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"Direct Action," like the investments of its enemies, has grown wealthy and powerful with age. It has already become so practiced in its forthrightly spar, that it has now developed a strong weekly punch.

On Friday the enemy thought he had scored a "point" decision, when he gaoled the Editor for 30 months, instead of which he has so strongly advertised his opponent as a hard timer that the odds have now all turned in our favor.

The highest tribute, the greatest compliment that could be paid a working-class organ has been earned, and we intend to receive the future attention of the ruling class by renewing the fight with redoubled energy.

This is the birth of "Direct Action," as a weekly newspaper. We intend to do our part in making it a success. It is up to members of the I.W.W. and the militant working class to do theirs.

If ever the times demanded such a paper, it is now. The masters and their spokesmen in press and platform never were so outokop as to their intentions as they are at the present moment. We are told without any effort at concealment that the principle of compulsion must be applied to labor in mine, workshop, and factory, even if it has to be done at the point of the bayonet, and no power is going to stop it, except a working class, organized on the lines of Industrial Unionism, and prepared to put into operation the methods of Sabotage.

The solution of this, as of all other matters pertaining to their economic welfare, lays with the workers themselves. Parliaments and politicians have been tried and found wanting; reap the result of twenty years' effort at political action. Hellos "Bervin Slave," the "Communist Slavery" of America, is rapidly maturing, if the working class does not rise.

There are not idle words. No oratory of the tendency of the times is indicated in these words.

The plutocrats never deny that the workers give all their attention to the war as a type of interest, while completely forgetting their plan of campaign for further and more degrading exploitation. COMPLORERS! LABORERS! THERE seems to their declared battle ABOLITION OF FREEDOM AND WAGES.

It has fight a freedom press will be less of our wish, potent and powerful

The economic relations of a people do not change with forms of government. This is a simple statement of fact, but, like many other simple truths, its importance is not fully realized by the working class. If it were otherwise, they could not so easily be duped by patriotic oris and national jealousies. Wars have never changed the economic foundation of nations, he they victors or vanquished. Rome triumphed over weaker nations and established a world-wide Empire, but under Roman rule there were still masters and slaves, exploiter and exploited, worker and shicker, producer and parasite.

The Roman Empire disappeared. Europe has seen many wars since then. There have been empires and kingdoms, republics and confederations, "good" kings and bad queens, Czars, Kaisers and Dictators, but the relationship existing between the masses and the classes on the continent of Europe has not fundamentally altered.

Yet, how often one hears the remark that this ruler to that King, this President to that Czar, etc. How the slave tradition has been handed down. The modern working class anxiety. But, this "good" ruler stands not only to his ambition to have a good job.

"We must have heads," said a worker of this type to the writer recently. It apparently never occurred to him that he had one too many since he did not make use of that.

Modern governments derive their power from the will of the people. A sabibeth often trotted out by otherwise well-meaning laborites and socialists. But it would be a thousand times more true to say that they derive their power from the people's lack of will. Lack of initiative, lack of will to back of the economic relations of a people have always been negative bases of the continued existence of economic slavery in some shape or form.

The readiness of the ruling class to take advantage of slave traditions, slave morality, and the slavish apathy which is their consequence, has also been a contributory cause. But, this chief cause, apart from this, is to be wessons. Help "Direct Action" grow.

Do you want its assistance in the struggle of our enemies that we may see, so must our efforts for freedom be determined more by expediency than any considerations of legality or justice. As in homely phrase, it is necessary to fight the devil with his own weapons, so must reformers be prepared to put aside such of our present morality as stands in the way of progress toward better conditions for the enslaved millions. Deplorable as it is, we must adopt the canny strategy of the Jew, who claims that the Jew justifies the means. Naturally, there arises the thought of the dangerous reactive force, resulting from the deliberate performance of immoral actions, but, real as this danger is, it is better to chance the risk involved than to let anything stand in the way of possible advancement, since no imaginable conditions can be worse than those of the present, for we are certain to continue to suffer evil than is exhibited in the actions of the exploiter of to-day. Therefore, let us adopt every possible means of destroying the wage system, which is based upon injustice and supported only by the continuous infidelity of the utmost possible misery upon millions of workers, remembering always that whatever methods are used to suit particular cases, in united and direct action lays our hope of victory.

It is time a halt was called. Whoever wins the war in Europe, we workers stand to lose. Capitalist exploitation on this war will have to be made up at the cost of the blood and sweat and suffering of the men, women and children of the working class of all nations. We are going to stand for it. The decision rests with the workers themselves. If its militant workers of this country cannot keep a weekly paper of their own, what hope is there for the workers of civilization, the hellish forces of Capitalism, will together, royal. Show the master class that, despite persecution and the goal, we are worthy of the great cause to which we have pledged ourselves.

Do you want to be something on this planet, or just a drifter? If you want to be an instance of a man, and want to leave hoof marks behind you, if you want to help to make history in putting the boss to work, then join the Industrial Workers of the World, the only international class union in the world.

Do you believe in keeping the boss class, and pay? If you do, then on the job, make work for the boss, and he won't have so much time and inclination to chase other men's wives.

found in the economic foundations of society itself.

Modern governments are the offspring of the capitalist system of society. They were brought into being to protect the property interests of the property-owning class. They derive their power, not from the "will of the people," but from the wealth, and legal titles to wealth, actual or potential, which they are sworn to protect. To betray the trust imposed upon them would mean the negation of government, that is, the end of capitalist rule, in other words SOCIAL REVOLUTION; and it is patent that, from the very laws of their being, governments do not function for that purpose.

The I.W.W. does not seek to "rule," that is, it has no ambition to govern people; but we desire to establish the administration and government of the human race upon the basis of justice by nature, not for the enrichment of the few, but the welfare of all. It knows that this change must be accomplished by the working class, for whose welfare is threatened by the present order of things. The workers must learn self-reliance, independence, and contempt for official authority. Two hundred thousand Welsh miners defied one of the strongest governments of modern times, which shows that the power to oppress can only be broken by the obedience and sagacity of the oppressed.

Rulers never changed the economic order with which their material interests were bound up. There have been too long tricked with abstract catch-words, such as Liberty, Freedom, Democracy, etc. Their rulers pay a special class of "workmen" to keep up their ideology and facilitate further robbery.

Organize Industrially and put the "heads" and rulers to work.

FREEDOM AT ANY PRICE.

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J. V. JONES.

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(By Bertou Bralley, in "Solidarity.")
If you're game to fight with no end in sight,
And never a hand to play,
If you're fit to toil with no hope of spoil
And the tolling stills are out at you;
If you'll bear the rick of the thankless work
Of the making the dream come true,
If you'll march along, through a hooding throng
That bellows its oaths at you;
If you'll learn to meet each new defeat
With the gritty old grin of yore,
And lift your lance in a new advance,
With hardly a chance to score—
Then you're just the breed that we sorely need,
You're one of our kind and kin—
So get the swing of the song we sing,
And join in the march—fall in.

We promise no lot to the young recruit,
No glory, no praise or fame;
No gold you gain in this long campaign
But plenty of peers and blame.
The quarters are mean, and the rations lean,
The service is harsh and grim;
The war is on, from dusk to dawn,
From dawn to the twilight dim.
But there's ever the cheer of a comrade near
And the touch of his sturdy arm,
And his help in call, if you faint and fall
Where the harrowed ground is worn,
If you scorn reward for the fight that's hard,
If you'd rather be right than win—
Just get the swing of the song we sing
And join in the march—fall in.

If comradeship of heart, not lip,
Is more to your taste than cash—
If among friends you find time
As you do, you turn to smash.
If your patience breaks at the honored fakes
That the pursey priests have decked,
If you're not content with the usual part
And the temple of lies is wrecked,
Then your place is made in our stern brigade
That never can halt or pause
Bill the war is done, and the light is won,
The fight for the human race,
So take your place, get our step and pace
In spite of the old world's din—
And get the swing of the song we sing
And join in the march—fall in.

Economics of Labor

There are three conditions upon which the capitalist employs labor: Firstly, that he produces the amount he is to receive, and before he receives it; secondly, that he provides new machinery for his work in the process of production; thirdly, that he creates a surplus for the capitalist. Thus, the work-day is divided into two parts—necessary labor and surplus labor. The former is the time necessary to produce the equivalent in commodities of the money required to buy back the necessities of life, and to repair the depreciation in value of the machines. The latter, generally the biggest part of the day, is devoted to the creation of the profits which are appropriated by the employing class as their rightful share.

The necessary labor time is always decreasing, owing to the introduction of new and more modern machinery, by greater efficiency of the workers, and by the use of cheap fuel and child labor. But, on the other hand, the surplus labor, because of these facts, is always increasing. To illustrate the point, we will assume that a man works ten hours each day with the old tools, 8 hours of the work-day is necessary and 2 hours surplus labor. But new machines are introduced, which cut the necessary labor down to 4 hours, therefore the surplus has been increased to 4 hours, assuming that the working hours remain the same. This is what is actually taking place throughout every industry, so that to-day statisticians estimate the worker receives the product of two hours but will the other six hours, where the eight-hour day is in operation, goes to the capitalist as the product of profit.

Capitalist economists tell us that by increasing our efficiency we will increase our wages, because, then, there will be a greater surplus to distribute. But how can this be so? Will not greater efficiency reduce the time required to produce the necessities of life, and therefore increase the profits of the employing class? If these economist are right, then the worker of to-day, as he produces as much as ten,

twenty or perhaps more workers of the pre-machine days, should be receiving a proportionally bigger wage, instead of which he gets just as much as formerly, a bare subsistence.

The value of any commodity is determined by the amount of labor-time required to produce it. Labor-power is a commodity, therefore its value is the amount of food, clothing and shelter necessary to enable the worker to continue producing. Labor-power differs from other commodities in that it can and does produce more than its own value. The greater the efficiency of the worker and the machine, the greater are the profits of the parasite class, which owns the machines of industry, and the more powerful they become, while the position of the workers becomes relatively more precarious, because they control less of their product. The working-class have always been struggling to maintain or increase their normal or surplus wage, and they have entirely lost sight of the more important and vital aspect of the question, the relation between necessary labor (wages) and surplus-labor (profits).

Surplus labor is the basis of capitalism. Therefore the I.W.W. very logically argue that by reducing this unnecessary toil we will strike at the very base of things. Shortening the hours means that the employer must employ more workers in order to supply the market, the unemployed army will be increased as a result of the economic law of supply and demand. When the supply of unemployed labor diminishes, wages must rise higher and higher. By continuing to shorten the working-day, we will eventually reach the point where surplus-labor will disappear, and when that time comes the revolution for which every Industrial Unionist is fighting will have been accomplished. Capitalism will have ceased to exist.

FRANK GALLANAN.

One Big Union—Forerunner Of The Co-operative Commonwealth.

The human race advanced from savagery to its present complex social organisation by conquering its natural environment, and by the creation of artificial conditions and environments. This power to create artificial conditions and environments, a thing which serves to sharply differentiate man from the lower forms of animal life, which, when their environment becomes unfavorable, disappear, and are replaced by others equipped to function under changed conditions.

Progress began by a conquest over nature and the development of these industrial arts which serve to satisfy the fundamental material wants of the race. The most influential of these artificial conditions created at an early stage of development was the institution of private property. The stronger or more cunning men appropriated to themselves at first the land and its increments, and later the tools of production, became the rulers of the race, and at certain epochs, owners of both the bodies and the labor power of masses of their fellows who performed for them the work of production. Private ownership of land, of natural opportunities, and of the implements of production, carries with it the power of enslavement, in one form or another, of the non-possessor of those things. Since the early history of industrial progress many changes have taken place in the relations between the various classes arising in society because of the mode of holding property. Skilled artisans at certain periods enjoyed a large measure of independence, and the possession of the largest part of the products of their labor, because they owned the simple tools with which they worked, and the intricate processes which capitalism has developed to-day has devised for skimming the producer, did not exist. The condition of the unskilled worker has seldom reached the point where, as today, the possessor of a machine diminished his numbers to such an extent as to cause a great demand for his labor. But the development of the industrial processes of production, distribution, and communication, until the last century nearly reached the point where, as today, the possessor of leisure for the development of the higher human faculties and the full enjoyment of nature in all its manifold forms, became the heritage of the entire race. In the earlier time the margin of exploitation of the unskilled worker, augmented by the necessities of life, 200 years ago, judged by present-day standards of measuring wealth, were—to use the language of the street—mostly "pikers."

So great has been the conquest of mankind over nature, and so wonderful the advances in the mechanical arts, chemistry, and allied sciences, and of the art of the inventor, that the necessities and even most of the luxuries of life, has now become easy to an extent undreamed of in the bygone days of the oldest living man. The productive power of the unskilled worker, as measured by the increase in many industries more than one hundred fold within the last century.

The toilers who with hand and brain wrought this wonderful advance, have not developed the free civilisation this made possible, by paralleling this power of the inventor, and the concentration of the world's wealth into the hands of the master class. This more modern slavery differs from the ancient form of chattel slavery in that the modern slave holder, instead of owning the chattel body, owns and controls the use of his labor power, and is not required to provide him with adequate food, shelter, and clothing. Moreover, the great increase in the productive power of labor is more and more lessening the demand for the unskilled worker, and a new class which competes with the employed for work, thus forcing wages to the minimum, and making the control of labor power easier for the employer.

The invention of machinery requiring far less skill to operate than hand tools, has swept away the numbers of the skilled artisans, and tends to reduce all workers to the same level, making the competition for jobs keener and more intense as time goes on, while the capitalists themselves are constantly combining their interests for mutual protection against the very unskilled workers for more wages and shorter hours of labor. Unlimited competition among capitalists has resulted in the larger ones absorbing the smaller, and the development of combinations among the larger capitalists has gone on apace.

In the place of the smaller capitalist, and what is commonly termed "middle class," there is arising a small army of capitalist farmers, consisting of more highly paid wage slaves connected with industry chiefly in a capacity of superintendence, or with the intricate processes of capitalistic production. This class forms a sort of Praetorian Guard for the protection of the master class (who are being withdrawn from active participation in the process of industry) against the uprising of the working class, and by its influence hinders working class solidarity. There exists, to be sure, a large number of petty tradesmen and small farmers of the "peasant" order, but though some statisticians seek to class them as capitalists or middle class, and are thus preventing a diffusion of the knowledge of the growing concentration of wealth, the condition of this class is only a little better than that of the vast army of poorly paid "wage slaves." This class of "steezy" capitalists, however, like the capitalist system of production above, is for most part the duped and ready tool of the ruling class.

The capitalist class has so identified itself with the product created for it by the working class, that it imagines itself to be the flower of civilisation, and the last word in the evolutionary process. This state of mind in the capitalist class, consequently, when analysed, appears to be simply the substitution of surplus values in the place of human values as a standard for judging human worth.

Capital has been variously defined, but in the last analysis it may be stated to be any considerable aggregation of things having a social value used in the processes of production. All things having value are the resultant of the forces of nature or the application of human labor of hand or brain to things in a state of nature. Hand and capital, in so far as it is the result of the application of labor power, to things in a state of nature, represents simply stored-up labor power, and, and the capitalist system of production and distribution, unpaid labor—robbery of the producing class.

The working or producing class is the sole saving element in human society, because it is the only class able to create an incentive for, and the power to accomplish, a change from private ownership of the necessary means of human existence.

That a struggle is going on in society between the owning or capitalist class, and the working or producing class, was for a long time denied by the ruling class. To-day the class struggle is generally admitted by the intelligent capitalist, sometimes openly, but more often inferentially by the advocacy of co-operation be-

tween the employer and employee, and profit sharing—sometimes called "giving labor its fair share," but really giving it industrial slavery by a new name. And labor, under the false guidance in the craft unions, swallows this wistful muck after the fashion the infant is said to swallow Mrs. Winslow's famous powder.

The advance of the race along lines of greater and easier production of the socially necessary means of subsistence, had laid the foundation for, and made possible, a new society, the function of which shall be to properly regulate the production and distribution of these basic material needs, and the abolition of economic slavery. All that is now necessary is the education of the worker with regard to these facts, the awakening in them of a realization that they are the base and are the essential element of human society, and the development of the means by which they may enjoy the thing their toil has created.

What form shall this development take? That it must proceed by the solidification of the forces of productive workers into a form through which the power they possess can be effectively wielded in a mass struggle is clear enough to a rational thinker, although there are many calling themselves socialists who deny the class struggle—cowardly spirits who wish to keep out of it, or middle-headed ones an expression of understanding the basis of it.

The power of the workers cannot be effectively applied through political action. Governments are simply expressions of the power of the ruling class, and are formed for the purpose of securing its interests. The limitation of the franchise makes the capitalist class and its retainers numerically superior to the working class at the polls. A government of ALL the people never was, and never can be until ALL the people are economically equal—when no class of men shall own any property by right of ownership of the material means of life. Physical and intellectual inequalities there always will be; economic equality there must be before further social progress can take place.

The capture of the machinery of government by the working class (if such a thing is conceivable) could not lead to its emancipation; they would then possess only a form, name or means for the exercise of a power still eluding them, for government has never derived its powers by the consent of the governed, but is simply an expression of, or a means for the exercise of, the power to rule—the economic power of the ruling class.

Out of industry has arisen the material foundation upon which can be built a new civilisation greater, grander, and better than anything the mind of man has ever fully conceived in the industrial era. The time must develop among the producers, the organisation through which this civilisation shall come to fruition.

In the United States to-day there exists but one industrial organisation founded upon a recognition of the STRUGGLE out of which this hope of afterward looking for profit in the industry of the workers for the free possession of their creation, the abolition of human economic slavery, and that more abundant life which the larger freedom will render possible. This organisation is world wide in its scope; it is the result of the experience of a class of men that have been antagonized by the ruling class; it is THE ONE Big Union of the Working Class; it is THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD. Join it; support it, fight it; help develop its organisation—E.D.C., in "Solidarity."

MELBOURNE ACTIVITIES.

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Monday, 8 p.m.: Business Meeting.
Thursday: Propaganda Committee.

Friday, 8 p.m.: Propaganda meeting at South Melbourne Market.

Saturday, 3 p.m.: Educational lecture in hall.

Sunday, 3 p.m.: Propaganda meeting at Flinders Park (Varra Road).
Library and reading room open every night.

W.G. Working-class papers on file in all Industrial Union literature on sale. All rebels are asked to blow along and all proceedings are held in strictest confidence. All slaves will be welcome.

J. LAWRENCE,
Secretary Treasurer.

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Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m., educational class.

Alternate Sunday at 3 p.m., business meeting.

Alternate Sundays, at 3 p.m., economic class.

Sunday, at 7.30 p.m., outdoor propaganda meeting, near Post Office, in Argus-street.

Good Library.
Also good collection of literature for sale. All rebels are asked to blow along.

E. J. KIELY, Secretary.
Local No. 3, I.W.W.

SYDNEY LOCAL.

MEETINGS, &c.
Street Propaganda at Ratumet and Liverpool Streets. Every Friday and Saturday Evenings, at 8 p.m.; also Sunday Evening, at 7.

Meetings in Hall.
Sunday, 8 p.m., Propaganda.
Wednesday, 8 p.m., Economic Class.

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Our Rulers.

The people who owe us never fail to take the pains of office, but, of course, that is not their object when they ask us to elect them as our rulers. We are always protesting that Willo'-the-Wisp, Liberty, even up to Parliaments, where it mysteriously disappears, to again reappear elsewhere. Promises are but a drossy shroud, action brings a golden reward, and the "Wills" of the "Commons" in England. The fly in the ointment is its disloyalty at the present crisis. So sayeth the "Argosue" and other sage gods. To those who slave for their masters' interests it matters not whether kings or presidents rule, but whether kings or Labor crooks make laws to free them from further slavery. Their liberty lies in a full stomach and the right to work to fill it. Between rulers of all nations there is an unseen band of mutual interest. To please the ruled, at periods they put up a stage fight, but the morning after the night before, if the "business as usual" policy is not followed, sometimes they do really quarrel over the chestnuts, and they get their subjects to pull them up by their tails for their divisive or partial rulers, if the subjects get bored being so, the rulers kindly reward them with the shells. 'It would have been better if the rulers had been shell, seeing that probably they have had a goodly number thrown at them by a Krupp or Galling.

The rulers are experts at saving their kingdoms by proxy. Sometimes they save something for themselves, a few trilling millions out of rubber or munitions are neither here nor there; it is really purely philanthropic motives that inspire our rulers. They are very busy on questions of freedom, liberty and justice. They'll go thousands of miles to fight for them by proxy, and they kindly allow for their subjects all the freedom, etc., that is good for the rulers. Of course, it would not do for our rulers to go to war themselves. Nothing so common, seeing that their liberty lies in a thousand riel. Politicians are not as plentiful as navies, or even as I.W.W. stuff. This patriotic man stopping at the door, and robbing the target's defender. It takes a true patriot to sacrifice the last man, if it happens to be his own dear patriot.

It's truly noble to sacrifice those

and at 41 p.e. Bales declare war from safe places, the rulers are allowed to see the boats or at least to have for war supplies help to keep the flag flying and make a pile at the same time. If soldiers did cardboard notes in their boots or at least to have for three years' standing, that's the fault of the inspectors, not the contractors. Everyone concludes that it is allowed for their rulers, the rulers who allow their country to borrow the useful at 41 p.e., and others who make a good thing out of it. The banks to play the safe game, and all is well for the rulers. Our rulers say that members of the I.W.W. are loafers, wasters and brainless idiots. They can't find a proper term to describe us. We may be loafers, seeing there's plenty of work in Europe. None brainless I.W.W. has said that the heroes of to-day are the heroes of to-morrow. Perhaps that's the reason why they don't like to work in Europe. Cold feet are all right here when there's a live corpse attached to them. To fertilise the soil of Europe may suit the boss if it's someone else's corpse that does the fertilising. To be sure, the proletariat has a right to use any pushing Yank is a sad end for a hero. Alive or dead, the masses are only good to be made profits out of. The masses are the best thing to use, but I feel compelled to be proud or raised by a self-appointed Saviour. We object to being dupes for lead. We don't care to be used as a tool, hot or cold. Our flesh is very tough and can't stand being tickled by a bayonet; so, not even for Christ would we let ourselves be used as a side game, and we object to being the dupes. Most of us possess all our faculties, including brains, and know the difference between the good and the bad; with them; we can't afford to take any chances. Not even a free ride in a motor car, free crutches and wooden legs, the most honest come fourth, the tempt us. We know you mean well, Mr. Boss, when you promise us a job if we return, all things being equal. We are never too smart on your side, you say at any time, so we don't see any fun in going thousands of miles for your piecemeal promises. You've got to employ the best goods-producing class, if you can get, whether he wears war honors or not. We know that you are training women and children to fill the places of the men you have driven to Europe. We know that you love liberty, to starve your wage slaves into submission at your terms. Freedom you appreciate by suppressing freedom of speech and press; that expose your hypocrisy and cowardice. Justice you worship, the justice that is dished out by your tools, the justice that is dished out, whichever way will hurt you most. The I.W.W. is going to beat you at your own tools, the justice that is dished out, whichever way will hurt you most. These are the secret, safe and certain weapons with which we are going to stop your rotten system, while we organize the new society within the shell of the old. That's our object, our platform and our policy. Stop us if you can. No compromise, we ask no quarter and will give none. The I.W.W. is here to stay. They may be loafers and brainless idiots according to your philosophy, but we are not brainless, and you know it. We believe in war, against you, our enemies, and your system of Capitalism—hell on earth.

R. M. JOSE.

SPEND MEETINGS were held in the Domain and in the hall on Sunday. Collections and literature sales were well above the average.

SYDNEY PROPAGANDA.

Barker's case continues to attract interest. The question of the right to the wide publicity which the circumstances have received, those responsible for the prosecution must wonder what struck 'em.

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Political Parasites And Other Intellectual Prostitutes.

By E. McLoughlin.

Since the advent of the Labor Party into the political arena, the working class of Australia has lost all spirit of self-reliance, and seldom or ever act on their own initiative, but depend wholly and solely on their political fakirs to right the wrongs, to alleviate the distress, to ensure for them more employment, and raise them to a standard of self-respect and common decency. But what do we find? With Labor Governments in five States out of six, and also the control of both Houses in the Federal Parliament, we have poverty, high prices, unemployment. We grovelled towards the haggard wain, and every other vice and evil that confronts the working class in every land beneath the sun.

That is the result of the advent of craft unionism and political action after blinding the workers for years, defraying the expenses of politicians, and keeping an army of well-paid officials in a good job.

For the administration of craft-unionism and its attendant burden in Australia, the workers fork out, approximately, £200,000 per annum, and the result is, stasis quo. Why the slaves of Australia had all this before without paying for it. Their chains are just as big and ugly now as when Colonial Prince ordered their assassination.

In fact, the Labor fakirs are greater to-day than ever they were, for we are now burdened with an army and navy, and all the costs of blatant militarism.

And we have a Defence Act, containing that iniquitous domestic clause—"that the army may, in time of industrial strike," Fakir Padri, "order that class cease to keep crews out by the aid of soldiers—but crews would be more likely to be provided from the ranks of the soldiers."

Fakir Lyach is advocating conscription by force: Men should not be allowed to hang back, he says. "I will hang back, my oath, he's got a £12 a week, a big farm, and allotments and houses in V.A. That is what concerns me, if he isn't ever to be sent to the very men who were responsible for his political conquest, but he'll hang back."

Fakir says he will give the last man and the last shilling. Note the word "Give." It is the same more of the benefits that have accrued from the grand cut of £200,000 per annum for the big game for plunder in Europe.

It is surely apparent to the most unlearned wage-slaves that any brand of politicians, Labor Liberal, Conservative, or any other, are merely a distinction without a difference—they all grind the sword for the throat of labor.

Recently Sir John Madden, in an effort to stimulate enlistment in Victoria, said "that a man who could not 'hard tack' in Australia could live through anything necessary in a soldier's life." There is a component, and also a straight, to the nose-headed wage-slaves, that the 'best' people don't intend to go, those

who are not in the line of fire.

The Sunday Chimes column became more bloodthirsty and gruesome as the war progressed. Late this journal's paper assumes a more bloody role in its keeping with the blood lust matter with which it regales its readers every Sabbath. One would expect that a cheap paper would at least try something more edifying on the Lord's Day.

Assess the war census there is considerable dispute in capitalist circles as to how goodwill will be computed. These ramifications of the material power do not strictly concern the workers. This theory of goodwill implies implicit trust and unlimited credit for the capitalists. When a business is sold the fictitious value known in commercial parlance as "goodwill" really means that the assets of profit are quite safe and secure.

The customers are presumed to be numerous and profitable, the basic debts and the prospects of increasing the trade at the expense of competitors bright. Credit being a useful asset but a very weak spot in the capitalist system it is advisable to cloak it over with the best of boards, goodwill and what not but politicians the wage slave has a trouble

people whose punches are too delicate and highly perfumed to be stuffed with "hard tack." Emu's set hard tack, balls, old horse-shoes, etc. Sir John knows the kind of hard tack dished out on the battlefield—bullets and bayonets.

To-day militarism is an international political strip-tease. The ruin of almost every race has been the fault of its governments. Nations will not destroy themselves, but governments will destroy them. Nations perish by the vices of those who administer their affairs.

Behold the civilised world under the heel of triumphant despotism! Behold ever rampant tyranny everywhere in the ascendant! As an inevitable result, behold the workers everywhere enslaved, degraded, in want and misery, doomed to a premature, and often to a painful, grave. See Europe today, one monstrous military camp, with millions of men engaged in the work of wholesale murder. And this in Christian Europe in the twentieth century.

Behold the deeds—deeds of blood—of emperors, kings and statesmen! Behold the people everywhere victims of royal and political rule. See the results of that rule in the down-trodden millions of every country, in the slavery and degradation of the world-proceeding millions.

To-day we are moving rapidly towards a tyranny of the dark ages. The military element is fast becoming supreme. The reaction marches on war in the church as in the State. The public debts accumulating by thousands of millions. The non-productive classes ever increasing. Labor-saving machinery ever developing. Poverty and growing death, from starvation of daily occurrence. The taxes of governments ever increasing. Where is it to end?

Wage-slaves of Australia, remember that governments burned men, women and children, at the stake, whenever they have everywhere raised your class with the club of brute force, and they legalize prostitution in Australia, in order of dedicating the cause that creates it.

They blight your brightest hopes by wrenching the boys from your breasts, to have them taught what a glorious thing it is to have a ferocious law on foot.

Wage-slaves, awaken from your slumber. The Revolution is inevitable. This future will rest on the shoulders, and not the laws of governments. Your sufferings and oppression have long since reached the boiling strain. You, yourselves must attack your shackles from your limbs.

Organize for the control and management of all industries, on the lines of the Industrial Workers of a World.

Strike at the ballot box with an axe, and the jobs politicians will then have to take their place with the working-class, in a working-class world.

Even suppose that any hope or reliance can be placed in the future, and presuming that Parliament can control industry, and further grant powers that are possible to elect a crop of Christs to the Legislature, the workers being divided industrially are performed impotently.

The quality of politicians is not so trained. Politics is so pure, so holy and undusted that it droppeth down as good as dew upon the brainless voter.

A political triangle is somewhat like Euclid's triangle. One can get it down as a political triangle that gives two parties whose object is self—if the rectangular abuse of the one shall be equal to the gummion of the other, then shall the political opportunity of the two sides be equal. Q. e. d.

The inscription on Labor's tombstone should read, "He was born, He was buried, He was resurrected. That is the fate of the vast majority of the workers which no amount of fanatical orations or promises of a paradise on earth can equal in the light of all class over or mitigate.

Follow workers! We want subscribers for the paper.

Am War.

—(James Logan Myles, Prize Essay in "Life.")

I was conceived in passion, hatred, envy, and greed from in the morning of antiquity, and have a general cry every page drips with the red blood of innocents. I respect neither the feebleness of grey hair, the helplessness of infancy, nor the sacredness of virtue, and walk through, ruthlessly and impartially over the form of the weakling or the form of the giant.

I paint the midnight skies a lurid glow from the burning homes I have ravaged, and I turn peaceful scenes of rural beauty where God's own creatures dwell together in amity, into raging hell. I set my neighbor against neighbor in deadly combat, and I incite the brother to slay his brother.

I make puppets of kings, princes of papers, courtiers of courtesans, and slaves of respected subjects, and inspire most necessary by breath as does the mist before the morning sunlight.

I make a religion fanaticism; the heathen make gods of idols, and of all men I make playthings devoid of reason and justice.

Through intrigue I make this intelligent powerful, the unscrupulous wax fat on the spoils of blood-worshipers gained by others, and the less learned suffer for their own greed.

Famine, want, and misery follow in my path; I lay waste green fields and kill the hand of industry. I strip the land of its resources, but contribute nothing of benefit to mankind, leaving pestilence to stalk ghostlike in my wake and complete the work of destruction. I give a heavy tribute upon my most loyal subjects for the maintenance of my retinues and I regard the vitality and lives of those who support me faithfully yet return to the world nothing but ruin and ashes.

The bubbles of fame I confer on some are but empty shells of false standards wherein the license to commit murder and rapine is held to be the lightning of glory by a mistaken exploitation.

I can offer no excuse for my having come into existence, nor can I give one plausible reason why I should not cease to be, other than that so long as man who yield influences are permitted to gratify their selfish desires and ambitions at the expense of the many, who must carry the burden and endure the suffering, that long will I continue to exact my toll of sorrow, devastation and death from I am pitiless—devoid of all feeling; I fear neither man nor God; I am amenable to no law, and I am in myself the law and the last resort.

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The Barker Case.

ACTION BY TRADES COUNTEILS.

Following upon the resolution carried some days ago at a conference of the Victorian Trade Unions, calling upon the authorities to release Barker, at a meeting held last night, two shillings, on Thursday, 23rd inst., a resolution was unanimously carried, calling upon the Minister for Justice to reinstate the sentence imposed on Messrs. Morley and Price were the principal speakers at the resolution, and roundly condemned the action of the authorities.

It was agreed that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Federal Attorney-General.

Literature List.

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- Value Price and Profit: Marx, bound 2s, paper 6d.
- The Evolution of Property: Lafargue, bound 2s.
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Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world are as free as the air, a free session of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centring of the machinery of production in the hands of a few, and "owner" hands makes the trade unionists to cope with the ever-increasing power of the employing-class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows the employer to be pitted against another act of helping to weaken the worker in wage.

Moreover, the trade unions and the employing-class workers join to believe that the working-class has interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the workers of the world can be united only by an organization formed in any way that all its members believe in. If this organization is to be necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lock-out is in progress, department thereby, thus making an army of the many to all.

Instead of the cooperative motto: "As fair day's wage for a fair day's work" we have on our banner the revolutionary watchword: "Abolish the wage system!"

It is the historic mission of the working-class to do away with Capitalism, the source of profit, and to be organized, not only for the execution of this mission, but to be organized to carry on production when Capitalism is overthrown. By organizing industry, we are fighting to build the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.