All are invited to attend.

From the 12th of next month, when our fifth volume will begin, the editorship of the "International" will be in the hands of D. Ivon Jones. With an increase in the size of the paper to eight pages, Com. S. P. Bunting, who has been honorary editor for the past 18 months, will be unable to do the increased work in his limited spare time, and a full time editor was therefore inevitable. The circulation has more than doubled during the last year, and we hope that the same result may reward Com. D. I. Jones' efforts.

From the same date the price of single copies will be 3d. and the annual subscription will be 10s., half-yearly 5s. Adjustments in the accounts of our old subscribers will be made accordingly. We feel assured that this new departure will be appreciated by all our readers.

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JEWISH SPEAKING BRANCH.

General meeting of members will be held on Sunday, 24th inst., at 2.80 p.m. in the committee room, 54, Fox Street.

PRETORIA BRANCH.

The comrades in the Capital are going to make special efforts in support of the Printing Plant Fund. Subscription lists are being circulated, a social will be held on or about the 5th September to raise funds, and a big slice of their Branch funds have been placed at the disposal of the Printing Committee for immediate expenses.

A public meeting will be held in the Federation Hall, Church Street West, on August 31st. Speaker: W. H. Andrews, Secretary-

Organiser.

Mexico seems to be the next small natiou marked down for "determination," not by itself but by Ourselves. Capitalist America is more agog than ever for annexation because that little republic has dared to try to nationalise her oil wells. The case is being worked up in the traditional way. That is imperialism: business through violence, profits by force—the only way now for capitalism to run through the pockets of the world.

At the American Federation of Labour Convention, held at Atlantic City, it was decided to permit the entrance of 2,000,000 negro workers of the United States into equal membership in the unions. It was also decided that if any union attempted to discriminate against negroes, separate charters would be granted to negro organisations. The "Times."

The latest copy to hand of the "Western Labour News" (Canada) is a pitiful and pathetic document compared with the issue from which we quoted at the beginning of the Winnipeg strike. It is issued only after being passed by a strict consorship, and it is clear that the Denikins and Koltchaks of Canada are very much on top. The paper, no doubt under orders, breathes almost coutrition in place of its former militancy, forswears the revolution and declares for "political evolution," as to which, however, the farmers' vote for Labour is a very doubtful matter. The fact is that, in Canada as elsewhere, no one has yet devised any tangible weapon against the Iron Heel except—where this is possible—a counter. Iron Heel under whose protection the One Big Union of Labour may be built up, educated and realised in action.

Readers will excuse late delivery of last week's "International" due to shifting of the premises of our present printers to larger premises of their own.

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