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THE DEED.

Our kinsmen on that misty, sad green isle, From their small hovels forced in deepest night, There in the sweltering darkness of the slums, Are shot,

And left untended in their pains to die.

Old mother, torn from bed by burly men,
And ruthless hustled through the listening
streets

Telling her beads, her prayers a-mumbling o'er, Until some careless sniper, with an oath, Raises his piece and shoots her through the brain.

O maiden with the sea grey eyes asleep,
And lips grown sweeter in thy slumbrous dreams,
By thundrous knocking suddenly art waked;
Blanch now with terror at the heavy tread
Of violators strange that bring thy death.

Who stirred the caldren of this evil brew?
Great folk in buttressed might have wrought this wrong.

Throbs now the piston of the armoured car,
March here the Specials with their murderous

In the cold mortuary their victims lie.

A burning anger in our brains doth seeth, And welling o'er our dear hopes is despair; The tumult and the shouting soon are gone, The soldiers and their captains all depart, But still endureth in our hearts the pain.

One of the great who made that caldron seethe, One of the sowers of swift death to those Lowly and poor, the pawns 'twixt rich men's aims.

Who in the misty isle are done to death; Unto the Empire City came he here.

Honoured by wealth, to wealth he honour paid, And laurels offered to the dead who died In wealth's sore service on the fields of France; Safe mid the armies of his master's throne, He laid a gloss of virtue on their deeds.

So spake he in the lordly pride of place,
The pompous pageantry of power, nor saw
Those murdered victims from our eyes stare
forth,

The while we watched him, writhing in the hell Of our despair and grief. We waited there.

Alone he stood, all confident in strength;
His sword in its bright scabbard, and his breast
Tricked out with medals for the gala show.
Together we in anguish followed close;
Two Irish lads whose thoughts did seethe in pain.

One with a wooden leg, both bearing wounds
Got in those battles on the fields of France.

O, little hovels in the grey, mean streets,
Dance in our sight amongst these mansions
grand!

Stops he to enter; swift our shots are sped.

Now lies he, as in Ulster lie our folk,

A shattered corpse, bleeding upon the stones,

And we that live must wrestle with this fate

Beset like maddened curs by gathering crowds,

And vengeance waiting on the judgment seat.

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How Fortunes were made in the Mines.

A Tale of Wrong.

So terrible were the conditions of the unfortunate children employed in British coal mines in the early nineteenth century, that, as the result of considerable agitation a Royal Commission was appointed in 1840 to inquire into "the physical and moral conditions of the children and young persons employed in mines and manufactures. This Commission consisted of Thomas Tooke, Thomas Southwood Smith, a doctor of medicine, and two factory inspectors, Horner and Robert Saunders.

We print below in full the Report of the Commissioners in regard to coal mines. It is a striking document; but, as our readers will judge for themselves, from the evidence given at the Commission, which we shall publish next week, the indictment is greatly under-stated, in view of the terrible conditions which existed.

PHYSICAL AND MORAL CONDITIONS OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ENGAGED IN MINES AND MANU-FACTORIES IN 1840-3.

PHYSICAL CONDITION.

I.—REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN COAL MINES.

From the whole of the evidence which has been collected, state the Commissioners, we find:

In regard to coal mines:

That instances occur in which children are taken into these mines to work as early as four years of age, sometimes at five, and between five and six, not unfrequently between six and seven, and often from seven to eight; while from eight to nine is the ordinary age at which employment in these mines commences.

That a very large proportion of the persons employed in carrying on the work of these mines is under thirteen years of age, and a still larger proportion between thirteen and eighteen.

That in several districts female children begin to work in these mines at the same early age as the males.

That the great body of children and young persons employed in these mines are of the families of adult workpeople engaged in the pits, or belong to the poorest population in the neighbourhood, and are hired and paid in some districts by the workpeople, but in others by the proprietors or contractors.

That there are in some districts also a small number of apprentices who are bound to serve their masters until twenty-one years of age, in an employment in which there is nothing deserving the name of skill to be acquired, under circumstances of frequent ill-treatment, and under the oppressive condition that they shall receive only food and clothing, while their free companions may be obtaining a man's wages.

That in many instances much that skill and capital can effect to render the place of work unoppressive, healthy, and safe is done often with complete success, as far as regards the healthfulness and comfort of the miners; but that to render them perfectly safe does not appear to be practicable by any means yet known; while in great numbers of instances their condition in regard both to ventilation and drainage is lamentably defective.

That the nature of the employment which is assigned to the youngest children, generally that of "trapping," requires that they should be in the pit as soon as the work of the day commences, and, according to the present system,

that they should not leave the pit until the work of the day is at an end.

That although this employment scarcely deserves the name of labour, yet, as the children engaged in it are commonly excluded from light and are always without companions, it would, were it not for the passing and re-passing of the coal carriages, amount to solitary confinement of the worst order.

That in those districts in which the seams of coal are so thick that horses go direct to the workings, or in which the side passages from the workings to the horseways are not of any very great length, the lights in the main ways render the situation of these children comparatively less cheerless, dull, and stupefying; but that in some districts they remain in solitude and darkness during the whole time they are in the pit, and, according to their own account, many of them never see the light of day for weeks together during the greater part of the winter season, except on those days in the week when work is not going on and on Sundays.

That at different ages, from six years old and upwards, the hard work of pushing and dragging the carriages of coal from the workings to the main ways, or to the foot of the shaft, begins; a labour which all classes of witnesses concur in stating requires the unremitting exertion of all the physical power which the young workers possess.

That in the districts in which females are taken down into the coal mines, both sexes are employed together in precisely the same kind of labour, and work for the same number of hours; that the girls and boys, and the young men and young women, and even married women and women with children, commonly work almost naked, and the men, in many mines, quite naked; and that all classes of witnesses bear testimony to the demoralising influence of the employment of females underground.

That, in the East of Scotland, a much larger proportion of children and young persons are employed in these mines than in other districts, many of whom are girls; and that the chief part of their labour consists in carrying the coals

That, when the workpeople are in full employment, the regular hours of work for children and young persons are rarely less than eleven; more often they are twelve; in some districts they are thirteen; and in one district they are generally fourteen and upwards.

That in the great majority of these mines night work is a part of the ordinary system of labour, more or less regularly carried on according to the demand for coals, and one which the whole body of evidence shows to act most injuriously both on the physical and moral condition of the work-people, and more especially upon that of the children and young persons.

WORKERS' OPPOSITION. By Alexandra Kollontay.

(Continued from last week.)

Quite a different thing with the trade unions. position of forces is more homogeneous, the tasks that the collective is faced with are more closely bound with the immediate life and labour needs of the producers themselves, of the members of factory and shop committees, of the factory management, and the unions' centres. Creativeness, research of new forms for production, for new incentives to labour, in order to increase productivity, may be generated only in the bosom of collective.

a cross over the Communist reconstruction of shop committees for running the industries. tion at the same time.

by our party leaders. It is impossible to decree by the rest of the comrades deviating from it? Communism. It can be treated only in the process of practical research, through mistakes, perhaps, but only by the creative powers of the working class itself.

creative spirit of the proletariat.

There will be nothing surprising if at the ap- life into the Soviet institutions. proaching party congress the sponsors of the This is not the thing, however. Every child different economic reforms, save the single ex- in Soviet Russia knows that the vital problem is ception of the Workers' Opposition, will come to draw the wide toiling masses of workers, to a common unit anding through mutual con peasants, and others, into the reconstruction of promises and concessions, since there is no essen- economy in the proletarian state, and change the piffle, piffle! The Labour Party will get you tial controversy among them.

must not, compromise. This does not, however, activity in the masses; but what is being done again to speak on the Square. mean that it "drives to a split." Not at all. in order to encourage and develop that initiamean that it drives to a split. Not at all. In order to encourage and develop that initiative forget you are a slave past the watching detective at the top.

Its task is entirely different. Even in the event tive? Nothing at all. Quite the contrary. It you will; but never forget you are a slave past the watching detective at the top. of defeat at the congess, it must remain in the as true that at every meeting we call upon the party, and step by step stubbornly defend its working men and women "to create a new life, point of view, save the party, and clarify its build up, and assist the Soviet authorities," but class lines.

Workers' Opposition wants? ducers themselves—for administering the people's being ignored, are in haste to cut short the efforts further than "free speech," then you might

2. For this purpose, viz.: for the transformation of the unions from the role of passive assistance to the economic bodies, to that of an active participation and manifestation of their creative initiative, the Workers' Oppositon proposes a There the class atmosphere is thicker, the com- series of preliminary measures to an orderly and gradual realisation of this aim.

3. Transferring of the administrative functions had his concertina, and I had my violin. A factor of industry into the hands of the union does months ago the editor of the Communist Review not take place until the All-Russian Central printed a song in the Review saying that he we Executive Committee of the trade unions has going to give the workers of Britain real revolufound the said unions to be able and sufficiently tionary songs, as they had nothing but a fa prepared for the task.

this natural class collective. Only the vanguard economic positions shall be made with consent of the class can create revolution, but only the of the union. All candidates nominated by the whole class can create through everyday experi- union are non-removable. All responsible ence and the practical work of its basic class officials appointed by the union are responsible to, and may be recalled, by it.

Whoever does not believe in the creative spirit 5. In order to carry out all these proposals it of a class collective—and this collective is most is necessary to strengthen the rank and file fully represented by the trade union-must put nucleus in the unions, and to prepare factory and

society. Neither can Krestinsky or Preobrajen- 6. By means of concentrating in one body sky nor Lenin and Trotsky push to the fore- the entire administration of the public economy front by the means of their party machine, with- (without the existing dualism of the Supreme out a mistake, those workers who are able to find Council of National Economy and the All-Russian and point out new approaches to the new system Executive Committee of the trade unions) there of production. Such workers can be advanced must be created a singleness of will which will only by life-experience itself from the ranks of make it easy to carry out the plan and put into life those who actually produce and organise produc- the Communist system of production. Is this Syndicalism? Is not this, on the contrary, the Nevertheless, this consideration, very simple same as what is stated in our party programme, and clear to every practical man, is lost sight of and are not the statements of principles signed

On Bureaucracy and Self-activity of the

place between the party leaders and the Workers' troversy between the leaders of our party and Albert Parsons, the Chicago Anarchist. In the distribution for our stuff. Opposition is this: In whom will our party place the Workers' Opposition. The question of year 1887 the authorities of that city sentenced flound came in just then. He sat down at do we do now?" the trust of building up the Communist economy bureaucracy was raised and only superficially disthe trust of building up the Communist economy bureaucracy was raised and only supering in the Supreme Council of National Economy cussed at the eighth Soviet Congress. Herein, cause they were Anarchists. 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The essence of it is this: fighters of the past by telling of their fight, and red some sort of diagram. Can you manage to Fox, who was to bring a taxi, as we had Proudhon en Francujo, Belgojo, Italujo, kaj first. Comrades Lenin and Zinoviett, on the other hand, want to "bring up" the masses to such a level of Communist understanding that they a level of Communist understanding that they a level of Communist understanding that they are level of Communist understa institutions. Bucharin and the rest of the facbureaucratic state system or a system of wide institutions. Bucharin and the rest of the facbureaucratic state system or a system of wide institutions. Bucharin and the rest of the facbureaucratic state system or a system of wide institutions. Bucharin and the rest of the facbureaucratic state system or a system of wide institutions. Bucharin and the rest of the facbureaucratic state system or a system of wide institutions. 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Only the Workers' tion, and the controversy arises between two dia- be doing who claims to be a Communist. Opposition expresses something entirely different, metrically opposed principles—bureaucracy or ing books and papers on Communism is defends the class proletarian viewpoint in the self-activity. And yet they try to squeeze it passing the time, no matter how useful it may workers' republic during the present transitory stitution of the subjects discussed, as the one Communism you must get them to try. period must be a body directly elected by the pro- that occurred in the debates on the trade unions. must touch that in their life which they under the to find us." ducers themselves. All the rest of the adminis. It is necessary to state definitely and clearly that stand; and, after having done so, you must go trative economic Soviet institutions shall serve half-measures, changes in relations between cen- them to work, no matter how small the wa only as executive centres of the economic policy of tral bodies, local economic organisations, and may be. As you do so, your growth will be. that all-important economic body of the workers' other such petty non-essential innovations as re- At this meeting, which was attended by eight that all-important economic body of the workers' other such petty non-essential innovations as to other such petty non-essential innova republic. All else is a goose-stepping that manifests distrust toward the creative abilities of the workers, distrust which is not compatible with was after us. If things were all right is clear, and take the parcels to the cab."

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We got everything out all right, with the uncompatible with the uncompatible with the prevailing bureaucratic system, and dissent to us. strength depends on the perennial revolutionary integrate among the elements of the former bour- only for your master and the manumitted slave geois class, will not bring "democratisation" or

economy in the proletarian state, and change the plane, plane; The Labour Council will be to by the archway at the top. We drew we had done miracles. A hundred thousand of conditions of life accordingly; in other words, the al controversy among them.

The Workers' Opposition alone will not, and task is clear: To wake up initiative and self of the Frees by Bagoff, in spite of a watching again to speak on the Square.

Conditions of life accordingly; in other words, the that, your Trades and Labour Counter that you be allowed the right and as Fox came in sight we beckoned him.

ANTI-PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNIST no sooner do the masses or individual groups of Once more in brief: What is it that the workers take our admonition seriously and attempt to carry it out into life than some of the idea and use everything that comes your 1. To form a body from the workers-pro- bureaucratic institutions, feeling that they are you are on the right track; but if you see of too zealous initiators. (To be continued.) well throw in your checks."

PROLETARIAN SCHOOLS.

July 8, 1922.

"ANNIE LAURIE." By Tom Anderson.

On Sunday, June 25th last, your humble vant lectured to fully 1,000 workers at Nels Monument, on Glasgow Green, on "Rebe Songs." My comrade, Davie, a blind musicia hymns wedded to Church melodies. The son 4. All appointments to the administrative printed by the Communist Review was not what

> given to show how we of the Proletarian School workers. We opened with "Come, workers will be enough to meet the case?"

"I dreamt one night of angels," "Nothing but the instructions in a separate booklet and wire grille, and so never cleaned. a Striking, Henry," "Oh! How I Love Him," onfine it to trustworthy members of the organisa- In a couple of hours I had got nearly all the have sixty other songs besides these, so that if the knew much of printing.

is the question the Press of Glasgow asked. knew nothing of at the start, and have usually came in. Why do the Proletarians sing "Annie Laurie" receeded in getting the kybosh on it."

-Burns, Clynes, Thorne, McLean, Henderson Ward, Adamson, Thomas, Tillett, Jones, etc. It is not for you. You may ask for it, but

slave you live, a slave you will die.

A slave getting "free speech," never. until you break your slavery.

That is the fight! If you catch hold of

RED NIGHTS. By L. A. MOTLER. (Continued from last week.)

n I got back to our rooms over the shop indeed, were not entered by the shop at out from the back, save for a way of which ill read) Bagoff had not returned. Talmour making tea, and presently, as he poured it come papers on the table.

movement are endeavouring to educate the "What's that?" I asked. "Surely our own

That's settled, then," he said, relieved. He door.

than we espied somebody leaning negliThat night, as we took to our beds, we felt join subtenatajn per la ŝtata kredito.

and walked round the block and sauntered And what then? A slave with a heart, nevel passing the street near the archway, and right on as if he had some business else-. Then he hesitated. No doubt he than the first issue.

had had instructions to watch the street we were in but we trusted to the acting of Fox to draw him off. After some uncertain glancing down the street, without seeing us at the bottom, half time to read your exercise?—No; we regret that hidden in he gloom as we were, and a keen look after Fox, he decided that the elusive individual early in (at) the evenings?-No; it was often was his quarry. As soon as he turned the corner after seven (the seventh) or even eighth (then) we slipped into Fonson's. The worthy printer when we were here. had gone home long ago, but I had a key. How the door opened and in came Bagoff. He the detective, whom we had recognised at once as one who had attended certain meetings until It's all right," he said, giving me the proofs. he was found out, came to be watching the shop and the sugh of Russian parentage he was born in after it was closed we could hazard a guess. It don-" but there is another job for us. Say, was no doubt due to the efforts of Bergner, had to go over it with the whole lot of whom we had suspected a long while, but whom Our friend Bergner, whom we dislike so the Executive of the Wees (the Workers' Induswas not present, fortunately, so the trial Party) had refused to expel, as we could theme will go through. The executives have produce no solid proof. Besides, he had pulled the editor claimed: it was mild, just as mild as went us carte blanche so far as our programme off a job with which he had been entrusted as (Words that were in last week's vocabulary are concerned; but you will have to get on to a a test, and the Executive therefore considered our Last Sunday's lecture on Glasgow Green was laick job, Smith, as there's another booklet to suspicions baseless. For my part, I had no doubt he knew of the test beforehand.

Leaving Fox to draw the detective off on a good walk round the metropolis, we set to work, sing a Rebel song, a song of Love and Hate." He leaned over towards me, stirring his tea. after locking the door and plastering the windows We played the song and sang it also. Then "You forget the guards' business," he re- over with thick packing paper. It was already "Hail Dawn of Liberty," "Arise Ye Sons of marked. "It won't do to have it at the end dark by now, so these would not be noticed from Labour," "The Wage Slaves' Marching Song," the booklet, as we thought. It is much safer the outside, the windows being covered with a

"Fat is Dead," "A Little Bit of Work," "The lons. The copy will come along soon, as stuff off on the type-setting machine, and Tal-Internationale," "Henry, Henry, Will you cound himself will fetch it here and go over mour was pulling satisfactory proofs. When we Come? " "Sing, oh Sing," and "Annie with you." "Annie Laurie," are original songs, words and booklets on my hands, I was in for a stiff job. therefore hurried out, taking the key with him, account of movement. music belonging to the Proletarian Schools. We should need an assistant; and none of the other whilst I proceeded to get the formes ready for the machine.

you wish to sing, the songs are there waiting. "I'll help if I can," said Talmour. "At I had everything ready to go off when I heard But why sing "Annie Laurie"? Yes, that still be willing. I have been in many a job the key turn in the front door. Then Talmour ... TUTE EGALE, quite equally, meaning quite

They have no right to. They degrade the song Bagoff offered himself, but we agreed that as "Round has O.K.'d them and says that sig-"It is all right," he said in perfect Englishwas the brains of the party, as far as getting nalling block of yours was a find. I have told Whether it be bureaucracy or self-activity of Gentle reader, I will tell you why we sing formation went, we had better leave him to Fox to come round here and wait at the top as Kiam la eŭropa laborklaso ree gajnis sufice da The cardinal point of controversy that is taking the masses? This is the second point of the con
The cardinal point of controversy that is taking the masses? This is the second point of the con
Albert Parsons, the Chicago Anarchist. In the distribution for our stuff.

miling code, as he had done some such print- is." That was the detective. I wondered what plibonigado de la laboranta klaso, kiu estis certa

Jerkin ambling along," he explained hurriedly. nesuficeco de iliaj diversaj favorataj kuracilaĉoj, Bagoff will go with you to arrange about "I shook him off on the Marylebone Road, and kaj preparadi la vojon por li plena envido en la only with the methods of "animating the Soviet you are doing something, while you are doing something is a street of the liberigado. Kaj Marks estis prava. La Inter-The administrative economic body in the institutions." Here we observe the same subThe administrative economic body in the institutions. Here we observe the same subThe administrative economic body in the institutions. Here we observe the same subThe administrative economic body in the institutions. Here we observe the same subThe administrative economic body in the institutions. He had been been one on the control of the subjects discussed as the one communism vou must get them to try.

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The administrative economic body in the institutions of the subject of the s ting new that may turn up. He knows has looked down here once or twice, but I can't tojn tute malsamaj homoj de tiuj, kiuj ĝi ilin make out what his game is. I saw Talmour peep trovis en 1864. Proudhonismo en Francujo, out just now, so I hurried off, and I've got a taxi Lasalleanismo en Germanujo, estis elmortantaj ther Round had gone off with Bagoff, Tal- waiting round by the Lord Nelson. Are the kaj eĉ la konservativaj anglaj "Metiaj Unui-

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> detective. But as I turned over on my pillow I wondered what the detective was watching. (To be continued.)

THE MODERN SCHOOL MAGAZINE. that needed urgent attention. As he The second number of the lively magazine the detective lounging under the arch- written by the children of the Fieldgate Street becognised him. He stood up as if to go Modern School is just out. It is still better

ESPERANTO.

SLOSILO (key) DE L'EKZERCO No. 4. I am glad that you came, boys; did you have

we were very busy.—Do you not return home

EKZERCO No. 5.

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PIEDIRE, from PIEDO a foot and IRI to go, the verb here takes the adverbial E, meaning literally foot-go-ly, that is to say to go on foot. the same, or no matter.

tec. Left the note in the usual place. What klasoj, la Internacia Asocio de Laboristoj ekkreskis. Sed tiu ĉi asocio, kreita kun la ekspresa "Help me on the machine," I said. celo fandi kune en unu korpon la tutan militanned round to the others. "What do we do "I was down at the top when I saw friend ne povis ne memorigi la homajn spiritojn pri la Kapitalo, la malvenkoj eĉ pli multe ol la venkoj, goj '' kvankam la plimulto el ili de longtempe watching our departure, and lope along, "Almost," I said. "Anyway, you can take estis rompinta sian rilaton kun la Internacia, estis

they will put you in prison. You, a slave, without leson, at the other end. Well it was posed of. After unlocking the formes, the slugs ing for "free speech"! You, a slave, without leson, at the other end. Well it was posed of. After unlocking the formes, the slugs de la "Manifesto." Sed en sia publika agitado, we did so, for hardly were we in the narrow of linotype were simply cast into the melting-pot.

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MEETINGS:

FINSBURY PARK, Sunday, July 9th, 7 p.m. Speakers: Sylvia Pankhurst, C. Edwards.

VICTORIA PARK, Sunday, July 9th, 7 p.m. Speakers: W. Pratt, N. L. Smyth.

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE.

F. W. Jowett, at the Labour Party Conference, made a declaration which some Tory newspapers have greeted as revolutionary. He said: "It is no use expecting to remove this

massed collection of evil impositions by gradual ameliorative reform. We can make little impression on it that way in the lifetime of a generation. Besides, it is like mowing ripe thistles. As you cut down this year's crop you scatter the seed for the next.

"It is the new social order we want. Nothing else will save the degradation of

Labour now." The Conference cheered that statement, and the Daily Herald, the Labour Party organ, quoted it with approval in a leading article. Yet if the Labour Party, the Herald, and Mr. Jowett really meant what that declaration says, they spoke with feeling as an Indian in denouncing would give up working any longer for piecemeal reforms, but would decide, as we have done, to

concentrate upon work for Communism. Unfortunately, the Labour Party is far from having reached that stage.

Communist Party Affiliation.

The Conference by an overwhelming majority ment for India as operates in Canada, Australia, rejected the application of the Communist Party and South Africa, was defeated. for affiliation, and, moreover, decided that dele-Labour Party. This is logical: it is a decision changed its spots. to which any party that wishes to do anything

must eventually come. who declared in the witness-box that he is not Empire of those who conquered them. a Socialist, went unanswered.

weapons. The C.P. has enforced a rigid discip- and to those who would become such. line against the Communist Left, whilst it has The Labour Conference passed a resolution desought to use the laxity of Labour Party discip- claring that the Party " repudiates in advance " line to gain influence in the Labour Party. The all responsibility for military alliances. This, of Right Wing Communists have largely brought course, was aimed at the alliance with France. about their own defeat, because, in order to The Labour leaders, responsive to the policies confederates of the leader group, passed the reovercome the objections of their reluctant follow- and interests of the employers, are like a mirror solution. It would have preferred to discuss the ing, they have indulged in such theatrical declara- in which the changes in public opinion, as mani- trials of the South African strikers, or even those tions as that of Mr. Jackson, who said that the pulated by the capitalist Press, can be clearly of Jacoby and Crockford. Communists would take the Labour leaders by seen. So Britain prepares for the coming war the hand in order to get them by the throat. with France behind a smoke screen of pacifist To secure affiliation to the Labour Party, the cant phrases. Right Wing Communists cast their dignity to the winds and indicated that they might be willing to do the same with their principles. Though, according to their recent professions, the difference between the Right Wing Communists and the Labour Party are vital, the Communist Party spokesmen at the Conference pleaded that the differences were minor as compared with the points of agreement.

Jingoes Turned Pacifist.

The Labour Party Jingoes are ostensibly turned pacifist now. They carried unanimously a resolu tion that the Socialist and Labour Parties of all nations should oppose " any war entered into by any Government, whatever the ostensible ob-

a resolution to support any nation "forced by 3,694,000 votes to 386,000. The officials of armed aggression to defend its independence or the big unions, as usual, ruled the Conference by democratic institutions." They carried a re- casting as they chose the votes of their silent solution for "immediate universal disarma- unconsulted members. ment." But they called for the amending of the The Labour Party remains, as ever, largely a Treaty of Versailles, and only one voice—Griffin, bogus Party: millions of men and women who of the Scottish Dyers—demanded that the Treaty joined trade unions because they have created a be cancelled.

Party footsteps as to foreign policy, under the Labour Party, and in their name the Union guidance of Mr. Ramsey Macdonald and Colonel officials vote. Wedgwood, a Coalition Liberal who crossed the floor of the House to the Labour Party benches

after his election. ence was not bold enough to cancel, but asked for a precedent was created, and a deputation of the Germany's reparation payments the Confertheir limitation to the restoration of devastated France and Belgium. The Conference expressed its faith in the League of Nations and its "International Labour Office," thus falling into line with respectable bourgeois politics.

Mr. Tom Shaw, in supporting the resolution, said Russia should have the power to imprison those who were using British money for anti-Soviet propaganda, and that "those in this country using Russian money for propaganda should be imprisoned."

That was a smack at the Right Wing Com munists, of couse; what a hardened old social patriot is Tom Shaw, in spite of his post-

Tom Shaw, on behalf of the Executive, moved a resolution approving the policy of the Labour members of Parliament in giving their support to the Government of India Act! Saklatvala the Labour Party's support of this Act, which enfranchises only 5 per cent. of the people, as angling for votes, goes plogging away at pettia gross betrayal of the promises made to the fogging Liberal proposals, whilst Socialism re-Indians by Labour leaders their action had been mains far beyond its horizon. condemned by the Indian Trade Union Congress. An amendment asking the Parliamentary munism before the people must be free to work Party to press for the same right of self-govern- untrammelled by such outside considerations.

The Labour Party remains as hitherto: socialgates to the Party Conferences must individually patriotic, jingo, and dominated by capitalist accept the constitution and principles of the ideology; it is a leopard that has by no means

The Labour leaders are still convinced that the Government of their native capitalists is infinitely of the Social Revolutionaries in Russia, whom, The failure of the Party Executive, which superior to any other, and that somehow they prepared this resolution, lies in the fact that its will benefit along with their employers by retainrigours are not applied towards its Right Wing, ing the subject peoples within the Empire. Thereonly towards its Left. The notorious cases of fore they cannot bring themselves even to pass Havelock Wilson and others who are officials of pious esolutions for setting the subject peoples on account of our desire to maintain a high organisations affiliated to the Labour Party, and free. Even the more advanced of them fail to vet openly oppose its policy and candidates, see that whilst Englishmen who have emigrated to the capitalist world would seem to us the were raised, but Mr. Henderson replied evasively or are the dependants of emigrants may desire to fitting treatment for those who conspire against in regard to this insurgency, which has long remain attached to the Empire, the peoples whose the workers' revolution. Nevertheless, we canexisted. A question by deelgate McCarthy as countries Britain has invaded at various times not fail to observe that the agitation respecting to how the new rule would affect J. H. Thomas, may prefer to cut themselves adrift from the these Russian Social Revolutionaries is largely

Our desire that the Empire should be smashed Allied capitalist policy of establishing a ring of The Right Wing Communist Party has been up because it is a bulwark of capitalism is quite defeated by the Labour Party with its own a shocking one to the Labour Privy Councillors

The Privy Council.

Ostensibly the Labour Party is a Socialist organisation—that is to say, it has passed a mild resolution in support of Socialism; yet Arthur Henderson, in opposing the resolution that Party the Wilson murder. As a fact, however, the members should not become Privy Councillors, British Government had given its orders before objected that to do so would be to make Republi- the murder took place. canism the Party policy, and many people who were not Republicans had come into the Party. be, which is characteristic of the Labour Party Henderson said:

one pure honour given to public men which ordered Griffith and Collins to make was in this country. I hope Labour will not debar on the Republicans was allowing the most ap its leaders from accepting it where offered." palling pogroms to continue unchecked in Belfast The foolish proletarians who heard this foolish

ject." By an enormous majority they defeated speech cheered it, and defeated the motion by

monopoly in the industries in which they earn Timidly the Conference followed in Liberal their bread are affiliated automatically to the

The Unemployed.

Labour Conference. This year, to avoid that. ence. Last year's "direct action" had borne so much fruit; but, the Conference over, the unemployed have gained no more from it than last

The War Loan.

A resolution to reduce the rate of interest on War Loan was referred to the Labour Party Executive, which has declared against the proposal an dis urging instead a levy on capital.

The Labour politicians are astute enough to know that the reduction of interest on War Loan would be unwelcome to large numbers of small. holders of War Loan stock, all of whom have votes which the Labour Party sendeavouring to secure at the next election. The capital levy proposal will attack only the richer people, who would mostly oppose the Labour Party in any

The capital levy may prove very popular with the lower middle class when it is widely known to them. Thus the Labour Party continues

Those who object to lay the truths of Com-

Manipulating the Conference.

How absolutely the Labour Conference i under the control of the Executive, and how easily it can be manipulated to political ends which it fails to comprehend, was seen by the carrying of the resolution condemning the trial without any shadow of reason, it referred to as "these comrades." For our own part, we should deplore the execution of the Social Revolu tionaries-for the sake of their executioners and Deportation from a land aiming at Commi engendered by those who are supporting t capitalist border States round Russia, a chain of States amenable to Allied pressure which may be any way that Allied capitalism (or, rather, British capitalism, for the ties of the Alliance are weakening) may dictate.

The Conference, urged on by all the promin

The Irish Struggle.

When the British Government ordered Irish Free State Government to make war the Republicans in the Four Courts, the Daily Herald inferred an excuse. It said that the British Government acted under the emotion

Only the slavish respect for the Powers th officials, and the blind prejudice of the privileged "The office of Privy Councillor is the class, can obscure the fact that the Government

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THE WAR IN BELFAST.

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her of Catholics driven from their employment by uniformed Specials and armed mobs POGROM AGAINST CATHOLICS STARTED JULY 21ST, 1920.

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May 23rd, 1922, speaking in Belfast, the Six County Premier said: "We will not have lary Commission under any circumstances whatever. I state that without equivocation The bearing of these two announcements on the political situation will be appreciated by a

sal of the following figures in the extermination campaign for this year: PROTESTANTS.

u May 31st to June 25th, 1922, both inclusive, the figures are: PROTESTANTS. CATHOLICS.

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casualties in Belfast from March 30the date of Pact) to June 25th, 1922: PROTESTANTS.

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PROTESTANTS. Wounded

addition to two klled and two wounded in June, religion unascertained). the Protestants killed, John Ireland, the Press Association states, was shot by a soldier red on some civilians who were interfering with the military.

Of the Catholic victims, Charles O'Neill, James Tuton, David French, Thos. Johnson, and Rea, were shot while at work or going to their work by an Orange murder gang, and Wm. Mar, an old man of 70, was shot in his daughter's home by Orangemen.

Of the wounded Catholics, Margaret Kelly was shot by an Orange gang, after ascertaining gion; J. Byrne, Mrs. Loughran, and Francis Moan, were shot under similar circumstances; e Conlon and Mary A. Conlon were shot by Specials; and John Molloy, Lillie Curran, Markey, and Henry O'Connor were shot by Orange snipers.

unty area since November last; (2) he has money in the house.

and civilians said to be Lovalists, is 46. to say, in Belfast alone, with less than oneof the population and one-thousandth of the there have been 276 murders since ty 1st, as against 46 since December 6th, in all Ireland outside the Six County area. . . futile to speak of the Belfast Government rought none of the assassins to justice. . . . ome of the principal police officials in Belfast are necks in conspiracy to massacre and exthe Catholics. They have personally at numerous midnight murders when men have shot and bombed unarmed civilians

iflage the issue there have been occasional ions of the "Specials." outstanding items reported in the week's June 18th, 1922.—"Specials" in Russell e at Catholics leaving St. Malachy's Parochial

The house of Mr. Bernard McCoy, one of the Irish lear in mind that (1) Sir James Craig's Party candidates at the May elections, 1921, raided ent has had control of Law and Order in by Crown Forces, who looted the cellar and all the

ver 40,000 Royal Ulster Constables and Special Monday, June 19th, 1922.—Attempted murder of s armed, equipped, and paid for by the Miss Kelly, 14 Jocelyn Street. Extract from Statuvernment; (3) that over 20,000 of these are tory Declaration: "I saw two B' Specials with armelfast; (4) that of the 93.243 Catholics in that lets, caps, and rifles, walk up the street on Monused against both Germany and Russia, and in the there are only about 20,000 males between the day evening, June 19th. Without turning round, of 16 and 60; (5) that it is a penal offence for these two men pointed out Miss Kelly's house to Hill, and 25 residences in the immediate neighbourof these to bear arms; (6) that there are close four men in civilian clothes, who followed a short hood; nine dwelling houses were burned and looted 00 British military in Belfast at the beck and distance behind them. The two 'B' Specials passed in the Falls Road. In the Ormeau Road, 150 families the Government; and (7) that for the 275 on and the four others delayed about a minute out- were evicted that day and one woman shot while nurdered in Belfast since January 1st, and side the door, so as to give the 'Specials' time trying to protect her husband. In the various other ple wounded, not one criminal has been to clear out of the street. They then knocked at parts of Belfast upwards of 250 families were chased stice. The last person killed was a child the door, asked Miss Kelly her religion, and on from their homes that day. hearing she was a Catholic shot her. The bullets The most cruel and galling thing in the whole ber of people killed in the whole of Ireland afterwards found in the hall were seen to be flat story of this war of extermination against the Cathothe Six County area from December 6th to nosed. There were no men in the house. It was lies lies in the fact that nearly all the news agency R.I.C., demobilised R.I.C. military, these two 'B' Specials who carried through the representatives in Belfast and the Six County area arrangements for the murder this past week, in are connected with the Orange organs in that City. the same area, of Mr. Wm. Millar, a Catholic resident. By distortion, suppression, falsification, and halfone of the Catholic representatives of the White wards the prolongation of the pogrom than even the Cross on the Relief Committee set to work the Grant gunmen of the shipyards. Apart from their routine

> their work. A third fatally shot some months pre- "Specials" in the Clonard Monastery; the Mater viously succumbed to his wounds, while a fourth was Hospital atrocity; and the bombing of the children fatally shot. The latter died two days later. Several in Weaver Street, when "Specials" and Orange women were wounded by "Specials."

tary raided the Falls Road, including the house of the De La Salle brothers.

residents in all parts of the city. Thos. Johnston, Frederick Street, shot dead by

Catholic families, including ex-soldiers, chased from their homes in Protestant districts.

The following was reported to-day (a confidential report shows that this outrage was directed from Headquarters in Belfast): Eight "A" class "Specials" from Forkhill Barracks broke into the house and shop of Mr. James McGuill, of Dromintee, helped themselves to drink and took all the loose cash in till. Only four women and two babes in the house. "Specials" tortured the women in order to get the keys of the house. Mrs. McGuill, a lady near her confinement, was caught by two of the miscreants, thrown down, foully abused, and her night clothes torn. In her frantic efforts to escape she tried to throw herself through the window, but was dragged back by one of the other women. Three of the "Specials" caught a young girl, threw her on the bed, and attempted to outrage her. Another of the

women was kicked all over the head and body. Thursday, June 22nd, 1922.—While Sir James Craig was in London there was a lull in the murder campaign in Belfast. His return coincided with a fresh outbreak of assassinations in which Catholics alone are

Pogrom has openly extended to all Protestants married to Catholics. Mr. Robert Boyd, Protestant narried to Catholic, chased from his work on the Queen's Island, and ordered to leave his house in

Crown Forces to-day begin operations of chasing Cathoiles out on the Falls Road, the last sanctuary of the hunted minority.

Friday, June 23rd, 1922.-Leo Rea shot dead by the Orange mob led by "Specials" as he was going to work. (This took place while occupants of a military armoured car were looking on.)

Six persons wounded, four of them Catholics. Of the latter, Mr. Byrne, an ex-soldier, was twice badly wounded in the Great War.

The residence of Councillor Denis McCullough looted and burned, his mother threatened with death if she didn't hand over all her money. Three uniformed "Specials" "protected" the incendiaries while burning and looting Mrs. McCullough's house

An attempt was made to burn two Catholic ladies who were in the house.

Saturday, June 24th, 1922.—A stranger from Glasgow badly injured by Orange mob in Temperance Avenue. Military fired on Orange mob in Ravenhill

The "official" report of the ambush of "Specials" in Cushendall now turns out to be a pure fabrication. This "report" stated that "four of the ambushers were killed and three wounded." All independent reports now agree that this was one of the most cold-blooded massacres vet witnessed in the Six County area. The victims were taken from their homes, asked if they were Catholics, and then shot in cold blood. Were it not for the intervention of the local police the death-roll would have been at least ten. The assassins arrived in lorries and immediately began their butcheries. No provocation was

ONE DAY'S WORK. May 31st.—The following, all Catholics, were deliberately done to death:

R. Monaghan, W. O'Hara, H. Kennedy, P. McGuirk, G. Megahy. Shot in the street going to J. Jennings, Jane Doran, Rose McIlroy, and her

mother, Mary McIlroy. Massacred in their own homes and places of business by mobs composed of Orangemen, led by "Specials." Over fifteen victims were wounded, some of them

maimed for life. The following business premises of Catholic citizens were looted, wrecked and burned on the same day, in the Grosvenor Road and the Falls Road : McManus. fruiterer; Rice, fruiterer; McPhillips, draper; Whyte, spirit merchant; McLaughlin, confectioner; Leeson, confectioner; Barrett, spirit merchant; Campbell, milliner; Lavery, fish stores; the Grosvenor Arcade, drapery; Taggart's, spirit grocery; McGlinn's publichouse (Old Lodge Road); Lynch's spirit stores; Dr McSorley, Donegall Pass (whose housekeeper, Miss McCormack, was set on fire); the Capital Bar, Dublin Road; G. and M. Kelly, Durham Street; L. Haughey, Peter's Hill: Arch Public House, Peter's Hill.

Thirty-three residences looted and burned in Peter's

Tuesday, June 20th, 1922.—Mr. Maurice Sullivan, truths, the Belfast Orange Press has done more toof £500,000 under terms of Craig-Collins Pact, daily lying, they have excelled themselves in their deliberately false reports of such incidents as the Two Catholic workers murdered while engaged at Clones affair; the Pettigo "battle"; the murder by bombers, acting together, killed and maimed for life Wednesday, June 21st, 1922.—" Specials" and mili- over twenty children. Thanks to their efforts, this last atrocity was blazoned forth to the world as an outrage by Sinn Fein bombers on the Protestant Notices to "clear out" openly served on Catholic children of Weaver Street.

SOME ITEMS IN EXTERMINATION CAMPAIGN. "I think it only fair, then, that I should be asked a question in return, and it is: DO I APPROVE OF THE ACTION YOU BOYS HAVE TAKEN IN THE PAST? I SAY, 'YES.'"

being at the bottom of this Pogrom. I'm an Orangeman myself; I am more proud of being an Orange-ALL!!!"-Sir James Craig, speaking in the Belfast Anti-Sinn Feiners." Parl'ament on March 28th, 1922.

CASES AT INQUEST HELD JUNE 20TH.

On Thursday, June 20th, in the course of a series of inquests on Catholic victims, one of the witnesses deposed that "murders of Catholics are an every day occurrence in the Marrowbone." One of the inquests concerned the death of Bridget Skillen, three years old, of Herbert Street. Her mother gave her a penny to buy a bun. A few minutes later a boy brought the news that the child had been fatally shot in Elmfield Street.

William Toal, aged seventeen years, was, with others, walking across some vacant ground near Old Park Road. Suddenly five "Specials," each armed with a rifle, appeared from the direction of the garden plots. The armed men dropped to the ground and fired, mortally wounding the boy. These assassins were "Specials" from Fearon's spirit grocery in Old

"You are only joking," said Michael Cullen, of Havana Street, when five armed "C" Specials surrounded him when getting off a tramcar on the Old Park Road. "It is no joking this time," replied one of the "Specials," as he fired several shots at his defenceless victim.

In the case of Mary Ann Berry, 15 Arran Street, and Rose Duggan, 17 Arran Street, the deposition of a refugee now resident in Glasgow was read. It was from the window of her house the fatal shots were fired. While she was out speaking to a neighbour she saw a number of men carrying rifles enter her house. She remained where she was. In a few minutes the men were seen by her through the window upstairs. She saw them fire at the deceased girls. They then left. When she returned to the house shortly after 4.30 p.m. she found all the religious pictures on the walls smashed up.

Francis Hobbs, Kilmood Street, who had come over from England to take back his wife with him, a witness swore that the three armed men who knelt down to take aim at him at the corner of Lisbon Street wore armlets.

John Walker aged sixteen, Short Strand, an expelled worker, shot from the Albert Bridge direction. Daniel Diamond, shot from the Ravenhill Road, asked a girl if there was any shooting. Two "Specials" replied there was no danger. In less than a minute later he was shot dead. It is not quite clear from the evidence if it were these particular "Specials" who shot him.

Ex-Service Men Driven Out. Mr. McKane, ex-soldier, living in Belfast, joined the British Army in 1908, served throughout the Great War, won the Mons Star and other decorations, was wounded. After being demobilised, rejoined, and served in Mesopotamia. Came home in June 1921, when his regiment was disbanded Joined the R.I.C. in November, disbanded in April Lived with his wife and daughter in 37 Rosebery Gardens, in one of the houses built for ex-Service men under the Housing Scheme. On May 25th a shot was fired somewhere near his house. The Lovalists said it came from his place. Mrs. McKane got sergeant of "Specials" to search house. The ex-soldier himself was lying seriously ill at the time, suffering from an attack of malaria contracted in Mesopotamia. No firearms were found in the house. but in the house next door, occupied by an Orangeman named McBride, a six-chambered revolver and ammunition were found. McBride was told to get then? this weapon away before the Head Constable came round. McBride went twice to Mrs. McKane and threatened her. For some time past McKane has not been living at home, and on Friday last a mob came clear out at once. They have done so, and the three are now homeless.

Mrs. McKane's brother, ex-Staff Sergeant-Major of the British Army, served 26 years, including service in the Boer War and in the Great War. He lived in 38 Carrington Street, in a house built for ex-Service men. He with his wife and three children have been driven out, and are without accommodation. Mr. Anderson, 2 Rosebery Gardens, ex-soldier, who lost his sight and had one of his legs amputated the Great War; Protestant, but married to a Catholic. He was given two hours by an armed Orange mob to clear out, or --

Mr. Edwards, ex-Service man, tenant of ex-Service men's house, driven from home; every stick of furniture and clothing and all he possessed looted by the armed Orange mob and "Specials" who ordered him

MURDER THREAT FROM ORANGE LODGE. Extract from notice received by Catholic lady from Orange Lodge: "It Just been brought to the notice of the Anti-Sinn Fein Association that you absolutely refuse to clear out of - Street. Your attention is invited to the fate which befell others of your

Sir James Craig, at unfurling of a Union Jack Tutin, and Miss Kelly. Again we remind you that at Queen's Island, Shipyard, Belfast, October 14th, a similar fate awaits yourself should you continue in your decision to remain in the midst of a Loyalist "The Orange institution is directly charged with locality. In the event of your deciding to remain, we would advise you to purchase your grave ground well in advance. If no move has been made in compliance man than anything else. The organisation is built with the above, not one of your family will be alive up and founded on CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FOR this day week. Signed, 'Quis Separit, Chief Raider,

A resident of Colin Street saw two men on the On May 17th last a notice with reference to applicate roof of the Falls Road Baths, now in occupation of tions for permits was published by the Belfast Govern- "Specials." These men fired two shots. A "Spement. From this notice it appears that any Orange- cial" standing at the door of the Baths blamed the man who wishes to join the "A," "B," "C," or firing on teh residents of Colin Street. At 9.30 on "CI" Specials can secure a permit. Every Orange Saturday night a crowd of Orangemen came from the male in Belfast or outside it would appear to be Shankill Road down North Howard Street to the eligible. One of the Regulations reads: "No duty Falls Road singing "Dolly's Brae," and other Orange hymns of hate. The mob threw stones at the Catholics on the Falls Road. The "Specials" stationed on the Falls Road Baths looked on smilingly and approvingly. While this was going on, another "Special" played "The Protestant Boys." Every encouragement is being given to the Orange mobs in the Shankill and elsewhere to invade, wreck, and burn the Falls Road. The "Specials" will see that their operations will not be interfered with by the "forces of law and order."

THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING MARRIED.

By L. A. MOTLER.

I used to methink me, Henry m'lad, that there was nothing so easy in the world as getting married. All one had to do was to produce the lady and three half-dollars, and you were booked for a honeymoon on the banks of the old canal.

Alas! for the errors of my boyhood. With the burden of thirty hoary winters on my Chel sea side-whiskerettes I have achieved wisdom. Carelessly I used to sing me this song:

"The Prince of Wales is just your age, Together you will grow up.

He'll soon want money and a wife-Don't, when the time comes, blow up His marriage grant, however great

Or heavy on the nation: This stinting princes is the worst Of vulgar declamation."

Now, however, I realise the job set before Albert Edward George Andrew Patrick David Windsor. Esq., lately returned from a tour abroad. It is bad enough to stagger along with a name like that; but when your friends begin to ask anxiously, "Who's the lady?" you can't very well employ that old dodge and say she's only your sister. With an anxious nation ready to fork out an extra £10,000 to add to your ridiculously small income of £87,000, it is up to you to throw her off your chest, in a way of speaking. Now then, don't blush.

It is, however, not with the principal wails of the P. of W. that I wish to unburden my typewriter on you, friend Henry, fellow-worker of

my short but well-spent youth. Besides myself and George Andrew Patrick Davey, there are I don't know how many young men waiting to get out of a future bachelor tax. One of these is a sprightly naval officer, Mountblatten by name and lord by trade. If you look closely at his name it may strike you as being a it familiar. Was he the young fellow you stood a drink at the "Quaker's Arms" and tipped Captain Scuttle for the Oaks? No, that waslet me see-ah, yes-that was Matilda's young man. Who the West Ham is Mountblatten.

Between you and me and that pint of fi'penny, as the U.S. Government disclaims all responsibility he is-that is to say, he used to be, no, I mean his father used to be a chap called Battenberg. to the house and ordered his wife and daughter to Irish name, I believe, coming from the other side of the Liffey-did you say Rhine? Probably socalled because his family were invited over here to do a little battening on the generous British nation. But why drag in the Germans? Hush!

When I was in South Africa—but where was I? Or, more precisely, where is Battenb-tut-tut, Mountblatten? He is waiting on the mat, my lord or, to be exact, his young lady is. What,

didn't you know he had a young lady? You see, young Mountblatten was sort of attached to Albert Edward George, etc., on that little trip to India. Behind him he left a little girl weeping on the platform. This is a careless habit of most sailors. When they go again on the briny, it isn't only the sea that is salt. There is usually a Nellie Bly piping her eye as he goes away. In some serious cases I have heard it whispered that there was more than one. But this was probably a libel. It has nothing murderous religion -.g., Mrs. Donnelly, Miss E. to do with Mountblatten, anyway.

What I want to say, and what I mean, is this: Mountblatten is no ordinary sailor. He answers to the name of "My Lord." And knowing sailors as she presumably does, and having looked up his pedigree in the Blue Blooded Book, she gets father's consent and hikes to the nearest registry office.

This was really unnecessary. Young Mount B intended to do the right thing by her all along. and as soon as the ship came within sight of his beloved by wireless he had the banns published. She seems to have had defective hearing-I have a cold in my left foot myself-or perhaps she wanted to make sure. Anyway, off to the Reg. Off. she hiked. No doubt they will settle this point when the honeymoon is over and the rent man calls on the first Monday.

At this point the Daily Pail takes up the story Having entered the registry by the door and wiped her feet on the mat, she gazed at the Don't expectorate " notice and calmly awaited the necessary and unnecessary questions. Observe she waited " calmly." I have known thousands-nay, millions-of people who waited calmly, but their names never get into the papers somehow. When I was in South-

"What is your name, madam?" "Edwina Cynthia Annette Ashley." Now draw in your breath, Henry. The questions come thick and fast.

"And your age?"

"Twenty." "In that case you will require your parents"

" Here it is."

"And who is it you wish to marry?" "Lord Louis Mountblatten," was the quiet

The registrar slipped on the mat, crossed his legs twice, threw the inkpot over his left shoulder, touched wood, and gasped-

Most people—me and you, Henry, for instance -would have asked "Whom?" But nobody seemed to have noticed this breach of the offside rule. However, as the registrar had awarded two free kicks against himself, Edwina could not certainly claim l.b.w.

When the referee blew his whistle for the resumption of hostilities the registrar got one in. Edwina drew in a good breath, and said:

"Louisfrancisalbertvictornicholas." Then she coughed up a couple of quid, got the licence, and pushed off to hunt up the young man round the local pubs.

The Daily Pail concludes with this: " Not once was it necessary for her to refer to her notes to refresh her memory. She gave off the five names of her fiance without batting an eyelid." So evidently she was not only sober, but had

gone through a course of Pelmanism. Now, when I was in South Africa, I-

UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Nicolai Mansevich, an employee of Henry Ford, was adjudged an undesirable citizen and sentenced to deportation, on the evidence of an informer, wh declared the accused had sold him a paper printed Russian. "I read it." said the informer. "and put it in a trunk." When tested by a lawyer, the informer revealed that he could not read Russian. Mansevich is Russian; his birthplace, Grodno, now belongs to Poland, so that he will be a foreigner on arrival there. If he is deported his wife and for the dependents of deportees.

Ten members of the I.W.W., including Walter Smith, of the I.W.W. Executive, gave evidence for the defence in the Casdorf-Firev trial at Sacramento, California, last April. On leaving the witness-box were arrested and held for trial for criminal syndicalism. Their trial was expected to begin on June 21st, three months after the arrest. This is how Justice (?) works in the glorious capitalist Republic of U.S.A.!

The official executioner at Sing Sing Prison threatens to go on strike because 900 dollars owing to him by the State officials has not been paid. The other day the executioner earned 450 dollars in less than thirty minutes by electrocuting three men.

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DUSTHEAP ALLEY AND THE LIVING TOMB.

By CLARA GILBERT COLE.

housing question and showing pictures of Sir at the other end of the alley. paulin-covered huts in which some Camberwell damage to three doors, and pleaded "Guilty" refused. workers are living.

news was brought to the Camberwell Branch of 28 days. the Unemployed Workers' Committee that three After a strong body of police had been brought bread? "

The landlord had just refused rent in order to earlier. turn these people out. Up to now he has taken On Tuesday, at Tower Bridge, Rust and Dallas lord did not turn them out into better houses: to be turned on to the dustheap. he only turned them out in order to get at the I was kept at Tower Bridge till about tea- In summing up, listen! people, certainly not more). We arranged that to Holloway. the district and knew the near cuts.

left to break, and any that were boarded up or be read (not written by me): open were too small to creep through. I asked the three comrades to push the door with me scratched on the plaster. when I counted three. The doors, which were only fastened by a nail or two, flew open so easily

that we were quite taken aback.

for the price of a crust. The mattresses had been out in the rain and gutter. A tiny evicted babe was brought for me to see. I felt like sitting down to cry instead of putting the beds on the rotten boards called floors. In a hole of one lay a poor dead cat which had crept in when the house was nailed up. At the moment groups of the unem-

ployed began to arrive. Tonbridge in the hopes of fruit-picking. The religion, but because I tried to practise it. neighbours said the husband would like his Again I was removed to a remote part of the house, so we forced the door. None of these prison, this time to be forcibly fed. doors are off their hinges or damaged, excepting, perhaps, the fastenings.

The Star of June 27th reports:

"It was nothing but the prompt action of the police that prevented far more serious damage being done," said Mr. Watson, prosecuting three people at the Tower Bridge Court. This is untrue. When one policeman arrived on the scene the unemployed were already dispersing, and TWO WOMEN COMRADES WERE LEFT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE EVICTED PEOPLE AND EXPLAIN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING THEM BACK, IN CASE OF ENQUIRIES.

The same article states:

"The premises of Mr. Crook, which were raided by an organised body of the unemployed in May last, when the cashier was

The Workers' Committee of the Unemployed had no connection whatever, and nothing whatever to do with the robbery.

At this instant a policeman arrived and took for my husband. me and Comrade Dallas and Comrade Rust (the I waited from 4 till 10 p.m. A fresh wardress

to forcing doors in order to put back evicted At 11 a.m. she told me she had not sent, and On Monday, June 26th, just after one o'clock, people, and was sentenced to pay £2 or serve that I must ask the doctor.

families were evicted on the dustheaps in an to the works we were taken in Mr. Crook's motor I replied, "Will you forcibly feed me if I do alley-way in front of some hovels miscalled to Deptford, charged, and I was kept in the not?" cell until after midnight. Rust and Dallas left

rent for houses that have just been condemned were remanded on bail. I stood my trial, and command, they, in order to punish one old by the authorities; but a condemned roof is said, amongst other things, that if oil had been woman, delayed the message so that it should better than no roof at all, and a floor full of wasted I regretted it; but I regretted much more not arrive till Saturday morning. Quite un holes is better than a dustheap. But the land- deeply that human life should be so cheap as necessarily they took my finger prints—a loath-

land for his own personal profit. It was decided time, then sent away in the iron-rimmed Black So sickened was I by the sounds I heard, the

found out the houses at which the evictions had and wearisome routine (part of the infernal more like a wild beast than a human being, then taken place, and asked the people if they wished machine) lasted till after nine o'clock: hours of sobs, and at intervals remarks of which I could to go back. I said we had come to put them standing at the doctor's room, robing room, un- not gather the sense from outside. From inside in. It was unnecessary to prise open the doors robing room, etc. One hour's rest in a cubicle the prisoner's cell came shouts of defiance. After or two reasons—there was hardly a window pane on a wooden shelf, on the walls of which can

"This place is a living tomb,"

Finally shut in my cell.

Between going in and coming out of Holloway, at least fifteen different wardresses opened my sweet look perchance might have melted that I commenced sweeping the second house before cell to give orders, mostly in an insulting, un- rebellious heart, which was full of repressed going to a third, in order that the property (!!!) dignified, degrading manner. But let me here indignation. could be put in. The said property consisted of state just a few of them were angels, and would which no rag or bone shop would have taken but in this penalising system they dare not risk losing their daily bread by showing kindness.

William Morris says "No man is good enough were so rotten that half the flocks lay in the to be another man's master "; nor is one woman good enough to be another woman's master.

Again I was removed to another cell, nurses, governor, doctor, and assistant doctor rating me for refusing food, and over and over again I was made to carry and show a little cardboard with my name and religion (Rationalist) on it. J was taunted with " Not want a Prayer Book and I enquired about the inmates of the third Bible?" "Rationalist, what's that? Is it a house. The husband was out and would return, political creed?" I was despised and rejected the wife and children had trudged 40 miles to of woman, not because I professed the Christian

My weight was never taken, save when I entered. No one was notified outside, not even my husband, that I was hunger striking, let alone that I was to be forcibly fed after only four days' incarceration. I am 53, my heart is known to be bad by the prison doctor at Northampton, to whom I referred them. knew that forcble feeding would mean death for me, or to be an invalid for life. I said, "Doctor, for my husband's sake, I will pay the fine; please send for him at once."

Note, this man had me in his power; at his feet. I had capitulated; yet so anxious was he to punish me for daring to hunger strike, and, I suppose, in order to show his power, that he Crook, the landlord, had offered to take one brought me a mug of milk and commanded me of the re-installed families to the Workhouse in will forcibly feed you."

I drank some, and nurse said, "She is trying to be sick."

I retorted, "I have never had the luxury of being sick in my life."

Then doctor left me, telling me I must eat

To return to the true account of the eviction: some bread before I left, and promising to send

latter, our secretary, who only came on the scene who came in said, yes, she understood they had Before taking direct action on the housing when all was over) to the works of Mr. Crook, sent, and believed I would go that night. In question I approached the Camberwell Board of the landlord, which were adjoining. the morning a wardress I had seen the previous Guardians, interviewed John Robertson, M.P., It was stated in Court that machine oil was afternoon opened the door and said, "Not eaten Jack Jones, M.P., and others, appealed to Sir spilt, and that this oil was taken out of one your food?" expecting me to complain about A. Mond, and paraded for five months Camber- of the empty houses. If so, this did not happen not being sent home. Not knowing what they well Board of Guardians offices and the Ministry anywhere near me, as I could not be in two meditated doing, I said, " Please send for my of Health with placards calling attention to the places at once, and I was busy in the houses solicitor." I gave her the address, said I could not remember the telephone number, and asked Alfred Mond's luxurious bathroom and the tar- I was finally charged by the magistrate with would she either look it up or let me do so. She

He came in and said, "Will you eat that

Finally he added, "Your husband has come." I was then released.

With telephones, motors, and servants at their

to adjourn the meeting (of between 50 and 100 Saint Maria (which should now be rubber-tyred) sights I saw, and the few muttered words ! caught, that I was never hungry all the time, we go either to stop the bailiffs getting into Though I was only half a yard from another and even after for some time. I heard appalling the houses, or to put the people back again. We prisoner, we had to yell in order to exchange a shricks when in my second cell upon one occadecided to go in small groups. I started off word. I hunger struck at Deptford Police sion, then a banged door, and terrible silence. with three women, one of whom had lived in Station and at Tower Bridge, where, let me say, Upon the Saturday, two hours before I was re the matron, lady missionary, the officials leased, I heard a voice say, "You can't make We took a tram part of the way, and got there generally, the police officer in charge of me in me do it," then the clang of a door, and the a quarter of an hour before anyone else. It is a particular, were very kind—they understood. voice yelled, "I will smash everything in my long, narrow alley, with twists and turns. I On arriving at Holloway, all the exhausting cell." After that a terrible banging, then cries that silence, then the sound of an opening door and most heartbreaking appeals for mercy from one who was evidently in pain. Whether a strait jacket was put on, or she was strapped down, I know not.

This only do I know: one kind word, one

Of the women who entered with me, almost one mattress, half of one, and a broken fireguard have been ministering angels in another system; all had been there before, showing that prison

One was pointed out as having eight years to serve, in "a living tomb." Another had twelve months for stealing butter! Food should be free to all, not only to the idle shirkers who never churn the butter, milk the cows, or weave

Another, a very young girl, was in for a scrap 'v with an elder woman; crying, brokenhearted, her former enemy now her only comforter. I told her workers should be friends.

"Yes, yes," she said, "I see it now." Another, in for drink, I later learnt, had no food all that day, and the drink went to her head. She said she must have been mad to fight her coloured husband.

My space is long since filled, my tale half told, but all, all were in for lack of pence or wherewithal to pay the fine.

Red eyes, rebellious looks, and hungry eyes shot forth from every cell and gallery. I will prove my statements to the hilt. The prisoners thrust their hands into my cell to clutch my untouched bread-" For Gawd's sake, don't chuck it away," one said in a low, tense voice, pointing to my cocoa.

In conclusion, these people should be helped.

AT WOODBINE COTTAGES. On re-visiting Woodbine Cottages after her reelase from prison, Mrs. Cole learnt that Mr.

to drink. He said, "If you do not drink I his motor-car, if they would only agree to go! The mother replied that to go to the Workhouse would mean separation from the children; she would drown herself and them rather than

Mr. Crook threw out into the alley the mattress and fireguard of the family who had set out to walk to Tonbridge.

THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE.—Continued from p. 4.

Govern, or we abrogate the Treaty and make war on you, threatened the British Coalition Government to Collins and Griffith, because the Four Courts were occupied and the Republicans were armed, though Nationalist Ireland dwelt in a state of comparative peace—perfect peace indeed, as compared with what it knew under British rule. To the Government of Sir James Craig, on the other hand, the British Government offers support in its murderous anti-Nationalist pogroms, whilst it furnishes the means to continue the reign of terror.

So once more Nationalist Ireland has become a battlefield. Was it necessary, one asks, to shell the Four Courts in order to take that stronghold? Was it necessary to pour "salvoes of machine-gun bullets from armoured cars" into the places of refuge of De Valera's five hundred? The theatrically brutal Churchill method, employed with so little reason in Sidney Street, is the one being used in Ireland. Yet if the Regulars are so few and so little supported as is pretended, surely they might have been simply beseiged until lack of communications induced them to surrender.

The laying waste of Dublin and the wounding and killing of the people which the Free State troops are carrying on at the bidding of the British Government are punitive measures. They are undertaken not in order merely to maintain the supremacy of the Free State Government and to disarm the Republicans, but to terrorise the Irish people lest their hopes may be turning towards the Republican objective.

The Daily Herald, the Labour Party organ, whitewashing the Government of the employing

classes, as it so often does, says:

Britain's bidding.

There is widespread regret that strong action had become necessary, but everyone except the Irregulars and their political leaders recognise that it was unavoidable if the rule of an armed minority were not to prevail over four-fifths of the nation."

That statement is rank hypocrisy. The rule that is prevaiting in Irealnd is the rule of British Capitalist Imperialism. It was the threat of a war virtually of extermination which induced acceptance of the Free State Treaty, which induced the deposing of De Valera from the Presidentship and which now induces the Free State Government to make war on the Republicans at

De Valera's great mistake was in agreeing to entertain the Downing Street negotiations. The Free State Treaty which has eventuated from them is only worth the paper it is printed on so long as, and in so far as, the Free State Government is willing to do the bidding of the British Government. In any case, however subservient the Free State Government might be, the opposition of the British "Die Hards" must be reckoned with. The "Die Hards" have undoubtedly been plotting with the Ulster Government to create an excuse for the entry of British troops into Ireland. The Lloyd George Government has done a more diabolically clever thing in inducing Irish Free State troops to fire on Irish Republicans. Yet we must not forget that this Irish struggle is not the Communist struggle, not the struggle for the emancipation of the workers, though it may prepare the way for it in Ireland.

The Irish Labour Party scored a remarkable vote in the recent elections. Its success must be discounted by the fact that it ran, not openly, but actually, in harness with the Free State Party, and secured its seats with the Free State Party's assent, because the Irish Labour Party supports the Free State Treaty.

Labour has nothing, of course, to hope from the Free State Party. Its leader, Arthur Griffith, is a capitalistic Tariff Reformer. He was a strong opponent of the workers in the historic Dublin lock-out to smash the Jim Larkin Transport Workers' Union.

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

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How Fortunes were Made in the Mines.—

Continued from p. 1.

That the labour performed daily for this number of hours, though it cannot strictly be said to be continuous, because, from the nature of the employment, intervals of a few minutes necessarily occur during which the muscles are not in active exertion, is nevertheless generally uninterrupted by any regular time set apart for rest and refreshment; what food is taken in the pit being eaten as best it may while the labour continues.

That in well-regulated mines, in which in general the hours of work are the shortest, and in some few of which from half an hour to an hour is regularly set apart for meals, little or no fatigue is complained of after an ordinary day's work, when the children are ten years old and upwards; but in other instances great complaint is made of the feeling of fatigue, and the workpeople are never without this feeling, often in an extremely painful degree.

That in many cases the children and young persons have little cause of complaint in regard to the treatment they receive from the persons in authority in the mine, or from the colliers; but that in general the children are roughly used by their older companions; while in many mines the conduct of the adult colliers to the children and young persons who assist them is harsh and cruel; the persons in authority in these mines, who must be cognisant of this ill-usage, never interfering to prevent it, and some of them distinctly stating that they do not conceive that they have any right to do so.

That, with some exceptions, little interest is taken by the coal owners in the children and young persons employed in their works after the daily labour is over; at least, little is done to afford them the means of enjoying innocent amusement and healthful recreation.

That in all the coal fields accidents of a fearful nature are extremely frequent; and that the returns made to our own queries, as well as the registry tables, prove that the proportion of children and young persons sometimes equals, and rarely falls much below, that of adults.

That one of the most frequent causes of accidents in these mines is the want of proper super-intendence by overlookers or otherwise, to see to the security of the machinery for letting down and bringing up the workpeople, the restriction of the number of persons that ascend and descend at a time, the state of the mines as to the quantity of noxious gas in it, the efficiency of the ventilation, the exactness with which the air-door keepers perform their duty, the places into which it is safe or unsafe to go with a naked candle, and the security of the proppings to uphold the roof, etc.

That another frequent cause of fatal accidents in coal mines is the almost universal practice of entrusting the closing of the air-doors to very young children.

That there are many mines in which the most ordinary precautions to guard against accidents are regulated, and in which no money appears to be expended with a view to secure the safety, much less the comfort, of the workpeople.

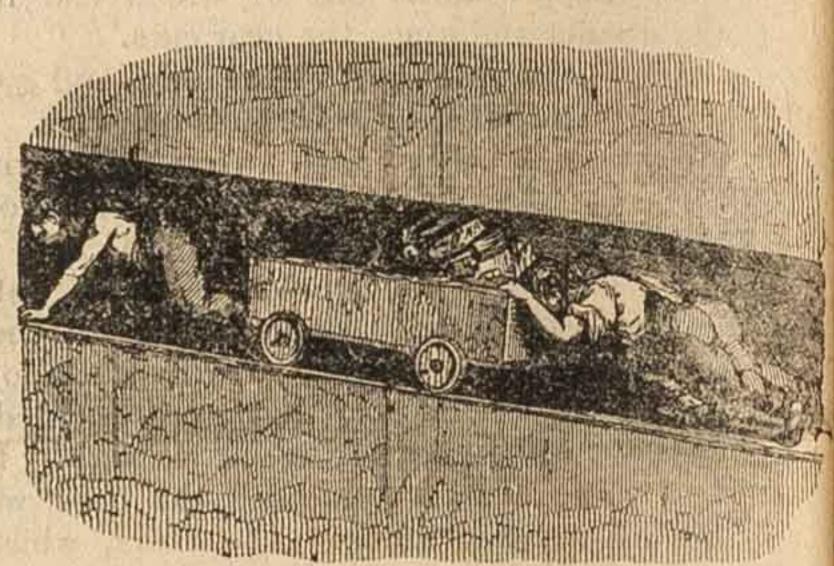
That there are, moreover, two practices peculiar to a few districts which deserve the highest reprobation—namely: First, the practice, not unknown in some of the smaller mines in Yorkshire, of employing ropes that are unsafe for letting down and drawing up the workpeople; and, second, the practice, occasionally met with in Yorkshire, and common in Derbyshire and Lancashire, of employing boys at the steamengines for letting down and drawing up the workpeople. (First Report, Conclusions, pp. 255-257.)

When we consider the extent of this branch of industry, the vast amount of capital embarked in it, and the intimate connection in which it stands with almost all the other great branches of trade and manufacture, as a main source of our national wealth and greatness, it is satisfactory to have established, by indubitable evidence, the two following conclusions:

That the coal mine, when properly evntilated and drained, and when both the main and side passages are of tolerable height, is not only not unhealthy, but the temperature being moderate and very uniform, it is considered, as a place of work, more salubrious and even agreeable than that in which many kinds of labour are carried on above ground.

That the labour in which children and young persons are chiefly employed in coal minesnamely, in pushing the loaded carriages of coals from the workings to the main ways or to the foot of the shaft, so far from being in itself an unhealthy employment, is a description of eexrcise which, while it greatly develops the muscles of the arms, shoulders, chest, back, and legs, without confining any part of the body in an unnatural and constrained posture, might, but for the abuse of it, afford an equally healthful excitement to all the other organs: the physical injuries produced by it, as it is at present carried on, independently of those which are caused by imperfect ventilation and drainage, being chiefly attributable to the early age at which it commences, and to the length of time during which it is continued.

There is, however, one case of peculiar diffe culty-viz., that in which all the subterranean roadways, and especially the side passages, are below a certain height: by the evidence collected under this Commission, it is proved that there are coal mines at present in work in which these passages are so small that even the youngest children cannot move along them without crawling on their hands and feet, in which unnatural and constrained posture they drag the loaded carriages after them; and yet, as it is impossible, by any outlay compatible with a profitable return, to render such coal mines-happily not numerous nor of great ertent-fit for human beings to work in, they never will be placed in such a condition, and consequently they never can be worked without inflicting great and irreparable injury on the health of the children.



The above drawing, showing how the children worked, is taken from the Report by the Royal Commission, published for Her Majesty's Stationery Office in 1843.

(To be continued.)

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