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WAR! WHAT FOR? FOR THE WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. DEATH, STARVATION, POVERTY AND UNTOLD MISERY. FOR THE CAPITALIST CLASS. GOLD, STAINED WITH THE BLOOD OF MILLIONS, RIOTOUS LUXURY, BANQUETS OF JUBILATION OVER THE GRAVES OF THEIR DUPES AND SLAVES. WAR IS HELL! SEND THE CAPITALISTS TO HELL AND WARS ARE IMPOSSIBLE

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Workers of the World Unite against WAR!!

Shelley in answer to his own question, What is slavery? says: "It is to be a slave in soul, and to hold on strong control Over your own will, but be All that others make of you."

Certain it is that of the millions of human beings who are at present engaged with each other in a life and death struggle, not one could give an intelligent explanation of his action, or the whence and wherefore of this sudden desire for carnage and bloodshed with which this accursed civilised world of ours seems to be imbued.

The reason given at the outset was because a titled parasite, known as the Archduke of Austria, had been sent suddenly to hell to atone for his misdeeds by a Serbian assassin. Was there more natural than that that instant loss of control of their own powers, and their own reasoning faculties, and be prepared likewise to assassinate and send each other to hell—in this world and in the next?

The unscrupulous press, which fosters and promotes the militarist spirit so vital to the interests of the ruling class, and which asks reasonable people to believe that the murder of the Archduke of Austria is the real cause of the present carnage in Europe, is itself not one of the few factors which contribute to the promotion of the war fever.

Then, too, financiers of the Rothschild type, the great bankers and capitalists who control and manipulate the money markets, and without whose aid and permission war on any scale would be impossible, have reasons of their own, and of the same scheme which, on account of the panic it creates, pours stocks and bonds into the treasuries of the belligerent nations, and so will until peace is again restored.

A third and not least important cause may be looked for in the fact that there is a convenient method for the capitalists of all nations to get rid of that great surplus population of workers which they have produced and so exploited in the past and freed whom they have now no further use except to make food for powder.

It is along these lines that the cause of the war to be fought; but whatever factor contributed to its greatest of all crimes, even in the blood-red record of Capitalism, one thing stands out clearly, and that is that whoever reaps the benefits, the workers will gain a bitter harvest.

The capitalist press paints in its most rosy hues, the "glory" and the "honour" of wholesale murder is held up for the time being as the best and only method of humanity. Parading, flag-waving and trumpet blaring, are the order of the day. Hangers-on of the system, the sycophants, the flatterers, and the pillars of church and state, politicians of every hue are all endeavoring to inflame the workers with their patriotic blarney, and the notion of which half the crimes of history have been committed.

And the workers will pay dearly for the "reality" of having the horrors of aerial warfare, the misery, disease and death, and the hundreds of thousands of desolate homes, widows and children left widowed and fatherless, and every aspect of the case is not dwell upon to the workers is ruinous in its consequences. Already food is in famine, and in Europe, and even here in Australia, the cost of the necessities of life has perceptibly risen.

In the near future, the position will become even more starvation for the unemployed, and semi-starvation even for those who are working, will be the inevitable result. All to gratify the personal greed of some, and the vanity and prejudices of others.

The Boer war, as indeed every war of recent years, is an illustration of the meaning of the unscrupulous war-mongers gull and afterwards betray those workers who are foolish enough to be their dupes. The recent marching of workers in the streets of Johannesburg, and the attempt to crush the "Union" of the miners, is something which factories and wage-earners might well remember.

The workers owe no debt of gratitude, but a debt of a different kind to the recent victors, to the class that promotes, and to the class that capitulates have never yet endangered their cowardly careers by the use of their arms. Why should 2 Millions of the unthinking slaves are quite ready to go into the delirium of enthusiasm at a stick-and-stab, shoot and kill while their capitalist masters drink success in the shedding of working class blood, the shedding of working class blood, the shedding of working class blood, the shedding of working class blood, the shedding of working class blood.

Differences of language and geographical boundaries, which separate the workers in imagination, have no reality in the reality of their common interests. The "press" uses as pretexts in this blood-thirsty era of imperialism the bonds of the ever increasing international Fraternity and solidarity of the workers, while their own interests may remain safe from further period.

Who knows, however? The reaction may teach the workers, by seeing countries which argument and logic and power, that it is time while the hands of social criminals hang out on the blood of human beings as the fate of a holocaust to its prey, who fit, by the sacrifice of millions of lives, and who have made twentieth century "civilisation" a by-word for posterity.

I.W.W. Revival in New Zealand.

There is not much doing in New Zealand in the revolutionary I.W.W. workers are doing the "leg" for the strike to that illustrious "weapon," the ballot-box. The voters here were lashed into revolt last year, and they got well scolded, and no wonder, when they hadn't practised Direct Action on a large scale for over twenty years. So Labour is now the great half stumped by a blow, and in that dazed condition striking blindly at the shadow of the thing that dealt the blow. In other words, the workers' attention is being focused on politics.

In the defeat of the 1913 strike the workers suffered, but they in fact, they were losers on the whole; so much so that the bosses would go to some lengths to avoid another strike like it now. If the "red" leaders here were as revolutionary and sincere as they were so fond of telling us they would spend more time pointing out the real causes of failure and the time in trying to work out a working class energy and funds into the radical capitalist politics of the S.D.P. A labour conference has just been held in Wellington and as unpaid officials were the dominant element. Eight-pound-a-week-Rosses, the same Arthur who persuaded the Auckland strikers to give up their money, was there with the usual dope. Some queer measures were advocated, including chopping off the heads of all those who advocate socialism, syndicalism, and anarchism. All those attempts were made to invest autocratic power in the hands of an executive. These kind of capitalist ideas were freely voiced. Pettisnism was the order of the day. The workers who approached the reds who attended it, it is now pretty obvious that the Government N.Z.F. of L., as such is dead enough—if it wasn't dead last year.

Some of the late Federation leaders addressed a meeting at the old Opera House last week. One of them stated that the Federation had never turned the Rank and File down! This could mean the strike put "the never did otherwise!" But it is useless to waste time wrangling with the Federation, the spreading of I.W.W. principles among the workers is the direct way.

A small bunch of fellows met last week to consider forming an I.W.W. branch in Wellington. A locally noted switch-back philosopher, expressing himself favourably to forming a local, advocated "job control" as the main thing to get going. He said that the I.W.W. after, but we need an outside propaganda organisation, and it is right to get results. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of a committee to develop a local. There were several enemies about the local already, including workers of the well-known "Red" Tool "Gun" Sullivan passed through here recently on his way south. The Wellington S.P., which used to function like an I.W.W. local, is rapidly dissolving. It is now composed chiefly of philosophers who play poker, S.L. peers who mangle the Tongue, and enthusiasts who teach the Tongue.

Of the three I.W.W. locals, existing in N.Z. prior to the strike, two were almost destroyed, and they were undeniably a pity. They labour in N.Z.; but, as they were scattering far and wide of the active members nearly killed by the most recent strike. The remnants are however, and although the I.W.W. labour misleaders have the idea that they have killed the organisation, we hope to disturb the dreams in the near future by some active agitation.

R. HANLON.

"Oh! Turn their water to arms, We, let by beloved sake, On wealth and war and fraud, Dress, a power which is their prey."

The Machine Idea. How it acts instead of Human Brains.

Machines, like men, present themselves before the employer and seek employment. They ask, as men do, for wages and children do for the privilege of being used in the process of production. Here I am, one seems to say, I have but to prove to you, an employer, that I am capable of producing more commodities at less expense than any two of the human machines you now employ. Instal me in your factory and I guarantee to do even more than you expect of me.

Your slaves, humble to prostration, servile as to the most autocratic king, diligent to serve as men, must needs submit to my greater power, to yield to you larger quantities of the almighty dollar. For their efforts are feeble when brought into competition with mine. To defeat me they must again defeat themselves by bringing forth, through their brains and muscle, a better form of machine than I am. I take my place in the plants of industry the old machinery is scrapped and the men who worked them—"skilled workers"—are dispensed with. Cheap labour is my specialty, the technical knowledge is now in me, the machine.

Your interest in the men I car displace ceases, when once they fail to meet all competitors that are pitched against them in the process.

Your attention, like that of the villain in the play, must ever be transferred to the victim that the great satisfies your craving for a new sentiment you have, morality you may make yourself believe you have, but this is certain, either naturally or by compulsion, that a glutton and, being in competition

with the other gluttons, this forces you to engage me instead of the men, for I am the better machine. As a commodity producer, I am the wonder of the age. I bring joy and gladness to your heart. That is new, but some day the workers will get wise and use me as well as you own me, but they control me. Amongst them they control every commodity producing machine. They have more power over the machine than anything else inside or outside industry; more and much more power than you have in your parliaments and law courts. Some day they will use me to defeat you.

E. MOVLE.

Short Arm Jolts.

"If you can't do enough for mate with the business end of a pick, use the other end and master will draw the tango."

"For the want of a nail the horse was lost"; for the want of a bolt the strike was won.

You know the way without leaders. When leaders attempt to lead you let them lose themselves. Commodities and slaves are produced together. Commodities, through the careful preservation of the natural resources of the earth by the working class; slaves, through the appropriation of the same commodities by the master class.

A man who acts as if worth a million jaw smiths and pipe drawers.

The Preamble of the I.W.W.

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 a few, and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping to defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employer 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 interest 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 working 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 capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organising industry we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

How to Join.

Any wage worker wishing to join the Industrial Workers of the World can obtain information by applying to the nearest local I.W.W. secretary. If there is no branch of the I.W.W. in your district you may become a member by making application through the post to any secretary listed in this paper.

Do you wish to abide by the constitution make yourself acquainted with its principles and Name, address, occupation, and Occupation.

Street Address
Town
State

The above applicant, having subscribed to the principles of the I.W.W. and become a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, is therefore recommended for membership. By organising industry we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Cut this out, fill in. Post to Sec. Treas, with Initiation Fee.

SABOTAGE.

By WALKER C. SMITH.

In order to gain certain demands, without losing their jobs, the Austrian postal workers strictly observed the rule that all mail matter must be weighed to see if the proper postage was affixed. Formerly they had passed, without weighing, all these letters and parcels which were clearly under weight, thus living up to the spirit of the regulation but not to its exact wording. By taking each separate piece of mail matter to the scales, carefully weighing same and then returning it to its proper place, the postal workers had the office congested with unweighed mail on the second day. This method is more effective than striking, especially when used on a large scale.

In 1905 the railway workers of Italy gave a good example of the value of legal sabotage. They simply remained at their accustomed places and obeyed all the rules and regulations. When a person purchased a ticket they had to present the exact change. When they failed to comply, the rule in question was read to them. The wicket closed exactly on the set time, leaving long lines of waiting passengers. Inside the yards the same thing was going on. Every car was examined to make sure that it was in good condition. Every nut and bolt was tested before a car was allowed to leave the yard. Switching engines moved at the rate of speed called for in the regulations. When the indignant passengers tried to leave the cars they were held by the station guards and were shown the rule that forbade them to leave. Trains were thus held for hours, and finally when released from the station they were not allowed to run beyond the legal rate of speed and all signals were scrupulously observed. The service was completely demoralized within a short time.

So sabotage may be expected not only to form an increasingly popular weapon against capitalism, but also to be a means of bringing about the speedy downfall of an environment, whereby schemes that should be hatched for the purpose of blocking the road to industrial freedom. Only with the gaining of industrial freedom will sabotage stop.

XIII.

When a strike breaks out the employers are quick to seize some prominent figures in the fight to place under arrest on serious charges. This in itself is not a bad thing for it has the immediate effect of solidifying the strikers. But when these arrests are multiplied to such an extent that special publicity cannot be had in each case, and conviction results, the workers are weakened. The increasing contempt for legal procedure will automatically shut off funds to support such cases unless it can be shown that the propaganda value of the trials is equal to the amount of cash expended. Yet it is certain that no organization is claiming that "An injury to one is an injury to all" can abscond with any of the victimized workers. New tactics must be employed in such cases. *Sabotage is the most logical weapon to force a discontinuance of the practice of arresting strike leaders.*

Let the capitalist be reasonably certain that any attempt to judiciously strangle the spokesmen of the workers will be met by a prolonged series of mishaps in the industries, and their hands will be stayed. Let the depriving of the workers of their liberty be a signal to deprive the employer of all profits, and arrests will cease to multiply. Laws is a thing in which the wage slaves play no part, but industry is the place where the employers are impatient when the workers decide to act. The same thing may be applied to cases where active union men, committee members, etc., are discharged. The employer generally starts his black-list work at a season when a strike is undesirable from a working class viewpoint, and the discharges may even be for the purpose of provoking a premature strike. Sabotage should be the answer to the disruptive attempts of the employers. Then again, there are minor grievances in the shops which the employer refuses to adjust and which are scarcely serious enough to warrant the tying up of industry. After due consideration sabotage can be employed to gain the demands. This is especially true where the whole body are not class conscious enough to engage in an intermittent, or iron strike.

Sabotage has been called a confession of weakness because of its use when a strike has failed, where a strike is not advisable, and where the organization is without mass power because of being in the process of formation. Admitting the charge, is it true that the workers are still largely without consciousness of power? It would be suicidal to act on the theory that we are to-day clothed with the might for which we are struggling. Being weak we must guard our embryonic organization, using every means within our grasp to save that of compromise with our enemy, the employing class.

Another charge made is that sabotage cannot gain any benefit for the workers that could not as well be gained by thorough industrial organization. Can the battles of the present be fought with the weapons of the future? We are not armed to-day with thorough organization, but every toiler in the industries has sabotage at his command. With thorough industrial organization there would be no wage system and it is idle to suppose that the capitalists will allow the workers to build the structure. Sabotage done without making strenuous attempts to wreck it is attempts to stop the creating of a new society. The above mentioned argument sounds strangely like that of the politician. We are told 't'is not a mayor to prevent violence against striking workers. Guessing that the militia would be sent if the mayor refused to protect private property according to his oath of office we are told that it is the governor who also must be elected before we strike. When the regular army is employed we are gravely informed that a Socialist President is the necessary article to win strike with. Then to crown it we are told by some that strikes will cease when a socialist is present, while others maintain that the president will abolish his office and turn the industries over to the workers.

But strike leaders are being jailed and active rebels victimized now and we must meet conditions as they exist and not as they will be when the present system is overthrown. Sabotage is a weapon of the existing daily combat between the masters and the slaves.

XIV.

Open Mouth' sabotage shows the weapon in its best form, a form

which allows the spy but little place to act; which does not allow us of police, which strikes at the fraudulent practices on which Capitalism is based.

Commerce to-day is founded on fraud. Capitalism's standard of honesty demands that the wage slave lie to everyone except his employer. An honest business man is a myth and an honest clerk could not sell the shoddy goods of the merchants. There is not a single portion of the commerce of the entire world where exact truthfulness would not spell financial ruin under present conditions.

In the foodstuffs industry open mouth sabotage is peculiarly potent. Its use will at once limit the support of a large portion of the public. It becomes one of the highest social acts. Let the workers, instead of striking, or even when on strike, expose the methods of manufacture and the boss will soon come to terms.

Let the workers in the candy factories tell of the glucose, terra alba and other poisonous substances in the candies and the consumer becomes hostile to the manufacturer.

Let the cooks tell how food is prepared for the table, of how foul meals are treated with chemicals so they may be served; let the dish-washers, waiters and other hotel and restaurant workers tell of conditions under which dishes are "washed" and the orders "prepared," and the employers will be forced into submission.

Let the building workers make known the substitution that invariably takes place in erecting structures by contract.

Let the ironmen spread the news of boilers in which steam is generated to a dangerous point in order to save expenses.

The factory workers can tell of goods piled up beyond the fire limit. The workers engaged in the building of bridges, dams, reservoirs and structures of a similar nature, can tell of inferior materials used therein and of methods of construction not according to specifications, oftentimes being the direct cause of many deaths. Workers on the railroads can tell of faulty engines, unsafe trestles. Marine transport workers would do well to tell of this insidious number of lifeboats, of inferior bells, and so forth. The textile worker can tell of the shoddy which is sold as "wool."

The persistent use of open mouth sabotage, besides gaining the demands of the workers, will be more effective in bringing about the stoppage of adulteration of foods than "pure food laws" or other remedial legislation.

Nor does open mouth sabotage end there. The workers carry with them the secrets of the masters. Let them divulge these secrets, whether they be secret methods of manufacture that competitors are striving to learn, or acts of repression directed against the workers. Let the masters know that henceforth they must deal with industrial utopia.

Both France and this country can record cases where it has been found expedient to have loyal workers pose as detectives so as to ferret out the secrets of the masters' guardians. The famous case in Boise, Idaho, is one example, and in nearly every great battle the working class forces are forewarned of some of the intended attacks.

With this effective form of sabotage we do not think that even the reformer can quarrel. In fact, he is a party to it at all times and he justifies it on humanitarian grounds.

CONCLUSION.

Labour produces wealth—all wealth belongs to labour.

We, the workers, mental and manual with our muscle, mind and skill, wrest raw materials from the heart of Nature and with infinite pain fashion them into the things of special value. We are the creators — to us belong the products. So far as actual productive processes are concerned we are in possession of industry, yet we have neither ownership nor control because of our absurd belief in property rights.

We stand aghast at the things of our own making. We create property and let it master us. We build things great and small and we who are greater than all stand in abject fear of our own creations, foolishly thinking them to have some supernatural power—some force outside ourselves.

Property and precedent rule us all to-day and the precedents rest, one and all, upon a property basis. Things of flesh and blood and bone and sinew and tissue are held cheap as compared to the things of iron and steel and stone and brick and wood. "Property is robbery," said Frothingham. If the meaning of that reverence for "property rights" is the basis of all exploitation, then Frothingham was right. The idea that wealth is greater than its creators has enslaved the world's toilers.

We have damned ourselves because we have thought that the right of the bakeshop and the bread was greater than the right of the working man's empty stomach. That same foolish belief has crowded countless thousands into death-dealing tenements, while on the healthy outskirts of all city there are numerous vacant dwellings. Garment workers are out at the elbow while the warehouse shelves groan beneath their load of clothing. "Property" is indeed a hideous Frankenstein which will destroy us unless we are first able to destroy the sanctity with which it is surrounded.

Sabotage is discredited by those who believe in property rights. It is the weapon of those who no longer reverence the thing that fetters them. Its advocacy and use help to destroy the "property illusion." The parasites, who have property, oppose sabotage, while the producers, who have poverty, are commencing to yield that potent weapon.

Is the machine more than its makers? Sabotage says "No!" Is the product greater than its producers? Sabotage says "No!" Sabotage places human life—and especially the life of the only useful class—higher than all else in the universe.

Will you keep private property and public poverty, master class morals and working class misery, capitalism and crime—or will you arise in your outraged majesty and take a stand for sabotage, solidarity and a new social order in which there will be neither master nor slave? For sabotage or for slavery? Which?

Finis.

Arbitration

Chucked Over-board.

Only useful to the Boss in good times.

Holman again betrays the Workers.

The Labor Party is bringing down legislation, to cancel all industrial awards.

They will relieve the employers of paying an existence wage, and it will give to them unlimited opportunity to take advantage of the unprecedented, and rapidly increasing army of unemployed. To do this the Labor Party is proving once again that it CANNOT control or dictate to the employing class.

Organize in the One Big Union, ye workers, and help us to compel the employer to preserve the pay envelope, and to resist the rise in the cost of living.

The Labor Party has indicated that the members are going to get paid the Bosses' regular \$500. The Bosses' profits are not to be interfered with.

To Hell with the Boss and his Labor Party, join the One Big Union.

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Look Before You Leap!

Think Before You Act!

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WORKMEN OF AUSTRALIA

Working Men Have Nothing To Gain Through War. The only people who gain by it are the four or five leading financiers...

By bringing about the way they pursue to gain absolute control of the natural resources and machinery of production...

The war will bring about the desired effect. Already they have rushed to the Stock Exchanges and bought up their shares for whatever they could get for them...

All the money available is being shipped from this country to Europe for the purpose of buying the resources of the countries involved.

These financial matters will not stop at drawing the surplus money from the neutral nations, but they will also draw upon the food supply of these countries.

How the War will affect the Workers of Australia.

At the present moment several industries are closing down in Australia and others are being given a step in a similar direction, all of which will throw out of employment thousands of workers owing to the fact that the material is being sent to the scene of hostilities.

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"The workers," says the "Herald," quite conceivably may have to decide whether half a loaf is not better than no bread at all.

"We hope," adds the "Herald," with typical hypocrisy, "that such a contingency (the reduction of wages) will not arise, but it is well to be on our guard to the possibility."

Quite so: break the news gently into the strains of Ruffalo, or the strains of the "Herald," and Lewis will be a satisfied patriot effect upon workers who suddenly find themselves faced with bread and cheese.

"We have," adds the "Herald," upon a scale hitherto unknown in this country is possible in the near future.

When the capitalist has pocketed his profits with millions of golden sovereigns, the millions of children of the working class are starving for the want of bread.

Workers of Australia. Simplicity is well enough in its place, but like patriotism the mother cannot use it to stop the cries of

for human destruction, and what Parasitism has not consumed millions spending by paying millions now spending by paying millions to murder each other for its enjoyment.

But there is just a danger for their masters to the class it speaks for, and the workers may wake up and see through the callousness and brutality of it all.

"What are you going to do about it? The direct action of the proletariat is the only way to stop it!"

WAR, WAGES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

The "Sydney Morning Herald," in a leader on August 5th, fore-shadowed the result of the war for the working-class of Australia.

Always with an eye to the interests of the class it represents, the "Herald" seizes upon the war, for which that class is so largely responsible, as a pretext for the reduction of wages.

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"Labour" Parties and "Gorsave."

The working class of Australia are to be congratulated upon the choice of representatives. The march of a political party into the know is the State and Federal Labour Parties, are characteristic of the enormous influence played by environment in moulding and resculpting opinions and principles.

Kindship is a relic of barbarism and slavery, and has always been identified with the subjugation of the lower orders, the curtailment of freedom, and the maintenance of an aristocracy of idleness.

So naturally to expect strangers to principle like Labour politicians, to throw up a meek feigned worth.

Mr. Fisher has wallowed up to the eyes in the past, in the filth and stinky atmosphere of cringing courtiership, to attain the dog-collared of a P.M. Councilmanship.

Now when George the Least, by the Grace of God, and the ignorance of the working class, Emperor of the Britons, and £1,000,000 shareholder in the American Steel Trust, in collusion with big game monarchs and sharks, wants a great big vote to create a vast demand for steel.

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skinned. "OPPORTIONS NEVER, NEVER NEVER SHALL BE SLAVES."

How! it forth, ye exponents of labour. There is no army of white slaves upon the streets of Sydney no thirteen year old potential mother etc. in the sweat shops of your country; no army of unemployed walking your streets at night.

Sing it loud, and louder, ye £500 a year sons of a Mighty Mother. We are FREE! FREE! FREE!

Down all the stretch of that blood-red tragedy of blood and tears which is the history of the working class, men have been crucified, and gaoled and tortured for their sins, and we are the present day representatives of Labour, what else check by god will our capitalist carrion for "Blood! Blood! Blood!"

"Empire and King" is the cry of these venerated parvenus who have labelled themselves.

Say, fellow worker did you ever get the number of politicians who died at the war in South Africa from disease or bullets, or in 1875-185, or 1871?

If the politicians of Australia war, men make them take their own carcasses to the firing line to be targets for modern machine guns and food for cholera. And as Kirkpatrick says in "What, What For?" If they want blood, LET THEM CUT THEIR OWN THROATS.

Written by TOM BARKER, at 330 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

JOLTS.

Each of the Governments involved disclaims responsibility for the war. There is a considerable grain of truth in the charge that the Governments and their soldiers are the playthings of modern financiers.

The boss puts up with Arbitration awards when trade is busy, so that the demands of the worker shall be kept within "the law" which the bosses' Parliament makes. In times of depression and unemployment, a kindly Labour Government conscientiously removes all restriction on exploitation, and the only law recognised is that of supply and demand.

The comparative infamy of the war is shown by the fact that no patriot has yet been able to find a period which will involve sacrifices upon every member of the community." Tighten up your belts, slaves, this means trouble. Politicians and those they speak for never sacrifice anything—but you.

John Payne, the M.P. for Grey, has discovered that politics is no play for the animal men. He called up Massey and his cock herd and might with truth have included all the other politicians in the Out. The Labour crowd are about as feeble a bunch as ever infuriated their way into the talkshop.

Join the I.W.W. and help us to shorten the hours, and lengthen the pay.

Don't forget that Fisher says: "The price paid by organised Labour to the Labour Government for the preference to Iominists is the SURRENDER of their right TO STRIKE! All capitalist bosses agree on such policies. Why should the workers?"

Sydney Local Notice

- Monday Night—Economic Class. Tuesday Night—Speakers and Read. Wednesday Night—Lecture in Hall. Thursday Night—Business Meeting. Friday Night—Bathurst Street Meet. Saturday Night—Bathurst Street Meeting and Parramatta Meeting. Sunday Afternoon—Meeting in Domain. Sunday Night—Lecture in Hall. For fortnightly issue of Direct Action. Up-to-date Library and Reading-Room.



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The fee for membership is 2/6. Don 1/- per month.

Slaves interested in lettering their conditions should attend our open-air meetings, which are held opposite the wells, Victoria Square every Saturday night.

Any further information desired will be furnished on request by H. T. KELLY, Secy., 13 Wilcox-street, Adelaide.

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