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ONE PENNY

Perth Doings

(By M.M.)

I trust the enclosed article will be useful for your splendid little paper. We are trying to educate the trades hall unions of this city. I have been endeavouring to fix up a debate on I.W.W. principles between Fellow-Worker Reeves and a trades hall man, one Banton, but he didn't catch on. We can't get them to defend their principles (if any), nor attack ours. The more we could arrange was to secure a night for Reeves to give a half hour exposition of I.W.W. methods at a grand meeting of the A.L.F., a discussion to follow. We are stipulating for a public meeting. We think it will come off all right, but they have an instinctive sense of the inherent weakness of their position, and hence are shy of being drawn in to any argumentative skirmish.

We are having splendid Sunday meetings on the Esplanade, Perth; it is the equivalent of the Domain in Sydney as the people's forum. Last Sunday the meeting was a bumper success. "Solidarity" and "Direct Action" both sold clean out, and a great sale of literature, also many Trades Halls attend, and take great interest. It is only the shacks that keep them to their meetings in that dead sea of political superstition.

We have a Local in Perth now, launched last week. All the foundation members are rebels who have been with me through the old I.W.W. dark ages of this sleepy hollow of the Far West.

SYDNEY PROPAGANDA.

Weekend meetings were well maintained, though sales of literature in the Domain on Sunday were not up to the average. Fellow-worker King was up to his best form on Sunday night, and spoke for over an hour to a crowded audience at the Hall.

A Fund has been inaugurated for the purpose of getting a band for the Local. We have the musicians, and all that is now required are the instruments. One contribution of 25 has already been offered. A band will be of splendid assistance in breaking new ground at outdoor propaganda meetings, so all members interested, who can do so, are invited to send along their mite.

Fellow-worker G. Washington has been temporarily appointed secretary of the Band Committee. All communications on the matter should be addressed to Box 98, Haymarket.

OUR ARTIST.

"Direct Action" has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Syd Nicholls, whose talents as an artist promise to bring him to the top of the tree in the course of time. Although little more than a boy in years, his cartoons are being reprinted from "Direct Action" into revolutionary papers in other parts of the world.

The full-page cartoon which appeared on the back page of the *May Day News*, "War and the Worker," has been reproduced in the organ of the Swedish Central Organisation of Workers, "Syndikalisterna." A more recent cartoon, entitled "The Coming later national," has been reprinted in the



(The Commonwealth Government is floating a further £10,000,000 for the War Chest. The prospectus calls upon investors to "show a patriotic spirit... especially as no sacrifice is entailed... the rate of interest being far higher than in normal times.")

FAT (intoxicated with "patriotism"): "LONG LIVE THE WARI HIP, HIP, 'OORAY! FILL 'EM UP AGAIN!"

Lithuanian I.W.W. paper, "Darbininku Balsas."

It is the intention of the I.W.W. Press Committee to print an album of Syd Nicholls' cartoons of which more will be announced later.

FREMIANTLE NOTES.

"Compagno lavatore de la monda." F. W. Boggs, being in Fremantle for a few days, Local No. 5 took the advantage of the occasion, and held on November 13th a propaganda meeting for the Italians.

F. W.'s Alex Boggs and Maggi addressed the meeting first, in the Italian language, followed by a short address by F. W. Reeves.

It was an inspiring meeting. The first working class meeting of a true

international character ever held in Fremantle. The meeting sustained a spirit of intense enthusiasm. The Italian fellow workers, with the usual excitable and enthusiastic temperament of the Latin races, punctuated the different speeches with a fund of applause. Boggs, in explaining the uses of "Sabotage," related his jail experience in the strikes and free speech fights in America. Providing that the I.W.W. can get in enough propaganda, there is going to be "something doing" in the next big strike in W.A.

Prime Minister Hughes has offered another 50,000 men as a fresh sacrifice to the modern Moloch. Follies claim and their masters have always been generous with other people's lives.

SOMETHING DOING.

The following collection was taken up by Fellow Worker W. Hutene at Renssel, Rockhampton, Queensland, for the I.W.W. Press Fund. Needless to say, the Press Fund Committee deeply appreciate the donations, which have arrived at a moment when we have a big bill to meet for machinery and supplies. The following is an acknowledgment—

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Fitzgerald's Chicks

COME TO SYDNEY TO ROOST AND

ROOT.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, M.L.C., expressed a wish that "some of the soldiers would come down from Liverpool and kick I.W.W. men and Socialists off the streets." When a man in Fitzgerald's position deliberately incites soldiers to acts of violence and bloodshed in the public streets, one may expect results of a startling nature. Consequently there need be no cause for surprise in last Saturday night's riots in Sydney. The "Sunday Times," whose particular brand of "patriotism" is on a par with that of Fitzgerald's, even went out of its way to excuse the acts of "our heroes," and encourage further "robbery of the same" character, by expressing the opinion that "if a Hun or two had gone amissing there would be no mourning."

The "Times'" definition of a Hun, of course, includes all those who may happen to disagree with it on what constitutes genuine patriotism, and other matters connected with the war, matters upon which each individual in the community is as much entitled to his or her opinion, and the expression thereof, as prostitute scribbles of the capitalist press and paid patriots of the Fitzgerald type.

Presumably, Fitzgerald, the Times, and the other great defenders and exponents of "law and order," are disappointed with the way in which the valiant brigade who are going to establish order in Europe acted on Saturday night; for with the exception of a demonstration outside the Socialist Party quarters, neither Socialists nor I.W.W.'s were interfered with, though the latter held a large meeting at the corner of Park and George streets. Some damage to capitalist property, and a few soldiers and policemen with cut heads, were the sum total and result of Saturday night's excitement. Truly, a satirical commentary upon the boasted "constitutional," "peaceable," "law and order" methods of the Federal Labor Government which controls the one, and the State Labor Government which controls the other.

The I.W.W., of course, in spite of that which critics of the Fitzgerald type say about it, and notwithstanding the example set by those critics, is opposed to violence and bloodshed; but if it should happen that Fitzgerald's chicks (which have come home to roost in such an unexpected manner) try to impose the I.W.W. with the necessity of observing the "peace" and conforming to "law and order," it may become necessary to convince Fitzgerald and his "peaceable" cabinet confederates, that the little game of "peace" per medium of half a trick, is a game that two can play at.

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