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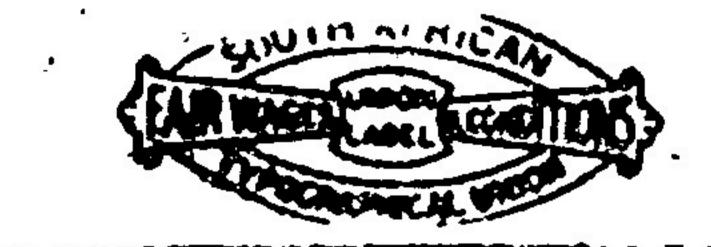
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# "STRIKES IN THE WIND."

THE WRONG AND THE RIGHT.

#### THE RICHT HAND MAN.

Nothing that the S.A. Industrial Federation or its secretary has done in recent years so damagingly exposes its hand as its request for a Government Commission on the Power strike. A workers organisation petitions for a capitalist inquisitor to adjudicate on a workers' strike, "to apportion the blame" between capital and labour!! So completely has this renegade, scab organisation come to be recognised as the saviour of the employing class in any "trouble" it has with its employees that the masters' first cry is "Send for Crawford." With this iudividual the "Star" will always publish au "interview," and in one of the latest he says that in the industrial outlook at present there is nothing "worrying" or "disturbing." Worrying and disturbing to whom? To the workers? (Shame on them if true.) No. obviously to the bosses; it is for them that he is so deeply concerned. Everything will be "managed," we read, "in a peaceful and reasonable way." "Managed" is good. Managed, like the plasterers, by threats that a strike "might be misunderstood"—that is, might be supposed to be, however remotely, like those blackguardly Huns' strikes and mutinies, anti-patriotic.

The Johannesburg A.S.E. have twice recently refused to tolerate Federation interference, though themselves parties to its interference in the domain of the Railway Union-against which the latter is everywhere holding meetings of protest. But these belated Railway and A.S.E. revolts have opened the employers' eyes to the fact that Crawford aspires in vain to be a Gompers when already two of the most powerful unions in the land are "not having any." Then what is to be done to bolster up our Right Hand Man? Why, the Commission was granted almost before it was asked. for, in the hope that out of it "something might turn up." Yes, someone to victimise, perhaps; some more legislation a la 1914 which the authorities dared not put into operation; and also some more labour fakirs to be boosted. and some more election scores to be thrown perforce to the hungry Labour Party like horses to pursuing wolves The Commission will find for Crawford, of course. But the spell is broken, and with it is sounded the knell of craft unionism and federationism and the dawn of a real industrial solidarity.

# THE OLD AND THE NEW UNIONISM.

Ever since the Power Station strike the Johannesburg "Star" has published two special columns daily, besides the usual editorials, mostly howling as if the devil himself were behind all the trouble, and whipping out that "pistol" until we almost come to believe that one was actually used. But there are quite other criticisms which the "Star" does not publish.

First of all the A.S.E. is distinctly a craft union, and as such affiliated to the S.A.I.F. That being the case they were not justified in taking the "action they did without first consulting the Federation and obtaining the opinions or support of the other trades concerned. If they do not wish to follow that procedure they should not become affiliated. We industrialists positively assert that the Federation is wrongly constructed and should therefore be scrapped, and the same applies to the craft unions. It looks as if the A.S.E. or at least some of its members are beginning to recognise that they are wrongly constituted, hence their trying to speak or take action from the industrial point of view, to this extent, that when a meeting is required to discuss matters connected with the mining industry their district committees call together the members who work upon the mines—when connected with the town shops they call together those who work in the town shops, and the same with the municipalities and the S.A.R.: but at the same time they still try to keep their craft distinction. Here again is where trouble is always bound to occur, for you cannot speak or organise industrially and still remain a craft. It is therefore up to the A.S.E. in tace the matter boldly and as soon as possible organise industrially.

"The Federation is very sore at the action taken by the A.S.E., naturally because it may deprive it of that power it is aspiring to. It has taken the Federation a long time and a lot of trouble to obtain recognition and the right to represent any organisation. Now they have obtained that right, they are not going to lose it without a scrap. Yet they deny to others the right they claim for themselves, by refusing to recognise delegates to the Federation appointed by the only industrially organised body (outside the N.U.R.H.S.) in this country, notwithstanding the title of the Federation. Those members of the A.S.E. at the Power Station are

also to blame for not calling together the whole of the workers employed with them and putting in their demands conjointly, irrespective of the crafts or the Federation. Then you would have had the proper form of procedure and the right basis for organising.

And in spite of newspaper articles, you have got to and must fight to keep shop or branch autonomy. One of the functions of your shop stewards is to bring the men together, arrange meetings and conduct business when necessary-not, as some believe, to collect dues from members who never attend their branch meetings. It is right on the job you have got to do the work; and—the important point you have to recognise—there is a class war, always on. Hence under the present system get all you can, until the establishment of the industrial commonwealth. C.B.T.

Readers of this issue who do not see the "International" regularly are reminded that, apart from union journals, it is the only working class paper in Africa, and is on the way to completing its third year of publication. with a continuously increasing subscribers list. Every working man in Africa should have his same on that list. The subscription is only 5s. per annum, or 2s. 6d. per half year, for which it is sent by post to your address every week. Just skimming a casual copy now and again is no good —take it for a year or at least six months. When it comes to renewing your sub. is the proper time to consider whether your money has been well spent. Send vour name, address and P.O. to the Becretary, International Socialist League, 5, Neppes Buildings corner of Fox and Maclaren Streets Marshall Square, P.O. Box 4179, Jo hannesburg (phone 6035): we do the rest. If you still hesitate, send your name and address only and ask to be put on the free list for a month, so that you can see what the paper's like If satisfied become a subscriber and get vour mate to do likewise.

#### POTABLE PATRIOTISM.

An old soldier writes to the s'ackers: "If you have weak hearts, then is nothing like a drop of rum and over the top for a certain cure: you forget all such pains as toothache and storach-ache, with a creepy feeling round the heart;" and tells a chestnut about a mouse who licked a few drops are from rum rations: "and would believe it, that mouse after having he the rum stood up on its hind least said 'Now, where are those days Germans?" Yes, the Hempire's peal is to Philip drunk: but oh, what a headache's coming in the morning

# Blessed are the Peacemakers.

The revolt of a section of the A.S.E. against the officialdom of the Federation is a severe blow against those misleaders who are endeavouring to sell the birthright of the workers to the capitalist class. These misleaders have had the blessing of the possessing class. As peacemakers they have been boosted in the Press and gorged at banquets as the guests of the representatives of the big industries. But, "alack and alas," they are discredited, they have been found wanting in their control of the rank and file, they have failed in their subservient misleading schemes and servile tactics. Their tactics have placed the workers in a false position, by asking them to petition the Government to stop profiteering, knowing, as some of them do, it was impossible to stop exploitation under a system of society based on profits. And now the weapon of extortion is being used against the workers of the municipality who happen to be in the unique position of being able to demand, and not ask as a favour, a wage that will to a certain extent compensate for the rise in the cost of living.

These compromising tactics of round table conferences, conciliation boards, joint boards and platitudes of identity of interest are an aftempt to square the circle, to achieve the impossible task of eliminating the antagonism that must necessarily exist in a society of economic inequality and wage

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The best laid schemes of mice and men aft gang agley"; and all social ameliorating schemes must fail that neglect to take into account those economic forces that determine the evointionary development in society. These misleaders have failed owing to reglecting to take into account the shanged conditions in society to-day, and must pay the penalty of their failire. Our present form of society has no room for failure. All sections of the possessing class are denouncing he abject failure of their servile peacenakers, and are calling upon the Govrnment to devise some means to put stop to the rising demands of the vorkers, some sections advocating a epetition of the Government methods F January, 1914.

Under our present system of wage lavery, the section of society that sold the jobs have the power to say, o the workers whether they shall rerive employment or not. The only reedom that exists is the freedom to tarve, and even that freedom is limied, as in the so-called interests of law and order," the rulin class have he power to arrest any person not swing any visible means of subsistnce. The wage system of our present here of civilisation is slavery. The battel slave knew he was a slave, but wage slave of to-day is hypnotised The glamour of a so-called glorious ivinsation. The servile Press boost er culture," neglecting to point out hat it is denied to 90 per cent of the Even the so-called aristothe of labour are denied the right of in that culture. They and nature produce the wealth world and in return get but a material wage enabling them to

exist and produce future workers. The capitalist class in possession of the land and machinery of production buy the labour power of the workers at the cheapest possible wage. The wage on the average is but a subsistence wage, and is determined by the cost of production. It costs more to produce a professional man, such as a doctor or lawyer, than a skilled mechanic, whilst the cost of producing the unskilled worker is but the cost of food, shelter and clothing.

The several grades of workers in selling their labour power in the market receive in return a wage that is but a subsistence corresponding to the standard of life of the several workers, which is higher for the professional worker than for the skilled mechanic, and lowest in the case of the unskilled workers. The same economic law governs the workers' labour power when placed upon the market as governs any other commodity. Just as a commodity in the control of a trust can demand a price much above its value, so properly organised labour will be able to demand a wage considerably above what the employing class considers its value.

The unique position of the municipal employees enabled them to succeed in obtaining a wage above what the employing class considered their value, whereas a-sectional strike in any other field must have been a failure. Whilst not blaming them for taking advantage of their power, which was instified in a form of society based on force and grab, yet the principle that should animate the workers was absent. The solidarity of labour is the weapon that is all powerful to combat organised capital. But not the sham solidarity of a federation of craft unions such as compose the S.A.I.F., with the sidetracking amelioratory schemes of its paid officials and an imbecile executive that asks for Government Commissions to enquire into a strike.

The workers' organisation to combat modern conditions must be a class conscious organisation, a solid body of workers in one union, irrespective of skill or colour. Such an organisation would be all powerful in the conflict. of interests that must necessarily exist in any form of society based on profits. Such a form of organisation would eliminate the jarring, petty jealousies of sectional workers. It would not negotiate" at round table conferences for minor improvements in working conditions. It would have a clearer vision of the economic slavery of all workers in the present form of society. would be all powerful to withhold its labour and secure all concessions that were worth having under the present system. As a class conscious organisation the workers would recognise that they have been robbed through the centuries and are robbed to-day, and would dare to claim their own and claim a share in the culture that has come to us from the past. "Peace, perfect peace," is the dream of imbeciles or conscious misleaders, and can never be in any form of society based on greed and grab.

J.M.G.

FOUND.—A parcel was left in the Palmerston Hall last Sunday night.—
The owner can recover by apply to the Acting Secretary.

### Black Workers in America

Just as in South Africa, so in America the black workers have been in the main left alone by the labour unions. In the States of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and one or two others they form over half the working class. Up to a few years ago the unions, exactly as they still do in this unduly conservative land, refused them admittance. Many still do so. But here and there the remorseless logic of events has ledsome unions to see that the unorganised workers, "black, white or brindled," as a Bummery man in Durban put it, were all used as scabs. So on occasion il 3 black men have been organised also. A noteworthy case is that of the engine drivers and stokers in and near New Orleans a dozen years ago. When the white stokers struck, the black men were employed as scabs -- and at white pay. But next time the stokers and drivers struck, there were no scabs of any race, colour or creed to be had in New Orleans. The railwaymen were all organised. Similarly, the cigar-makers in Tampa, Florida, were scabbed on by black men, who got the same pay as those whose jobs they took. Next time there was a dispute the black men were organised. Another case is that of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union of the Atlantic Gulf (affiliated with the A.F. of L. and International Seamen's Union of America). This union has a coloured (i.e., negro) branch in New York, with an official representative on the Union Executive. Formerly on the Atlantic coast black cooks got 25 dollars and white 50 a month. Then they organised and all struck together, and now get 75 all round.

But these are not typical cases. Trade unions in America have pursued the same suicidal "white labour" policy as here. And the results have been as like as two peas. It is estimated that not over fifty thousand black workers in all America are in the unions. In the main, the American unions, like those in our sunny and monopolised land, have not yet realised that the black scab is just as scabby as the white. The exceptions are in the large seaports and railway centres of the southern States, such as Tampa, New Orleans and Galveston. But go to New York (that larger edition of Johannesburg) and you find typical cases such as this: the janitors are organised, but not the neoro ones, who are being more and more employed.

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JOHANNES BURG CENTRAL BRANCH.—To all comrades of the class war. The Central Branch is holding a meeting to-night, Friday, 24th, at 8 p.m. in the Palmerston Hotel, Commissioner Street, of comrades anxious to study scientific socialism and practise public speaking. It is hoped that many comrades will enrol as members of the class. The events in every country to-day point to stirring times ahead for the socialist movement, and to a confusion of ideas due to future developments, which it is for the socialist movement to clear up. The more clear-headed speakers the working class have the greater the success for socialism. Get ready to do your bit. Write to the Secretary, Box 4179.

#### ndustrial Democracy.

Here is the Russian substitute for trikes, Buckle, McFie, Crawford, and he military. It is a translation of the faximalist decree concerning the control of factories by the working

(1) In order to put the economic life of the country on an orderly basis, connol by the workers is instituted over ll industrial, commercial, and agricultural undertakings and societies and hose connected with banking and ransport, as well as over productive coperative societies which employ labour or put out work to be done at some, in connection with the production, purchase and sale of commodities and of raw materials, and with the concervation of such commodities, as well as regarding the financial aspect of such undertakings.

(2) Control is exercised by all the workers of a given enterprise through me medium of their elected organs. such as factories and works committees, councils of workmen's delegates, etc., such organs equally comprising representatives of the employees and of the technical staff.

lown, province, or district, is set up a local workmen's council of control, which being the organ of the soldiers', workmen's and peasants' council, will comprise the representatives of the labour unions, workmen's committees, and of any other factories, as well as of workmen's co-operative societies.

(4) Until such times as workmen's councils of control hold a congress, the All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control is to be set up in Petrograd, on which will sit representatives of the following organisations: Five delegates of the E.C. of the Council (Soviet) of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies of Russia: five delegates of the E.C. of the Peasants' Council of Russia; five delegates of the Labour Unions of Russia; two delegates of the Central Committee of the Workmen's Co-operative Societies of Russia; five delegates of the Factory and Works Committee of Rusria: five delegates of the Engineers' and Technical Agents' Union of Russia; two delegates of the Agrarian Union of Russia; one delegate from each Workmen's Union in Russia having not less than 100,000 members, two delegates from any Union having a membership of over 100,000, two delegates from the E.C. of the Labour mions.

Supreme Organ of Control are set up committees of inspection comprising technical specialists, accountants, etc. These committees, both on their own initiative or at the request of local workmen's organs of control, proceed to a given locality to study the financial and technical side of any enterprise.

(6) The Workmen's Organs of Control have the right to supervise production, to fix a minimum wage in any undertaking, and to take steps to fix the prices at which manufactured articles are to be sold.

(8) The decisions of the Workmen's Organs of Control are binding upon the owners of undertakings, and cannot be nullified save by the decision of a Workmen's Superior Organ of Control.

(12) The All-Russian Workmen's Council of Control shall work out a general plan for control to be exercised by the workmen, and to issue instructions and regulations, and to systematise the reports of the various Workmen's Councils of Control; and constitute the supreme authority for dealing with all matters connected with the control exercised by workmen.

(14) All laws and circulars which impede the proper working of the factory, works and other committees, and that of workmen's and employees' councils, are abrogated.

#### War and the New World.

Bishop Furse and Parson Ponsonby, lecturing at Maritzburg under the above title, are farsighted enough to foretell (and perhaps, like Schwab, to try making friends with their adversary in anticipation of) a "bust-up" coming all over the world, owing not merely to the upheavals of the war, but to the "atrocities of peace, compared with which the German atrocities are as a drop of water." (If we socialists say that, we get pulled off the søap-box.) As for this country, says his Lordship, "you are going to have a row between white and black unless the white man is prepared to see that real justice is done to the native." Certainly it is marvellous how few of us realise that coming fow. Fewer still, whether Bishops or "Socialists" so called, realise that nothing can raise that row above the level of a blind black rebellion and bloodier white revenge, and convert it into an episode of the beneficent social revolution, except an understanding, which only Socialism provides and which it is the duty of Socialists to impart, of the real parties to the real row. The prelate of course doesn't want the social revolution, and trots out our old friend "justice" as its saving alternative: After the war the same old struggle will be resumed, and it will be a choice between revolution and justice." (General Smuts' recent remark that "for the future peace of the" (capitalist) "world we cannot allow the present state of Russia to continue" helps towards an appreciation of what sort of "justice" it is that is thus opposed to the revolution.) But the curate corrects his superior. He sees that it is "the present commercial system' that is responsible for the wholesale sacrifice of children and degradation of women, "due to poverty and insufficient wages." What then is the use of talking about "iustice" under that system, the abolition of which is precisely the meaning and object of the "revolution?"?

LANTERN LECTURES.—Our comrades connected with the Socialist
Sunday School in Cape Town have
purchased a lantern, which they use
for the purpose of illustration items
mentioned in their various lectures.
Will comrades who happen to possess
pictures or illustrated magazines from
which suitable subjects can be transferred assist the Cape Town workers,
either by handing the illustrations to
the Acting Secretary, at Head Office,
or forwarding direct to Conrade Pick,
19, Constitution Street, Cape Town.

#### More Pro-Germans.

The "Aeroplane," an English magazine circulating amongst the manufacturers of areoplanes, who are piling up huge fortunes out of the war, publishes an article on the workers of Britain:—

"In his proper place the pig is a useful and even a likeable animal.
The devil of lunacy which affected our politicians before and early in the war seems now to have possessed a large portion of the working men of this nation, with the result that the whole herd seems to be on the point of rushing down and perishing in the waters of anarchy. It remains to be seen whether the original Gadarene miracle is to be bettered and whether the harmless necessary pigs are to find a Saviour who will cast out the devils and save them as much as the lunatics.

A few weeks of military disci-

pline would soon exorcise the devils of

anarchy which possess these people. . The country may be conquered by the British Army. . or the country may be conquered by Germany; and that depends entirely on whether the working classes do their duty or not. The aristocracy and bourgeoisie have already done all that and more than the country has any right to expect of them. Either form of conquest would be better than the fate of the Gadarene swine. . Germany's policy is evidently to stir up the forces of anarchy among the Allied nations, and so end the War. Then when her enemies were thus broken up the German politico-military aristocracy would step in and govern Europe, helped by the better-class people of what are now the Allied countries, who would naturally prefer German Government to mob rule as exhibited in Russia to-day."

That is what Mayor T. F. Allen is feeling like to-day.

"Jerusalem for the Zionists first," then they will all gladly become socialists." "An Irish Republic first, then an Irish Workers' Republic.": "The sovereign Czecho-Slovak state, a condition precedent to the co-operative commonwealth." 'Let's beat the Germans first, then we are with you Internationals." What is there to choose among all this rubbish? Socialists who dabble in nationalism — be it Dutch, Irish, white native, Czech, British; German, Indian, or what not -cannot escape sooner or later having to choose between the two incom-: patibles.

"In Petrograd during the first month of the November revolution," said Col. W. B. Thompson, an American banker, to a "New York World" interviewer, "I can say from my personal observation there was better order than at any other time during my four months stay. The German prisoners in Russia are all infected with Socialistic ideas—as indeed is everyone except the rich and the landed proprietors—and they will carry the idea and the realisation of the Social Revolution to Germany whensoever they return there after the conclusion of peace."

#### No Settlement.

A.S.E. man (gleefully rubbing his hands): We've got the £82s.

Socialist: Hearty congratulations. old chap, and many happy returns. But, do you know, I can't help looking at what you have still to get, rather than what you have got? Just think of the whole suburbs of vampires here in Johannesburg who suck their existence in the many devious ways of capitalism out of our labours. Think of the palatial homes of the o capitalist class, and trace that architectural beauty to its source—to the labours in the first place of the native clay diggers in the brick-fields, living themselves in rags and filth, to the eorns on the brickies' thumbs, their frames bent with toil into caricatures of men, and broken as often as not at middle age. Think of the sweating conditions which prevail in the furniture and tailoring trades, as you see a bloated blood-sucker in a creaseless suit, lolling in a chair he did not make, smoking a cigar he did not grow, at a cosy fire, the fuel for which we risk our life and health to extract from the bowels of mother earth. While you stumble around your kia with a candle, you, aristocrat of labour as you call yourself, turn his habitation nightly into

A.S.E. man (quickly): We've beaten them; they're down and out.

Socialist: I say I look at what you have not yet got. The greater part of your wages, even now, is the undrawn part, which, so long as the present social system continues, will be pocketed by the capitalist class to supply themselves with the luxuries in which they revel, and upon which they fling away the labour of our hands and brains in a mad race for pleasure. Can you look upon their "high life," without disgust, without a sense of degradation, without a feeling of being robbed in being forced to supply the means not alone of their existence, but of the riotous living of a class of moral oriminals as useless to society as they are vicious?

A.S.E. Man: It's got to come gradually, you know. It's only a matter

of time.

Socialist: Capitalism goeth not out by twelve bob rises. The human parasite, the genus capitalist, will be left homeless, naked, starving and therefore obliged to seek work, only when we workers, each in his own industry, take complete control of all industries, and cut off the supply of commodities from everyone who is too proud or too lazy to work. It is with this specific object that our fellowworkers on the Clyde and elsewhere have taken important steps towards what is known as industrial unionism, to which belongs the shop steward system, or 'local autonomy,') that 'f principle new in trade unionism' over which the "Star" weeps because you were sufficiently wide-awake to adopt it in the recent strike. Industrial unionism, in which all employees in one workshop or industry organise and fight together, irrespective of the craft which they follow, is indeed the very system on which the capitalist class, with superior "business" acumen, have organised in their chambers of commerce and Chamber of Mines, the members of which are the capitalist stewards of the various workshops

and mines.

I saylagain, I look at what you have not got: you have not got the right to keep your job: you have not even the right to retain your £8 2s. for a moment longer than the time necessary for the capitalist class to make the necessary preparations to take it away from you. You have taken them by surprise with an unexpected show of solidarity when they thought you were still under the "See it through" anaesthetic they gave you after your beating in 1914. Read te "Star" and other papers. They, the mouthpieces of the capitalist class, assure you that the matter, so far as they are concerned, has scarcely begun, and that wour £8 2s. is "no settlement at all." Now do vou know what is up their sleeve? The low-grade mines, which have been kept going for Unionist Party purposes and to assure a reservoir of labour which can be turned out to glut the labour market at a moment's no-

A.S.E. Man: There will be the deuce to pay if the mines are closed

down.

Socialist: You have no say in the matter. The control of all industries still lies with the capitalist class. It is for you now to organise along the proper lines, and ultimately to take away from the capitalists the control of industry, thereby making lock-outs impossible.

A.S.E. Man: Crawford——.
Socialist: Never mind Crawford. If
you were as wide-awake to your own
interests as he is to his, you would
subscribe right away to the only
working class paper in South Africa,
the "International," to which you
may put any further questions and receive no crooked, answers.

# Asking for More.

Under the profit system, misleaders promise to reduce profit making by Cost of Living Commissions, or rackrenting by Moratorium Acts; and prices and rents still soar. Common sense has moved miners, engineers, tailors, telephone operators, Government clerks, plasterers, police and all the other groups about to follow their example, to make the same demand as the profiteers (or the restaurant-keepers who are raising the price of meals) themselves make—for a bigger share of the product "to keep abreast with the times." Crawford exhumes that decayed corpse of pre-Victorian times, a limited fund available for wages, for which the workers have got to fight among themselves, and beyond which there is nothing for them. Socialism has long since brushed that capitalist humbug aside, and claims for the workers the whole product of their labour. To demand what is still much less than that whole product therefore, wages fund or no wages fund — to make depredations on the great bulk of it hitherto reserved for capitalist and landlord—is to err not on the side of exorbitance but of modesty. It is the only practical direction for working class demands under the existing grab and scramble system, all the more so because it shows up how impracticable and incurable that system really is. It follows that the workers' most practical demand of all

—which, if they would only act all together and simultaneously, high and low, skilled and unskilled, they could enforce to-day — is to demand the whole; which means, to bring the system to an end and replace it by the cooperative commonwealth.

# For Young and Old.

The capitalist class is talking about education after the war, but the Johannesburg Central Branch of the I.S.L. is educating the workers of today. One of the methods adopted is the Socialist Sunday School.

The school is divided into four classes — infants, junior, senior and adult. The method of teaching the children is by short lectures, given by a grown up comrade. Encouragement is given to questions and discussion. With the adult class, socialist litera-

ture is studied.

Comrades and sympathisers, it is your duty to take every opportunity of educating yourselves on the principles of the movement that is shaking the foundations of capitalism. Make a point of attending the school every Sunday. It is held at Neppes Buildings, corner of Fox and Maclaren Sts. The children meet at 11 a.m. and the adults at 10 a.m.

All Rand members of the League connected with trade unions or the labour movement are advised to attend the meeting on the recent strike convened by the S.A. Industrial Federation for this Sunday, the 26th inst., at 2.30 p.m. at the Palladium Theatre, there to uphold the ideas promulgated by the I.S.L. Attempts are being made to restrict the admission to certain sections, but wage-earners should insist on the right of entry on a matter affecting them all.

Dr. Cohn, an Independent Socialist member of the Reichstag, whose recent outburst was cabled, had something to say there apropos of the Uk-

raine peace:

"Who will benefit by the German Peace?" he cried. "The war is for the rich and the poor pay for it with their corpses." (President's bell, and great commotion.). . . . . . Therefore I say, the war may for the moment push us into the background, . . but, my lords and politicians, at the end of the tragedy it is you who will be ruined and the proletariat is sure to win, if indeed it has not already won. . . You may throw up as many defences as you will... the Russian revolution will. overleap them . . and if you cannot end the war by means of understanding and reconciliation then the peoples will themselves end the war. I bless the day when it will come to this (commotion): I bless the day when the peoples will take their fate into their own hands against the princes and against the statesmen, against the militarists, above all against German militarism." (Great commotion: the President's bell.)

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