

# Political Parties act as Dustbins to the Revolution. Like ment. The Totem-pole is the Parent of the Ball New



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ONE PENNY.

## Unemployment in Victoria.

The antics now being indulged in by Trades Hall officials, politicians, and many Socialists in trying to deal with the unemployed question, if it were not so tragic, would be amusing. For many years labor politicians have based upon the theories of labor rule, but when pulled up with the modern evil of unemployment, they are like so many stuttering idiots—incapable, unresponsive, and unable to mention any action which will remedy the evils of unemployment. Craft union secretaries and organisers are floundering around in the social bog of distress, and completely helpless to define any definite programme which will obliterate the terrors of the out-of-work. Many Socialists have beautiful utopian schemes to submit to the Government which if enacted will be well.

The slaves of Melbourne have had demonstrated to them the antiquated methods, which craft unions, labor politicians, and reform societies use in dealing with modern evils. In times of stress such as this, we cannot afford to waste time on played-out theories. We must use up-to-date tactics, and weapons that count.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Sir David Hennessy) has started an unemployed relief fund and appointed a committee to deal with same. The committee is composed of parsons, politicians, police, sisters of mercy, secretaries of charity organisations, Salvation Army captains and the President of Trades Hall Council (Mr. E. Holloway). What a collection of fossilised old women for a union representative to be bob-nobbling with. Does Mr. Holloway really believe he can do any material good for the down-and-outs among such a gang of social parasites, or is it only to mislead the slaves into the belief that he is doing something for them? If any good is done for the unemployed, will not be by slithering over the masterclass and its satellites, but by getting among the stiffs and organising them to do something for themselves.

Mr. Scott Bennett in the course of a lecture at the Bijou Theatre, Melbourne on "Unemployment and the War," said that the evil was greater in Victoria than any other State in Australia, and the cause was on account of Victoria's Liberal Government. What a profound thought! What a penetrative mind! Why, Scotty, thou art a genius. If Victoria had a Socialist Government it would be rosy and bright, oh, Scotty! The days of pigme might still slumpy parliamentary drivel, and it is right to ask for revolutionary unionists. The Unemployed Army is rampant in every part of Australia, irrespective of what gang of freaks have a majority. All governments must obey the behests of the master-class or get out.

Mr. J. S. Kane, secretary of Victoria Socialist Party, after a loud harangue against the Capitalist class called for three cheers for the unemployed. What the meaning, the unemployed hungry dead-beats must have felt refreshed and satisfied when they heard well-fed socialists hoarse-voiced "Socialists" would call upon the Government to nationalise monopolies as a means of solving the unemployed problem. What the meaning, the unemployed out-of-workers could eat grass, and dogs under the stars. Mr. J. Kane, secretary of Timber Workers' Union, said that the "Right to Work" bill. Has he not heard of the "Right to Work" bill in England, and how effective it was? Why not the "Right to Live" bill. Mr. Kane, president of the Trades and Labor Coun-



## The Amazing Adventures of Mr Simple.

1. There being no work in Sydney Mr. Simple goes to Newcastle, where he is startled to see an I.W.W. man speaking on the One Big Union. The speaker is arrested, and Mr. Simple starts to protest when he also is arrested for offensive behaviour.

2. He gets a month in the usual thing in Newcastle, and he is set to work on the cabbage patch in Maitland. The warden catches him in the act of eating a cabbage. He gets three days' solitary.

3. His solitary confinement is enlivened by I.W.W. songs in the adjacent cells.

4. He is now busy on "light" work, where he unfortunately develops

housemaid's knee.

5. The rest of the month is spent in hospital, where, thanks to the attention of a horse-doctor, he improves enough to be released.

6. Mr. Simple is solicitoring upon I.W.W. methods. Direct action and makes a mental resolution to join the I.W.W. at an early date.

that the slaves woke-up to the shuffling, lying actions of politicians and craft union leaders, and made a move for themselves. The way to win is by I.W.W. methods. Direct action and sabotage will get the goods. The most natural and sane thing to do when one is hungry is to eat. Why go hungry when there are dozens of well set-up joints about the city. Why sleep out in the cold when hundreds of churches are empty? The unemployed could easily turn the mass gospel sheds about Melbourne into comfortable doss houses. All constitutions, laws, morality, ethics should be smashed when they stand between a man and the satisfying of his hunger. "Necessity knows no law." The unemployed will be successful in get-

ting work must be unconstitutional. Lawless, and take no thought of Capitalist morality. The out-of-workers must organise in a body and cry out their wants aloud and let the world know that those wants are going to be satisfied, come what will. If the goods are not coming through the way we will take them. The way to move the government is to move the boss. If the out-of-workers become a menace to the community and a terror to society, believe me, something will be done. If your pay is reduced, reduce your work. If you get "fired," sabotage the boss. If you are timid and don't like helping yourself, and are forced to work for almost nothing, fire your kidneys well, take the fee by paid, and then let something happen so the work will have to be done over again. This sort of thing will make the boss pay the right way. Slow down on the job. Make work. In work and out of work direct action and sabotage will be the tactics to tell. Study I.W.W. methods and do not stop to do without highly paid civil union officials and schemes. In your politicians. "One Big Union" is the slogan of the slaves. Rally round your men, and make the parasites pay for their doings.

## General Note

Many souls are running out now and the fellow-workers are urged to get their work-mates reading it.

F. W. Gray, writing from Mildura, V., reports good propaganda in that district for the I.W.W. Many of the Broken Hill members are working in the vicinity, a fact which the A.W.U. organisers found out to their cost. A local is contemplated in the near future.

Tom Cherrington, writing from Callanua, Herrington Springs, S.A., is agreeably surprised to see the organisation coming up by leaps and bounds. He encloses a parcel of subsidies and promises more.

I.W.W. meetings have been held at West Wallendend recently, where F. W. Stewart addressed the meeting upon the advantages of the One Big Union. Good literature and paper sales, resulted.

Members are reminded that 1915 is OUR year, and that the I.W.W. has determined to make itself felt. Conditions are helping us to help ourselves. Bog in!

A new pamphlet will be off the press shortly, entitled "Political Socialism, or Capturing the Government," in which B. S. Nilsson, annihilates the sentimentalism in six rounds. Orders can be looked now. The price will be 3d. each, or 2s. per dozen.

"How Capitalism has Hypnotized Society," and the "Revolutionary I.W.W.," will follow in due course. Another edition of the "Song Book," is being prepared, in which several new local songs will be featured. We are going to have at least a 48 page book, to sell at the usual 2s. per dozen.

Wanted! A Thousand subs!

Fellow-workers, take a kick at the system by pushing "Direct Action."

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NORMAN KANTOR.

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(From Our Co-Fellow Workers—) We held a large Sunday night meeting was the worker Ebert as announced Reeves was speaking for an hour which and knocked Ebert just followed him down. He did not Of the a lot of **CELEBRAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.** "Di. (Australia Administration). g. 1915—330 Castlereach St., Sydney Australia.

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## To the Patriotic Press.

The long-suffering people of Australia are being treated, by the patriotic Press, to a most nauseating exhibition of hysteria and ill-balanced sentimentality. Well-to-do comfortable elements of British Imperialism sit back in their editorial chairs, and rave about the patriots, the Empire, the flag. They write glowing columns about the fortitude and courage of the British arms, they are about the heroism of the "Building Breed"; they splash ink miserably about the virtues and civilization of their Empire.

And this these pruned-liners start to discuss the Germans, and with ranting and arrow-minded prejudice, they place the calmness and fortitude, the courage and commonsense, which we should take to be the attributes of a race possessing all the virtues on one side, and conscience to live in a most heinous and stupid manner, about these "German strikers," "shabby-killers," "graters," and "churn-burners."

When we view the patriotic Australian Press, with its hysterical outbursts, its German wailing, and its display of "national fortitude and patriotism," we are reminded of a half-bungled horse's landing at the moon.

Let us have at least some little commonsense, and hope that in the near future some intellectual leader of the patriotic press, remembering that the national fortitude will forget to shriek and squeal like a stick pig.

However, it is encouraging to note that the circulation of such sheets as the *Down-grader*, and we hope that in a very short time the working class will refuse to spread a cent in the rubbishy and inconsistent "news," the patchy group editorial, and the inspired "gems" of the production.

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"What's a 'Modern Slave'?" Read this.

One Day Dinner is the goods.

Slow working health pay. Show how to get it.

# Slavery. Organised Scabbery.

(A. Mack.)  
**Typographical Unions a Good Thing for Job-Crafting Secretaries and Political Wire-pullers.**

No industry, at the present time, is in a worse state of organization than the printing trades generally. The industry is split up into the following warring factors: First comes the compositor. This is a very composite group of the compositors, linotype operators, with the assemblers, rotary machinists, and publishers as sub-sections.

The record of this union is a very uneven one from a working-class standpoint. It has scabbed as consistently as anything in the country. The performers of the past two years are of such a nature that surely any printer could see the foolishness of the craft form of organization at a glance.

During the strike of letterpress machinists in the works of Simmonds and Coy., "formers" were sent down to the local machinists to purchase the work on the job; were advised to come to a settlement which simply meant going back to work at the old conditions. On this occasion the behavior of the type was so disgusting that even the "formers," delegates assembled on that hybrid organization, the Printing Trades' Council had no option but to unanimously vote them "scabs."

A little later dissatisfaction prevailed in the office of the "Sunday Times," among the publishers. The publishers adopted different tactics to those usually used by the disorganised Trades Hall, and went on strike without giving notice. They won in a day. The bosses at the Trades Hall were furious to think that so small and insignificant a section of the Typographical Union should dare to go to work without consulting them, thus giving the type an opportunity to get in any good work for the employers.

When the strike was finally won, the types decided to give the publishers a lesson. They ensured the printers what an empty strike it would be. It will hardly surprise the industrial Unionist to know that this Union is a strong force for Arbitration and pacific measures, and that about eight months ago, on account of the industry expiring and several new claims were filed. When the "Anarchoists of existing piece-rate" was slightly amended in the boss's favour, the hours were increased two per week, and the trade unions in regard to apprentices, over which there has been much trouble in the past, were simply chucked overboard by the Judge. As the various sections, sub-sections, etc., of this organization work under different awards expiring at different dates, the union dare not kick against the little job that Judge Heydon put on their backs.

The scabby tactics of this union against the news-boys in this industry strike is now a matter of history. A motion to grant the boys a paltry five was turned down, because, to quote one of the formal officials, "any of the funds of the Association were used for the purpose of assisting a strike, the master printers could care and have their awards cancelled."

The latest motion before the Board (composed of officials in the printing union), M.L.C., was to grant to Mr. F. Bentley, a high-paid organizer of this union, an honorarium of £25. The circumstances are such that, while acting as organizer, Mr. Bentley was not employed enough to start in business for himself. As the business is not paying him, the types are going to help him.

Then comes the Letterpress Machinists' Union, which is the nature of their work, being highly skilled and technical, but they are not to be granted any demands they might desire, in reward of doing this, however, they should of doing this, the same old fellow-chasing, arbitrary, and self-serving workers in the Typographical Union. At the present time, they are Court for fear of having their standards reduced.

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# Sabotage.

(By Stanley West. (Tune: Harrigan.)

If you want to force the master class to give the wage slaves better pay, Use sabotage, that's all. If you want to make the parasites and all their gang sit up, just say, Use sabotage, that's all. There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe, There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe. If you want to make the parasites and all their gang sit up, just say, Use sabotage, that's all.

Chorus.  
Sabotage, that's all, Sabotage, that's all, Sabotage, that's all, Sabotage, that's all. The old traditions losses say it's awful, Taking profits from them is unlawful, Sabotage, that's all. Take a bunch, you'll bunch, use the weapon with the knock-out punch, Sabotage, that's all.

When you feel like working shorter hours, and think you've really done your day, Use sabotage, that's all. Don't strike, or arbitrate, or anything so rude or rough, Use sabotage, that's all. There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe, There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe. Don't strike, or arbitrate, or anything so rude or rough, Use sabotage, that's all.

If you'd like to get a bigger share of all the good things you create, Use sabotage, that's all. Send all the labor courts and crooks and crafts and leaders to the deuce, Use sabotage, that's all. There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe, Send all the labor courts and crooks and crafts and leaders to the deuce, Use sabotage, that's all.

The masters, be they Irish, English, Russian, Prussian, Yank or Turk, Use sabotage, that's all. So if you'd like to get your own, and put the lazy thieves to work, Use sabotage, that's all. There's a hell of a kick in the wooden shoe, So if you'd like to get your own, and put the lazy thieves to work, Use sabotage, that's all.

## The I.W.W. Preamble.

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, 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 struggle of production must be organised, not only for the capitalist class, but also to carry on production when the capitalists have been overthrown. By organising industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

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ism. Get your wooden shoes on, and show the workers in this industry will be no need to longer cringe to accept the dictation from Arbitration Court, judges, and trade union officials, who have climbed into the Legislative Assembly on your backs.

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H. J. W.

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News. British Justice Newcastle Won. List of Locals in Australia.

(From Our Correspondent) We held a large Sunday night meeting...

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Members Jailed, Melbourne and Sydney.

held a monster meeting. We got a splendid reception and hearing. The police are working overtime.

Sydney. Something Doing.

On Sunday, the 28th February, a great meeting was held in the Domain, as a demonstration against the gaolings in Newcastle and Sydney.

Melbourne.

The I.W.W. Local No. 8, has now got its feet firmly planted in the soil of Melbourne. Its propaganda is having a telling effect both on and off the job.

As a result of the "slow down on the job" agitation, the means of making work for the unemployed, the Melbourne "Age," of February 26, came out with a leading article from which the following is excerpted.

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DISCOVERED IN MELBOURNE.

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J. Sweeney (Bulls, N.Z.)—Many thanks. Will write soon.

M. S. (W.A.)—Many thanks. H. (Rockhampton)—Sorry can't see. Try job conditions.

T. S. (Callanna, S.A.)—Sending cards. Many thanks.

H. T. (Auckland, N.Z.)—Letter to hand. Writing soon.

J. J. D., Thanks.

COMPARISONS.

On Saturday afternoon, an assaulted man lay in Nithsdale-street, Sydney, bleeding from a bad scalp wound, for over forty minutes.

Same night, one hog-bellied capitalist pushed his stink-wagon deliberately through an orderly meeting.

Result: Ten uniformed and several police plain-clothes coppers.

Query: Who owns the police?

Important.

Fellow workers and locals are invited to send in reports of activities, above all, short snappy articles.

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MAY DAY NUMBER.

In order to celebrate May Day in a fitting manner, we have determined to bring out a large "Direct Action" on that occasion.

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