

# We Want Money! Money!



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## Hughes at Ballarat.

Mr. Discredited and Disgruntled Hughes at Ballarat on the 9th instant:—

"But the I.W.W. and some other organisations do not stop at such tactics, but go much farther. They not only preach but practice sabotage; that is to say the wilful destruction of factories, machinery, and plant. Nor do they stop even here; but, for reasons that will be obvious to every citizen of the Commonwealth in the course of the next few days, I will not now catalogue their crimes, except to remind the people of the Commonwealth that they are to a man anti-conscriptionists. These men have perverted industrial and political unionism to their own base purposes. I hope that the workers will arise while there is yet time and put these men out. (Cheers.) They are all anarchists and enemies of society. I invite you to read the press diligently during the next day or two. I invite those with whom I have been associated for 20 years to consider what company they keep."

Mr. Hughes has quite made up his mind as to whether members of the I.W.W. are guilty or not of the "crimes" with which they are charged. It is merely an incident that these men have to be tried, the accusation is more than sufficient.

If any other person made the statements that Mr. Hughes made at Ballarat he would be guilty of contempt of court, for discussing, criticising, or even suggesting publicly that men are guilty until they have been submitted to a trial before a judge and jury. Mr. James, the barrister for the defence, this morning called attention in the court to the flaunting of the law by Hughes. He said: "They are all anarchists and enemies of society." If law flaunting be anarchism, then Hughes himself is an anarchist, and an "enemy of society." If an I.W.W. man is an "enemy of society," who aims at the overthrow of the diabolical system of exploitation, then what shall we term one who has assisted in the jettisoning of every fundamental and rational human liberty: who is aiming at shackling the limbs of Australian people with industrial and military conscription, and who is the chosen darling of the industrial despots of the country?

"They preach and practice sabotage." Yes; the I.W.W. aims at the shortening of hours, the restriction of the output, and the development of industrial power in the workshop. Is not the imposing Hughes a saboteur? Who sabotaged the referendum? Who threatens to override the will of the people if the conscription referendum is not carried? Who has repeatedly stood for the gaoling of men who think and act differently to the established order?

Is the abrogation of liberty an act of sabotage? Is compelling men to wear uniforms against their conscientious instincts an act of sabotage?

When Mr. Hughes says: "I invite those with whom I have been connected for 20 years to consider what company they keep," we reply, and ask them to consider what company Mr. Hughes keeps. The time has gone by for ever for apologising for the actions of the ruling class, who are the real "enemies of society."

When the workers resent the everyday violence perpetrated upon them the horrified and sanctimonious crew and their lick-spittle toadies lift their blood-stained, profit-mongering hands in the air with horror.

But, oh, Hughes and my masters. Beware of what you do! Prisons, and hunger and gallows will not save your ruling class. Nor stifling human thought. Nor limiting human actions. Organise! organise!! organise!!! ye toilers all. Develop your power, ye "enemies of society," ye "anarchists," ye "mad,

blind men that see."

Let Hughes rave, and the daily press howl. The new unionism is the factor that will rescue society from the fiendish clutches of the profit ghouls and the tighteners of bonds. It will release the child slave from the factory of "society," it will give to womanhood a noble future, it will tear away from the limbs of man the grinding and sickening chains of economic servitude.

Yes, we are "enemies of (capitalist) society." But so are all men and women who can think and do for themselves.

And the goal gates clang upon our fellow workers, as they have clanged on me. They will still have better company than Mr. Hughes has kept for the past two years.

TOM BARKER.

403 Sussex-street, Sydney.

## The 'Age' on strikers.

The Melbourne "Age," which has grown rich on the pennies of the working class, has again thought fit to abuse the striker. In a recent issue it prints the following:—

"Let the law resolutely brand the strike for what it is—open rebellion. No man can be at the same time a member of society and a rebel against it. It is nonsense to say that society cannot imprison the striker. It can do so with just the same ease as it did the Sinn Feiners, who have been arrested to the extent of several thousands. The first thing is to educate public opinion to the true anti-social malignity of the strike, so that a striker may be classed and catalogued with other criminals. If to break all the laws of the social compact is to be a criminal, the striker is amongst the worst. Once the duellist, the poacher and the smuggler were all good-humouredly tolerated. Now they are felons. So should be the striker, and so he must be before we shall purge ourselves of his thrice-accused strikes."

Putting aside the malicious and mediaeval tone of the above, it is incomprehensible to think that the "Age" is unaware of the fact that strikes are primarily the direct result of the rapacity of capitalists, many of whom advertise in the "Age." Evidently the "Age" only refers to strikes of workers. No doubt, if the advertisers of the "Age" struck against the public—the people the "Age" professes to represent—raising the cost of commodities by market rigging, sabotaging foodstuffs, and other devious devices these tactics would, in the eyes of the "Age" be legitimate business. These people would not be classed as criminals, they would be enterprising capitalists. The distinction is so fine that it is difficult to detect the difference. Not so, thinks the "Age," which barracks for "Freedom of contract," and other shibboleths of capitalism, while denouncing strikers as breakers of the social compact. The paper fails to explain what is meant by social compact. If the relationship between sweater and worker is implied it is hardly necessary to remind the "Age" that labour is simply a commodity on the market, which the capitalist, taking advantage of economic conditions, practically forces the worker to sell at the former's price. If the latter refuses to sell his labour power he is quite within his rights in doing so. Doubtless, if a law was passed compelling the "Age's" advertisers to sell at a fixed price we should hear much from the Tory sheet about the sacredness of private enterprise and the tyranny of Labour Governments.

It is true the duellist, poacher and smuggler have had their day, but unfortunately the militarist, profit-grinder and swindler have taken their places, albeit the Tory press find it convenient to ignore the activities of these gentry. The Tories were alleged felons, the latter now are the

felons, and sad to relate, they find the advertising columns of the "Age" a useful medium wherewith to perpetrate their machinations against society, unmindful of that dear old "social compact" that the "Age" is professedly so anxious about.

It certainly would be a good idea to educate the people "to the true anti-social malignity of the strike." Unfortunately, Tory papers carefully avoid any reference to the true nature of strikes. The "Age" during all these years it has waxed wealthy on the pennies of the poor has never yet—and judging by present indications never will—educate the public on these matters.

Strikes are world-wide, and have existed irrespective of creeds, countries, or eras. History is full of cases of repressive laws passed against strikes. In the past every torture or punishment that "ranny" could devise has been inflicted on strikers, but men still strike. Brutality and oppression never purged society of strikes, and never will the "Age," to the contrary notwithstanding. These ideas of treating strikers as criminals belong to the barbaric past, when ignorance attributed to individuals' faults, which are the result of an insane social system of production, which the Tory press support.

Apparently the "Age" would gleefully if possible revert back to feudal despotism. Seemingly the paper is trying to educate public opinion to that end. Public opinion has outgrown such conservative conceptions, and it is sad to see a supposed progressive paper in democratic Australia in the twentieth century advocating ideas which belong exclusively to the dark ages, in fact, conceptions confined to a dead age and the Melbourne "Age."

AJAX.

## General Strike in Spain

### REVOLT OF THE RAILWAY WORKERS.

#### Victory over Government and Army. Workers Use Sympathetic Strike and Obstruction.

The Norwegian general recently had small pars alluding to an extended strike on the Spanish railways. Fuller details have now come to hand through the medium of Swiss and French newspapers.

According to these papers, there has been a rapid increase in the cost of living in Spain, which the workers endeavoured to nullify by demanding an increase in wages. This was refused by the railroad managements, to which the workers replied by a general stoppage of work, tying up the whole of the railways in the country.

The Spanish Government adopted the same methods for breaking the strike as the French authorities did during the 1910 railway strike. The strikers were compelled to return to work as conscripts, and the trains were run under martial law.

The workers seeing that the masters were following the lead of the French ruling class, resolved to emulate their French fellow-workers' tactics. The miners in the province of Asturias also struck in sympathy with the railway workers.

Many melees took place between the strikers and the police, and many arrests were made. Following upon these arrests the strike extended into other industries, which resulted in the workers obtaining the upper hand. The Government stepped in and compelled the railway magnates to send their representatives to meet the workers and grant their demands. The result was that all demands for wages were granted, all arrested persons were freed, the workers' press that had been confiscated, was returned, and no one was victimised.

It has often been asserted in Scandina-

via, that the Spanish workers don't know how to organise, but it is quite evident that there is abundant solidarity abroad there, and without solidarity there can be no organisation.

The sympathetic strike, and solidarity are the basis of greater working class power.

(Translated roughly from "Direkte Aktion," Norway.)

## News and Notes.

The local activities were well maintained during the past week. Meetings were held at Newtown Bridge on Friday and Saturday evenings. The crowds were sympathetic and sales of literature good.

On Sunday we held our usual Domain meeting under peculiar circumstances. The authorities stopped our permit to take up a collection and sell papers in the park. Our domain meeting was well attended by the police, their ring of white helmets round the stump lent an air of enchantment to the scene—a bucket received donations to the extent of over 20 pounds. The attempt to block the sale of "Direct Action" was really of considerable help to the paper, as there was such a demand for it that a record sale of the paper was recorded.

In the evening Barker and Ward lectured to a crowded audience. The addresses were thoroughly appreciated by the audience, who showed their appreciation in a practical manner by contributing over £25 to the collection.

The treason trial drags on wearily and is likely to be a tedious affair, involving heavy expense. Funds are needed to defend these men and provide for their dependents. Christ was crucified for treason, and on the strength of it soul snatchers have eadged many millions from the public. We rattle no boxes for Jesus' sake, but we do say that men who are likely to be crucified for their adherence to working class principles are deserving of help.

We are not prone to indulge in invective abuse with the gutter press of Sydney, but as there have been so many complaints about the "Mirror's" scurrilous attacks on us, we give the "Mirror" its answer to-day.

Collections raised at Stanwell Park, Otford Camp, Thirroul, Hellensburg, Bulli, and Scarborough to date total £12.

The treason case, which lasted over a week, terminated last Monday. After listening to counsel the judge decided that a prima facie case had been made out, and committed all the accused to take their trial on October 23. Bail was refused.

Our inequality materialises our upper class, vulgarises our middle class, brutalises our lower class.—Matthew Arnold.

### "THE MIRROR" AND GERMAN GOLD.

The howling of the "Mirror," a local comic paper much in demand by the juvenile population, about the I.W.W. German gold is enough to make a tabby take to hysdats.

We implore Grandpa Myers to ask the police department to allow him to explore the I.W.W. books captured during the recent raid. He will get all the proof there, and he will be able to show how Tom Barker has been living at Kosciuszko, and where Tom Glynn acquired his 40 horse power Panhard.

And we suggest seriously that the office boy in the "Mirror" office be given the job of writing the editorials in future. T.B.

**DIRECT ACTION**

**The Great Secret.**



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**The Anstey Letter.**

The Napoleonic William at his gyrations at the City Hill, Hobart, showed a new and interesting side light upon his character. In his usual vitriolic attacks upon the I.W.W. he read out a copy of the following letter, addressed to your humble servant:—

“House of Representatives

My Dear Barker,—I am with you to the hilt. I wish you could send me a copy of those posters. Good luck to you.—Anstey.”

The obvious purpose of reading this out shows that William is anxious to connect the I.W.W. up with Mr. Anstey, or vice versa. Why didn't Mr. Hughes go to the trouble of explaining that this letter was written over thirteen months ago, and that it was a private letter, not touching either the Labor Party or the I.W.W. as such.

When I was on trial, September, 1915, for publishing the following poster:—

TO ARMS!!!

CAPITALISTS, PARSONS, POLITICIANS, LANDLORDS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS, AND OTHER STAY-AT-HOME PATRIOTS, YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU IN THE TRENCHES. WORKERS, FOLLOW YOUR MASTERS!

I was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. While awaiting on bail for the appeal to be heard I wrote the facts to Mr. Anstey, and the above letter, out of which the diminutive person makes such sensational capital, was the reply sent by Mr. Anstey to my letter. And if Mr. Anstey did wrong, then nearly every union in Australia did likewise. The row was so great that Mr. Hughes and his philanthropic friends had to cut the case out, and the appeal was upheld.

Now, Mr. Hughes, you have had a deuce of a lot to say about the I.W.W. How did you come in possession of a copy of a private letter? Did you get a copy from the police headquarters, after they raided the I.W.W. Hall in Sussex-street?

If the Prime Minister uses methods like these, why need the most diabolical, malicious, and much hated I.W.W. man hang his head?

TOM BARKER,

No. 403 Sussex Street, Sydney.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

Wage Slaves Matter unsuitable. H. Mercier: Thanks. J. Smith: The idea is good, but the execution bad. T. Hytten: Unable to publish, matter already dealt with. H. Levy: Poem held over.

**CASH IS WANTED.**

For the legal defence of Fellow-workers Glenn, Larkin, Reeve, Grant, Bessant, McPherson, Hamilton, and Brice. Champions of the working-class MUST not rest in gaol for the want of the necessary

**THE REAL REASONS FOR CONSCRIPTION.**

Amid the cackle of the conscription campaign one factor stands out clearly. 'Conscriptionists profess to have seen the light, a light which is said to be the result of the knowledge of a great secret. Apparently this secret is so sacred that on no account must the people be entrusted with it. This State secret is the skeleton in the cupboard only to be seen by a few of the elect under the oath of secrecy. Some of the Ministers saw the thing, and apparently don't like it. One Minister was so enamoured with the skeleton that he immediately resigned from the Cabinet. Meanwhile, the people whose lives and liberties are hanging in the balance are kept in ignorance of the sinister nature of this thing, which is referred to with awe and veneration by the erstwhile darling of Lord Snootypockets and Lady Love by night.

Whether the secret is a political bogey or some military muddle is of secondary importance. We want to know just where we stand in this matter. It all hinges upon the real reason for conscription in this country, irrespective of what other countries have done or intend to do in the matter.

Such an important affair fraught with so many possibilities must have some deep, underlying cause, and cannot be explained away by political plots, military measures, or national needs. These things are at best vague and indefinite entities, which are more likely to confuse than enlighten those who wish to understand the pros and cons of this great emergency.”

There are three primary reasons for conscription.

1. The subjugation of labour.
2. The bankruptcy of the middle class.
3. The supremacy of the servile state.

There is no necessity to become hysterical over the halo of Hughes, the doings of secret Juntas, or to split straws over re-emitting figures, or rattle the bones of that skeleton in the cupboard. We want to remain calm in this crisis and see clearly where we stand.

The first reason has so often been proved in theory and practice that it is scarcely necessary to refer to it. The mobilisation of single men—not necessarily for military purposes—is the first step to smash the labour organisations. The depletion of industry caused by the call to the colors provides both the opportunity and excuse for the extended use of female and child labour, and the probable introduction of alien labour. This mobilisation will also indirectly ruin sections of the middle class. How is the small shopkeeper, the boarding house keeper, the cocky farmer, and others similarly situated to carry on their businesses if the manhood to Australia is deported?

Further, once conscription is in full swing it will place in the hands of the large capitalists an economic weapon to crush the middle class. The bankruptcy of small firms and the calling up of middle class people to the colors will inevitably create an economic position highly favorable to the big bond-holder and usurer.

The third reason needs a little explanation. For some time prior to the war capitalism has drifted to national and international combines. The war, with its dislocation of trade, finance, and industry, has disturbed the economic life of the community and burdened countries with bloated militarism and debt. Armament firms, shipping companies, usurers, and bond-holders have amassed huge fortunes, and are anxious to conserve their interests after the war. They want industrial control and financial dictatorship, so that when peace is declared they will be in a position to dominate society.

On the declaration of peace there will be war bills to be met, soldiers provided for, industry and trade reorganised, and other ugly questions to be faced. The competition for the world's markets between national groups of capitalists will be very keen. Countries like Australia, with union wages and spare population, cannot hope to win in this commercial race. It would be a fine piece of statesmanship in the interests of the trusts if the better paid workers of Australia could be shipped wholesale out of the country and Asiatic indentured labour poured in. Conscription can do the trick which could not be performed in any other way. Some anti-conscriptionists, reading the accounts of victories of the Allies, are at a loss to understand the alleged "need for men." Victories for the Allies is the best possible reason why the conscriptionists (from their standpoint) should hurry up and introduce national service before the war ends. Once peace is declared the conspiracy of conscription, shorn of its military glamour, stands unmasked as a scheme of industrial

**despotism.**

During voluntarism we have heard much of national service, industrial efficiency, and enticement of the liquor traffic. These things are heralds of the coming storm, and are ushered in ostensibly for the public weal, but really to speed, and sober up the workers in industry. In one and the same breath pseudo patriots illogically say we must close the pubs, to stop drink, and we must have more militarism to crush militarism.

Conscription implies a society founded on coercive co-operation, such a system infers the suppression of libertarian institutions, and democratic thought, and inevitably tends to the servile state, that is, a state of society in which all except the wealthy will be relegated to that state in society in which it has pleased plutocracy in its wickedness and greed to ordain.

Conscription is really for ugly possibilities after the war. In previous wars we find that the ruling class repeatedly broke all promises made to lower classes. The veterans of Waterloo returned home to find the landlords had stolen the land. The South African heroes found they had fought to get the mines for the plutocrats, and the jobs for the Chinese. It is quite likely that a similar event might occur here.

The cry of pseudo patriots for compulsion is not only dictated by the economic needs of plutocrats, but it is also psychologic. This class knows no creed but cash, no patriotism but profits, no morality not expressed in money, and no God but gold. They are more intent on capturing the centres of production than military fortresses. They are not interested to know whether conscription is undemocratic, immoral, or suicidal from the people's standpoint. There may be a thousand reasons against conscription, and only one for it. If that one reason should happen to be "that conscription suits their material interests" the other reasons don't count.

If it were not for the fact that for a variety of reasons Australia is a difficult country to conscript and the idea is alien to the psychology of the people, some excuse to impose conscription would have been utilised long ago.

Conscription in the last analysis springs from the mind of a cunning and rapacious class, who are imbued with the will to power, and have no scruples concerning ways and means to attain their ends. It is for that reason that they have endeavored to persecute and prosecute people who are opposed to their ideas, for they know that these plutocratic ideals cannot be harmonised with reason, and can only be maintained by legalised force.

Calling Mr. Hughes nasty names and insinuating that the anti-conscriptionists are traitors and Germans, does not affect the question, which is essentially a class question. What we really have to decide "in this great emergency" is whether we prefer the servile state or a democracy, that is which shall rule plutocracy or the people.

**'WORKERS' DEFENCE FUND.**

T. Phillips, 8/-; J. Clark, 10/-; J. Finda, 5/-; J. O'Malley, 5/-; 2 street col., £2/3/4; 1 street col., £1/5/-; Shearers (per J. Hartley), £25; S. Sullivan, 10/-; street col., £2/5/3; S. Clements, 5/-; Burns, 3/-; Fellow Worker, 2/6; C. Nelson, 4/6; P. Winzon, 2/-; J. Kelly, 10/-; H. J. Carney, 4/-; Miss Daulton, 1/6; B. Fellington, 2/-; Domain col., £11/17/8; J. Roberts, 5/-; P. Conlon, 5/-; C. Hades, 5/-; Garden Island, 1/-; Cassidy, 2/6; C. Keys, 4/-; C. Barden, 10/-; Amal. Soc. Eng., 12/3; Davis, 1/-; O. S. Ray, 5/-; C. Vincent, 2/3; Friend, 5/-; street col. Newtown, 16/9; Tom. Sheeshim, 2/-; total, £50/0/3. Also £11 from The Amal. Soc. of Engineers, for the maintenance of women and children of prisoners.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums collected by Fellow Worker Tom O'Loughlin at Coff's Heights, for the above Fund:—Alf. Hawkins, 11/-; P. Grant, 10/6; T. O'Loughlin, 10/-; F. Lowery, 10/-; E. Naughton, 5/-; W. Williams, 5/-; P. Ryan, 6/-; P. Reilly, 5/-; N. Smith, 5/-; H. Scilini, 5/-; W. Marshall, 3/-; E. Kelly, 5/-; N. Linden, 2/6; F. Wilkinson, 2/-; H. Robinson, 3/-; H. Ward, 5/-; E. Williams, 5/-; W. Brown, 2/-; G. Richardson, 3/-; J. Head, 2/-; G. Wright, 2/-; B. Bradford, 5/-; S. Bennett, 2/-; C. Christenson, 2/-; Grand total, £5/16/-.

Melbourne Local of the I.W.W. wishes it to be announced through the columns of "Direct Action" that they are now established in new quarters at 197 Russell-street (corner Little Bourke-street).

**"Mary, Pity Women."**

The "Sunday Sun" published a set of verses with this title, grossly misusing a phrase which conveys a holy meaning to many people, in the interests of the rotten, tyrannous policy of conscription. The following lines are written with no desire to offend by a similar misuse of those words, but, by putting truth, instead of hysterical sentiment meant to work upon the feelings of women, to parody the "Sun's" monstrous outrage!

To the women of Australia is a question put to-day,  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
And they must send the men they love to battlefields away,  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
To yield their lives a sacrifice to bayonet and to gun,  
For but one simple reason: Hughes declares it must be done!  
And what, besides such reason, is the loss of any son?  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)

There's a bitter warfare coming when conscription has its sway,  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
All the ideals Labour fought for must assuredly decay;  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
For the money Lord's dominion will certainly increase,  
Backed by martial regulations that their grip will not release,  
While the Fat Man, smiling blandly, will declare that this is Peace.  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)

There are women who have given: there are those who have to give  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
Toil in jobs by men forsaken for the mere bare right to live.  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
On the fraction of the wages that the men they lost have earned,  
Will the women find employment—into weary wage slaves turned—  
While the man who seeks good wages—though a soldier will be spared.  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)

For the little, lovely babies, there are dangers we must shun.  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
There are dangers more resolute than the far-off Prussian gun.  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
Let us firmly hold our freedom, and refuse to let it go:  
For an enemy is rampant who would lay our fair land low;  
And if we fail to answer the conscription question, "No!"  
(Oh, Mary, pity women!)  
HAROLD MERCER.  
403 Sussex Street, City.

**RESIST ALL EVIL.**

"Resist not evil!"  
How well indeed for scoundrels!  
Slaves, your backs shall bend beneath their whip in joy,  
And pray it grow the stronger and the sharper,  
To prove you worthy martyrs to a tyrant's adage!  
O, glittering words!  
O, bitter warfare, clad in peace!  
O, Satan, smile beneath a god's decree!

"Resist not evil."  
That evil grow luxuriant,  
And they who perpetuate it grow rich and strong,  
Till changed shall be the dictum—  
"Fools, ye can't resist the evil!"  
I say, "Resist all evil!"  
Your cheek returned, strike back the blow,  
The sword by sword shall answer!  
"Resist all evil!"  
Till evil hands fall leaden,  
And evil hearts turn dust!  
P. ELDRIDGE, in "Mother Earth."

**MELBOURNE ACTIVITIES.**

Local No. 8, 197 Russell-street.  
Monday, 8 p.m.—Business Meeting.  
Thursday—Economic Class, 8 p.m.  
Friday, 8.30 p.m.: Propaganda Meeting, corner Victoria and Errol Streets, N. Melbourne.  
Sunday.—Propaganda Meeting, Yarra Bank.  
The rooms are open to all workers every night. All working class papers on file. Good Library. A welcome to all the "disobedient ones."  
It is legitimate to work hard—when the boss is looking.



# Treason.

# The Decent Worker.

# Melbourne Notes.

# The I.W.W. Press.

Treason is a general term for the crime of attacking the safety of a sovereign, State, or its head, and is precisely defined by the Treason Act of 1351. The offences made high treason by this Act which still remain in force are (a), to compass or imagine the death of the King, the Queen, or their eldest son and heir; (b), to violate the King's company or his eldest daughter, unmarried, or the wife of his eldest son and heir; (c), to levy war against the King within his realm or to adhere to the King's enemies within his realm; and (d) to slay the Chancellor, Treasurer, or the King's justices of the one bench or the other. By an Act of 1796, made perpetual in 1817, treason is further defined so as to include a plot to cause death, destruction, wounding, imprisonment, or restraint of the King, if such plots are made by the publishing of any printing or writing, or by any overt (open) act or deed.

By the Treason Felony Act of 1348 it was made a felony to (a) plot to deprive or depose the King from the style, etc., of the Imperial Court of the United Kingdom; (b) to levy war against the King in order by force or constraint to change his measure or counsel, or to put force or constraint on, or to intimidate or overawe either or both Houses of Parliament. This Act does not abrogate, but supplements the Act of 1351. The words "open and advised speaking" were removed in 1871, and it is now clearly agreed by common law that spoken words do not in themselves constitute an overt act or deed, but may be taken as evidence of the intention of accused to commit such an act. A point of great importance to us at present is, treason is not a bailable charge, except with the consent of the King, while treason, felony, sedition, or seditious utterances are all bailable.

A. J. WALLACE.

## Statement of Principles.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few who make up the employing class have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organise as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centring of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry thereby helping to defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interests of the working class upheld only by an organisation formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto "A fair day's wages for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword: "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organised not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organising industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

### AS OTHERS SEE US.

It is idle to deny the force and the rapid spread of the doctrines of the I.W.W. They are spreading at a rate that is really appalling; and the war, and the slump that may follow, are giving and will give them an increased impetus. The actual membership of the I.W.W. organisation may seem insignificant, but its more or less constant followers in Sydney alone number between 20,000 and 30,000, and they are in numbers in all the unions—the more dangerous because the I.W.W. man is everywhere the most energetic as a doctrinaire, and the most enthusiastic. According to a recent issue of the "Herald," the organisation in New York was threatening to call out two millions transport workers. The point to make the public think is they could have done it.—"S. M. Herald."

While following various occupations, I have too frequently come across wage slaves who liked to hear their masters speaking nicely about them, and calling them by that (to them) all-endearing title "decent workers." These few lines are penned to the everlasting disgrace and damnation of the Decent Worker. The decent worker is the worker who is possessed with the capitalistic spirit—the boss man. The one who gives his master, with his master terms good and faithful service for the rendering of which, his reward is generally—a pauper's grave.

The decent worker is he the capitalistic press puts upon the back every time he seeps upon his fellow workmates, and who, when force of numbers compel him to go on strike, sycophantically sneaks to his boss and tells him, "he wouldn't have gone on strike only the men compelled him to," praying to Christ that his master will have mercy upon him and look upon him as a very much martyred man.

"Poor fool with stunted vision." His sole ambition in life is to become foreman of three or four men with a shilling a day more than his "inferiors." What a pest at dinner time, he is, these few minutes he devotes to singing the praises of the boss and denouncing industrial unionism, although he has never spent three consecutive minutes in studying the question.

The Decent Worker, as I have aforementioned, is permeated with the capitalistic spirit. His desire is to get on, and he thinks the surest way of achieving this, is by courting the favour of his exploiter. The course of action his verminous instincts urge him to employ to ensure this is to pimp on and denounce his brother slaves at every opportunity.

Speak to him during the hours we are piling surplus values for the master and you will see him wim miserably hypocritical, stoop down and pretend to be busily engaged in some work, so that if by some chance, the boss happens to arrive upon the scene, he will, by his attitude convey to him the impression that it is the other chap, not he, who is doing the talking, and that he is being delayed in his work.

How he purrs and smiles when his boss addresses him, if one could, at that particular time get a glance at his coxy eyes. I am almost certain that you would find it performing an oscillating motion.

The decent worker is the one who possesses feet that crawls, though matured in age, is still juvenile in mind, trembles with fear at the angry voice of his master, has no opinions of his own, whose only ambition in life is to serve in humble servility the interests of his master on the lopsided hazard of getting on, and whose range of vision is so dwarfed that it leads him to believe, that the getting of a shilling a day more than his fellow workers is the highest point of social eminence one can aspire to. I know him well, so do you; let us know him less.

J.J.H.

### THERE CAN BE NO PEACE.

The I.W.W. preamble says:—  
There can be no peace while hunger and want are found among the millions of working people, and the few who make up the employing class have all the good things of life.

True, there can be no peace while thousands of our girls are sweated in factories at 12/6 per week and keep one's self. While our waitresses are branded not on the square "because it is a known fact that they do not get a living wage. Our future men and women are left to run the streets while their mothers work to keep a shelter overhead.

Our girls, numberless, are forced to sell their bodies in the street to make up the deficiency in wages, and all this under the Labour Government, that we, workmen's wives and daughters, fought nail and tooth to put into power.

Australia has done more than her share with men and money. If we never sent another man, if we never gave another penny, we have done more than England ever asked or expected of us.

We have Huns to face, traitors of your own race, worse than Germans.

We Australians have gladly shared our land and opportunities with our less fortunate brothers and sisters from England, Scotland, and Ireland, but this last is the limit. There is an end to human endurance, and we have still a little dignity left.

Can there be peace? Let Mr. Hughes beware! He in his position, moving among the class he does, cannot hear and does not know the misery and discontent of the people who raised him from an umbrella maker to Prime Minister.

We still have to report rapid progress of this Local. Little Billie and his pals are certainly making the wage slaves do some tall thinking. Most of them have not used their brains to such efficiency for years, as they are just now. In spite of the jailing of Peter Larkin we had a bumper meeting at the Guild Hall, on Wednesday, 27th September.

Last Sunday's Yarra Bank meeting was one of the finest we have ever held, financially and educationally. There were between 80 to 100 thousand people present. We certainly held a good proportion of the crowd. We had two platforms going and our usual speakers were well able to fill the bill.

On Sunday evening in our hall we held a most successful meeting. The hall was packed to overflowing, and to satisfy the crowd that were not able to get in we had to hold a meeting in the street.

Fellow-workers J. R. Wilson, Laidler, Jeffrey, filled the bill in the hall, and Fellow-workers Grover, Taylor, and Clemens entertained the crowd outside. When the Soul Snatchers came along and sang the crowd from us, we sang them back again with I.W.W. songs.

The Wage Plugs here have got a sudden craving appetite here for "Direct Actions," our bundle-order of several doz. sold out as soon as they lobbed. Literature sales are getting a big boost. Our literature secretary is getting lopsided carrying home the dough every night. We held a special protest meeting at the Guild Hall, Wednesday, August 4th, in aid of the Sydney boys. Another bumper meeting, Fellow-workers J. R. and A. Wilson, Wall and Jeffrey's put the case to a very enthusiastic audience. J. R. Wilson received an ovation. A resolution was carried demanding the release of the I.W.W. men now in jail, on the alternative of a general paralysis of industry.

The meeting on the Yarra Bank during (strike) day was very successful from our point of view in the propaganda work done.

The Gods seem to be against the workers, as usual, by turning on the sky juice about 10 a.m., and it was still raining when we went to bed. In spite of the rain, there was a continual stream of people moving to the Bank for about four hours, keeping about twenty thousand continually around the speakers.

Mr. Block is beginning to examine the old head of his, finding that political action has left him list in the wood. He is beginning to sit up and take notice of the I.W.W., wanting us to show him the way out.

The track of the One Big Union is his only hope. Their industrial might is the only thing that will solve this present problem, and all the working class problems arising out of the capitalistic state, and they certainly are beginning to realise this in Melbourne.

James Pope, 197 Russell-street, Melbourne.

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### NOTICE.

Any local or fellow workers having sent in orders for literature are requested by the Literature Secretary, Sydney Local, to communicate again with him, as all correspondence is at present in the hands of the police.

**'Mirror' Muck.**

**I.W.W. ASSASSINS SAY VOTE NO.**

Sydney "Mirror" pursues the even tenor of its jingo way, unmindful of the law of libel and totally oblivious to any sense of justice or journalistic decency. It is generally understood that a person is innocent of a crime until convicted, even the most partisan sheet will grant that fact to a political opponent. Not so, thinks the highly respectable "Mirror," which goes out of its way to slander members of the I.W.W. now before the court. Further, it prints a cartoon supposed to represent an I.W.W. man in the act of murder and arson. In the first place the "Mirror's" attitude is grossly unfair to the men before the court, especially at a time when it is well known that certain people are endeavouring to crush the I.W.W. Secondly, it is criminally unjust to represent an organisation as a gang of foreign spies and criminals because some members happen to be charged. We might just as well affirm that everyone connected with the "Mirror" was a murderer because the "Mirror" advocates militarism.

Ever since the war the "Mirror" has thrown muck at the I.W.W. Perhaps this abuse has had a damaging effect on recruiting, wobblers having found out long ago that their promotion in the esteem of the "Mirror" is far more rapid than in the army. A year ago we were only shirkers, peace mongers and foreign spies. Six months later the "Mirror" promoted us to the ranks of undesirable and criminals. As the influence of the I.W.W. grew, the "Mirror" launched out with more abusive epithets. Last week our efforts in the anti-conscription campaign earned us the title of wreckers. To-day we are branded "assassins." Perchance next week the editor of the "Mirror" may promote us to the rank of devil.

Though the "Mirror's" malice may be uncalculated for and its cartoons criminally insidious, we must admire the yellow posters this jingo journal produces. Mention ago it produced a poster headed "An open letter to the swinish Huns," which was really a cowardly attack on local Germans, who, of course, were not in a position to defend themselves. This attitude is typical of the huminous "Mirror" tactics of attacking small sections of the community, such as the shirker, the peace advocate, etc. Another poster read, "A campaign of lies," which is a very appropriate poster for the "Mirror" which has never hesitated to conduct a campaign of lies against all and sundry who are antagonistic to the "Mirror's" ideas. Of course, it may be necessary for a paper containing so much mental muck to resort to sene posters. Last week the "Mirror" surpassed itself with a poster which said:—

**I.W.W. ASSASSINS WANT YOU TO VOTE NO.**

This insulting placard is rather illogical. The I.W.W. has consistently said "No" and will continue to say "No" to all the murder schemes of militarists. It is rather humorous to hear an organisation which is anti-militarist called assassins by a paper that revels in the organisation of murder. I would be interesting to see what would happen if "Direct Action" came out with placards headed

**MIRROR MURDER MONGERS SAY VOTE YES.**

Indeed, such a poster would be far nearer the truth than the "Mirror's" placard, for this sheet, since the day it was born in a subterranean cellar in Ash-street, has revelled in murder and atrocities. It is in fact a literary abortion begotten of war mania and sweater's greed. It started mainly for the purpose of advocating the capture of enemy trade. This is the same sheet that tried to stampe the country into conscription last year. It is now busy denouncing the anti-conscriptionists as liars, and is insinuating that they are the associates of the alleged I.W.W. criminals. All this is evidently written with the idea of blighting the ignorant to vote "Yes" at the referenda. As the "Mirror" contains so many mistatements on the conscription issue, we would draw the editor's attention to an article in this issue of "Direct Action," which explains the real reasons for conscription. We challenge him to refute that article if he can. We further challenge the "Mirror" to prove that the I.W.W. is supported by German gold. We further challenge this malicious "Mirror" to substantiate its allegation that the I.W.W. are the outlaws of every country intent on committing dastardly crimes of all kinds. Before the "Mirror" maliciously abuses people it would do well to clean up the muck on its own doorstep. Its advertisements are enough to condemn the paper. Again its adoption of the tactics of yellow journalism are open to severe criticism. It is somewhat sad to see a professedly respectable journal sink so low as to deliberately

try to inflame the mind of ignorance against men whose crime consists in the fact that they stood out against the bloody bootlers, and snobbish sweaters to which the "Mirror" panders.

J. A. Kinman, 403 Sussex St., Sydney.

**Broken Hill News.**

Broken Hill wobblers were glad to receive last issue of "Direct Action," and to note its contents. It looks very much as though the powers that be have not yet learned that it takes something more than the imprisonment of a few of our most active members to break the spirit of the I.W.W. In the atmosphere of such an organisation as the I.W.W. editors, speakers, and writers are always developing and are ready to appear when the necessity for their appearance arises.

Things in Broken Hill are going along as well as can be expected in these strenuous times, and the anti-conscription movement is more solid than ever. The proclamation compelling single men to enlist has, of course, been issued, but the response cannot be said to be gratifying from a military point of view.

Yesterday (Wednesday, October 5) a meeting to protest against conscription was held in the Central Reserve. The tone of the meeting was, as usual, militant. To-day is eight-hours day in Broken Hill, and the line of lode is, of course, idle for 24 hours.

Walking down the street one is struck by the different badges worn by members of the various craft organisations, and is forced to realise that many members of our class have yet to learn that the way to working class emancipation is not by keeping up the old ideas of craft and skill in labor organisations, but only by realising that the working class are but units in the complex machine process which is called industry, and by organisation to weld together those units in order to gain working class control of industry.

The anti-conscription party formed here is still doing good work. One specially gratifying feature of the aforesaid organisation is its ladies' section, which, for enthusiasm, is second to none. Every class-conscious working man must metaphorically take off his hat to the noble women of Broken Hill, as I do, and the earnest hope is that when the present anti-conscription crusade is over these same women will study the principles of the I.W.W. and join hands with the men for the overthrow of the system which denies to women no less than men that liberty of self expression, which is life.

E. F. Ward, 316 Argent Street, Broken Hill.

Briefly, the reason for unemployment is that there are not enough jobs to go around. What about a shorter work-day? Speeding-up schemes are put forward in the interests of the boss. You and he have nothing in common.

**THE DELEGATES.**

Fellow-workers Foley, Goldsmith, and Farrell reported excellent progress in their tour up the South Coast on behalf of the Defence Committee. At a meeting held at Stanwell Park of the navvies, our fellow workers received a most sympathetic hearing. Although on account of the short time worked for the past fortnight, a collection between £4 and £5 was taken up. Cheers were given for the men in gaol. A committee of the reps. of thirteen gangs has been formed for the purpose of taking up collections for the legal defence of the gaoled men. Fellow-worker Brian Sully, of Lithgow strike fame, is the treasurer, and he will do his best to make the collection a success.

On the following evening the same fellow workers spoke at the camp at Offord, which was fairly successful. The collection amounted to £2 10s. Lists are also to be taken round on pay day, from which a good response is expected.

Don't forget this when considering the recruiting depression. Carmichael's thousand (220) couldn't drill with the garden variety of soldier in the ordinary parks. No; Government House grounds had to be commandeered for the purpose, and electric lights had to be specially laid on. The Auditor-General says it cost nearly £300 for this M.L.A. limelight. Of course, the Holman crowd are responsible. Who are the real I.W.W.s?—"The Newsletter."

**Politics and Prejudice. A Financial Farce.**

**HUGHES, THE "I.W.W.," AND A POLITICAL OPPONENT.**

Apparently, the Prime Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, is not content with seeking to impose upon Australia a form of conscription which is worse than that of Prussia; but he goes further, and is even guilty of the indecency and the gross unfairness of seeking, for the purpose of injuring a political opponent, to use evidence given during an uncompleted preliminary inquiry into a charge of crime. This is not only abominably unfair to the politician against whom Mr. Hughes seeks to use this information; but it is also likely to prejudice the accused. One of the fundamental principles of British justice is that a man is innocent until he has been proven before a jury to be guilty, and convicted by that jury. In some foreign conscript countries, however, this is not a principle of law; and an accused person is therefore presumed to be guilty until he has demonstrated his innocence. Apparently, Mr. W. M. Hughes prefers the foreign practice to the British principle.

The matter to which we refer relates to the scandalous comments that he is making throughout Australia upon the evidence that is being given in Sydney at the preliminary hearing, by Mr. Barnett, S.M., of the evidence relating to the charges that are being made against a number of members of the organisation known as the I.W.W. Not only does he craftily and falsely insinuate that the Labor organisations are controlled by the I.W.W.; but he—the Prime Minister and Attorney-General of the Commonwealth—actually perigrinates throughout Australia making injurious remarks about the men now before Mr. Barnett, S.M., which may have the effect of prejudicing their case if the Magistrate should decide to send them before a jury. These remarks are published, and prominently displayed, in the principal newspapers of Sydney, the city in which they would have to be tried.

Speaking at Hallarat last Monday night, the Prime Minister made a virulent attack upon some unnamed members of the I.W.W. organisation. He then went on to say, as is reported in last Thursday's "Sun"—

"The I.W.W. and some other organisations do not stop at such tactics, but go much further. They not only preach but practice sabotage; that is to say the wilful destruction of factories, machinery and plant. Nor do they stop even here; but, for reasons that will be obvious to every citizen if the Commonwealth in the course of the next few days, I will not now catalogue their crimes, except to remind the people of the Commonwealth that they are to a man anti-conscriptionists. These men have perverted industrial and political unionism to their own base purposes. I hope the workers will arise while there is yet time and put these men out. They are all anarchists and enemies of society. I invite you to read the press diligently during the next day or two."

It is a most monstrous thing that the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth should so lightly regard his duties and responsibilities in his high office as to speak in this way of men who are now in a court of justice accused of a serious crime; but who have not yet entered upon their defence. If ever there was a case justifying committal for contempt of court, the case of the Prime Minister and Attorney-General of the Commonwealth is such a case. He has not stopped, however, at what was thus reported in the Sydney "Sun," but, according to the "Sydney Morning Herald" of yesterday, said as much, or more, at Hobart—Extract from Sydney "Truth."

We view with some gravity the tidings of the I.W.W. arrests in Sydney for treason. News has also come to hand last week from Broken Hill that W. D. Barnett, the secretary of the A.M.A., and well known in Melbourne, had been arrested, and was to be tried on a charge of seditious matter appearing in the columns of the "Barrier Daily Truth." We trust it will go well with all who have been arrested. As to the I.W.W. charges, fuller particulars will be awaited with anxiety. Back of these charges may be the desire to smash the I.W.W. because of its fight for the working class. Let us be on our guard.—Melbourne "Socialist."

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

Owing to limited space, we are holding over some articles. Writers should send in manuscript by Friday if they wish their matter to appear the following week.

If the working class had any doubt about the perfidy of those whom they picked from the pavement and put into Parliament, the issuing of the proclamation summoning their young men to arms would surely dispel it.

These prospective victims of Moloch are to be held under military control—penned as it were in compounds—while all the black arts of inscrupulousness are brought to bear upon the electors to induce or terrify them into voting the victims to their doom.

And in order to reassure the capitalist classes, who were beginning to fear that the conscription of life would carry with it the conscription of wealth, down comes the Treasurer—the "Labor" Treasurer!—with taxation proposals which leading exploiters of the people are able to describe as "eminently reasonable."

A miserable 3 per cent. per annum for three years is to be levied on Property for the repatriation fund; war profits are to be taxed in a manner so miserably inefficient and insincere that the Treasurer only expects to net £2,000,000 a year from this source; and there is to me a small increase in the income tax as it affects the rich—the whole of the amounts thus extracted from Wealth being only sufficient to FINANCE THE WAR FOR FIVE OR SIX DAYS.

And concurrently with these hypocritical pretences to make the Bloated Purse disgorge, there are taxes on the cheap amusement of the workers—even the tickets of the children going into the picture shows are to pay a fine—and taxes on the working men and women without dependents, earning from £100 to £200 a year, who will have to hand over £1 each to Mr. Higgs.

The whole conspiracy is now laid bare—LIFE is to be DRAINED by conscription, and WEALTH to be FATTENED by usury.

Australia is to be depleted of its white manhood, and opportunities created for the lions of colored labor.

Unionism is to be ground beneath the Iron Heel. The door is to be thrown wide open for the sweating of the women and children robbed of their breadwinners; they will be called upon to do the heavy work of men at a fraction of the wages that the men received for it.

And the workers are to be brutally FORCED to GIVE their lives to the war, while the wealthy classes are innocently EMPLOYED to LEND their money.

And when the orgy of blood and hate is over, the conscripts and volunteers who survive may come back and join in the frantic struggle for jobs, and toil to keep Shylock the Shirker in luxury.

To such a pass have we been brought by a "Labor" Government.

But the Unions—praise be!—are alert and determined. And though the outlook is covered with darkness and fretted with fire, so long as the workers stick loyally one to another the gates of Hell shall not prevail against them.

—Henry E. Boote, St. Andrew's Place, Sydney, in the "Australia Worker"

At a Glebe women's conscription meeting. A lady in the audience to the chairman: "Mr. Chairman, are you a member of the I.W.W.?"

Mr. Chairman (a big, binjified person, indignantly): "Certainly not, madam."

The Lady: "I am very pleased to hear it, as the I.W.W. are very decent fellows."

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