

# Money Money!



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## Hughes at Ballarat.

Mr. Discredited and Disgraced Hughes at Ballarat on the 9th inst.—

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

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

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

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

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

When Mr. Hughes says: "I invite those with whom I have been connected for 20 years to consider what company they keep," we reply, and ask them to consider what company Mr. Hughes keeps.

Who has gone by far over for apologising for the actions of the ruling class, who are the real "enemies of society."

When the workers resent the everyday discipline perpetrated upon them, the horrid and unwholesome crew and their life-spite toadies lift their blood-stained procs among hanging hands in the air with horror.

Not, oh, Hughes and my masters, because of what you do Preach, and because and gallows will not save your ruling class. Nor selfish human thought. Nor building human societies. Organise! organise! organise!! ye talkers all! Develop your power, ye "enemies of society," ye "anarchists," ye "mad,

blind men that see."

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

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

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

TOM BARKER.  
403 Sussex-street, Sydney.

## The 'Age' on strikers.

The Melbourne "Age," which has grown rich on the pennies of the working class, has again thought fit to abuse the striker.

In a recent issue it prints the following:

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

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

It is true the dualist, poacher and swag labour power he is quite unfortunately the liberalist, profit-grinder and swindler have taken their places, albeit the Tory class from the Tory about using the secretness of these country. The former were alleged felons, the latter now are the

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

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

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

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

## General Strike in Spain

REVOLT OF THE RAILWAY WORKERS.

Victory over Government and Army. Workers Use Sympathetic Strike and Sabotage.

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

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

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

The workers seeing that the masters were following the lead of the French ruling class, resolved to emulate their French fellows. The Government stepped in and compelled the railway magnates to send their representatives to meet the strikers and grant their demands. The result was that all demands for wages were granted, all arrested persons were freed, the workers' press that had been confiscated, was returned, and no one was victimised.

It has often been asserted in Scandinavia,

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

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

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

## News and Notes.

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

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

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

The treason trial drags on wearily and is likely to be a tedious affair, involving heavy expense. Funds are needed to defend these men and provide for their dependents. Christ was crucified for treason, and as there have been so many complaints about the "Mirror's" scurrilous attacks on us, we give the "Mirror" its answer to-day.

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

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

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

## "THE MIRROR" AND GERMAN

The howling of the "Mirror" a local comic paper much in demand by the juvenile population, about the I.W.W. German got us enough to make a tummy take to hysterics.

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

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

DIRECT ACTION The Great Secret.

THE REAL REASONS FOR CONSCRIPTION.



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The Anstey Letter.

The Napoleonic William at his gyrations at the City Hill, Hobart, showed a new and interesting side light upon his character.

House of Representatives. My Dear Barker—I am with you to the hilt. I wish you could send me a copy of those posters.

CAPITALISTS, PARSONS, POLITICIANS, LANDLORDS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS, AND OTHER STAY-AT-HOME PATRIOTS.

I was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. While awaiting on bail for the appeal to be heard I wrote the facts to Mr. Anstey, and the above letter, out of which the diminutive person makes such sensational capital.

Now, Mr. Hughes, you have had a device of me to say about the I.W.W. How did you come in possession of a copy of a private letter?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Wage Slave. Matter unsuitable. H. Mercer: Thanks.

T. Smith: The idea is good, but the execution bad.

CASH IS WANTED. For the legal defence of fellow-workers Olyon, Larkie, Reeve, Grant, Heenan, McIlhenny, Hamilton, and Bruce.

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deplored. During voluntarism, we have heard much of national service, industrial efficiency, and curtailment of the liquor traffic.

These things are heralds of the coming storm, and are advertised ostensibly for the public weal, but really to speed, and sober up the workers in industry.

Conscription implies a society founded on coercive co-operation, such a system involves the suppression of all private institutions, and democratic thought, and inevitably tends to the servile state, that is, a state of society in which all except the wealthy will be relegated to that state.

Conscription is really for only possibilities after the war. In previous wars we find that the ruling class repeatedly broke all promises made to lower classes.

The cry of patriotic patriots for compulsion is not one dictated by the economic needs of plutocrats, but it is also ideological. This class knows no creed but cash, no patriotism but profits, no morality but gold.

Such an important affair fraught with so many possibilities must have some deep, underlying cause, and cannot be explained away by political plots, military measures, or national needs.

There are three primary reasons for conscription.

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

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The third reason needs a little explanation. For some time prior to the advent of capitalism has drifted to national and international combines.

On the declaration of peace there will be no let-up in the race for the world's markets between nations. Countries like Austria, with union wages and spare population, cannot hope to hold its share in this commercial race.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of Worker Tom O'Longhin at Coff's Heights, street, 10/6; Alf Hawkins, 11/; P. Grant, 10/6; T. O'Leoughlin, 10/; E. Lowrey, 10/; E. Naughton, 5/; W. Wilkins, 5/; P. Ryan, 6/; P. Reilly, 5/; W. L. Smith, 5/; H. S. G. O'Brien, 5/; G. L. Kelly, 5/; N. Lindsay, 2/; H. Robinson, 2/; H. W. Marshall, 2/; J. Williams, 5/; W. Brown, 2/; G. Richards, 3/; J. H. Hall, 2/; W. G. Wright, 2/; B. Beadell, 2/; J. J. O'Connell, 2/; A. Christensen, 2/; Grand Bank.

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"Mary, Pity Women."

The "Sunday Sun" published a set of verses with this title, grossly misusing a phrase which conveys a holy meaning to many people, in the interests of the rotten, tyrannous policy of conscription.

To the women of Australia is a question put to-day, (Oh, Mary, pity women!) And they must send the men they love to battlefields away.

For but one simple reason: Hughes demands that we do the same! And what, besides such reason, is the loss of any son? (Oh, Mary, pity women!)

There's a bitter warfare coming when conscription has its way, (Oh, Mary, pity women!) All the ideals Labour fought for must as surely decay.

For the workers' world's dominion will certainly remain, Backed by martial regulations that their grip will not release, While the man, smiling blandly, will declare that this is Peace.

There are wise women who have given; there (Oh, Mary, pity women!) Toil in jobs by men forsaken for the mere, bare right to live.

On the reduction of the wages that the men they lost have earned, Will the women find employment—into weary wage slaves turned—? (Oh, Mary, pity women!)

For the little, lovely babies, there are dangers we must shun, (Oh, Mary, pity women!) There are dangers more repulsive than the far-off Prussian gun.

Let us in freedom, and to let it go: For an enemy is rampant who would lay our fair land low; And if we fail to answer the conscription question, (Oh, Mary, pity women!) HAROLD MERCER, 403 Sussex Street, City.

RESIST ALL EVIL.

"Resist not evil!" How well indeed for sounders! Slaves, your backs shall bend beneath their whip in joy.

"Resist not evil!" That evil gear, luxurious, And they who perpetrate it grow rich and strong, Till changed shall be the dictum— "Fools, ye can't resist the evil!"

"Resist not evil!" Your check unreturned, strike back the blast! The sword by sword shall answer! "Resist all evil!"

MELBOURNE ACTIVITIES.

Local No. 8, 197 Russell-street, Monday, 8 p.m.—Business Meeting; Thursday, Economic Class, 8 p.m.; corner Victoria and Errol Streets, N. Bank; Sunday, Propaganda Meeting, Yarra Bank.

The rooms are open to all workers every night. All working class papers are in the "Disodium" Library. A welcome to all the "Disodium" ones.

It is legitimate to work hard—when the boss is idling.

# Treason.

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

By the Treason Felony Act of 1348 it was made a felony to (a) plot to deprive or depose the King from the throne, etc., of the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom, (b) to levy war against the King in order by force or constraint to change his measure or counsel, or to put force or constraint on, or to intimidate or overawe either the House of Parliament, or the King, (c) to do any of the things themselves constitute an overt act or deed, but may be taken as evidence of the intention as to commit such an act.

The point of chief importance to us at present is treason is not a bailable charge, except with the consent of the King, while treason, felony, sedition, or seditious utterances are all bailable.

A. J. WALLACE.

# Statement of Principles.

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

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organise themselves into a powerful union to overthrow the present capitalist system and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the contrary of the management of the working class is to increase the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade union forces a state of affairs which enables the workers to get a little more than their share 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 has 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, come work wherever a strike or lockout is in any department thereof, thus making an injury one to all.

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

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

### AS OTHERS SEE US.

It is like to find the force and the rapid spread of the doctrine of the I.W.W. They are spreading at a rate that is really amazing and the war, and the slump which may follow, are going to give them an increased impetus. The actual membership of the I.W.W. organisation may now be ranging from ten to more or less than 20,000 and 30,000, and the more dangerous because the I.W.W. man is everywhere the most energetic as a doctrinaire and the most enthusiastic. According to a recent issue of "The Herald," the organisation in New York is spreading so fast that it will take two millions transport trucks to take the total to make the public think it would still have done it. S. M. Bernal.

# The Decent Worker.

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

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

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

The Decent Worker, as I have aforementioned, is permeated with the capitalist spirit. His desire is to get on, and he thinks the surest way of achieving this, is by continuing in the favour of his employer.

The course of action his vicious instincts urge him to employ to ensure this is to pimp on and denounce his brother against every opportunity.

Speak in the course of the hours we are piling surplus values for the master and you will see him with miserable hypocrisy, stoop down and pretend to be busily engaged in some work, so that if by some means, the boss is to see him at the scene, he will, by his attitude convey to him the impression that it is the other chap, not he, who is doing the talking, and he is being addressed in his work.

How he gets his gurns, his smiles when he has boss addressed him, if one could, at that particular time get a glance at his coxey. I am almost certain that you will find it performing an oscillating motion.

The decent worker is the one who possesses teeth that crawls, though matured in age is still juvenile in mind, trembles with fear, and is a slave to his employer. He has no opinions of his own, whose only ambition in life is to serve in humble servility the interests of his master on the large scale of getting on, and whose large view of vision is to get a shilling a day more than his fellow workers is the highest point of social eminence one can attain. I know him well, so do you; let us know him less.

J. H. J.

### THERE CAN BE NO PEACE.

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

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

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

Australia has done more than her share with men and money. If we never sent another man, if we never gave another penny, we have done more than England, and we have kept our heads.

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We have Huns to face, traitors of our own race, worse than Germans. We have gladly shared our food and opportunities with our less fortunate brothers and sisters from England, Scotland, and Ireland, but this last is the limit. There is nothing to be done, and we have still a little dignity left.

Can there be peace? Let Mr. Hughes himself tell us. In his position, moving among the class he is addressing and does not know the misery and discontent of the people who raised him from an umbrella maker to Prime Minister.

# Melbourne Notes.

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

Last Sunday's Yarra Bank meeting was one of the finest we have ever held, financially and educationally. There were between 50 to 100 thousand people present. We certainly held a good proportion of the crowd. We had two platforms going and our usual speakers were well able to fill the bill.

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

Fellow-workers J. R. Wilson, Laifler, Jeffrey, filled the bill in the hall, and Fellow-workers Grover, Taylor, and Clemens entertained the crowd outside. When the Soul Satchers came along and sang the crowd went wild. They sang them back again with I.W.W. songs.

The Wage Plugs here have got a sudden craving appetite here for "Direct Action," one bundle order of several dozen, sold out as soon as they touched. Literature sales are getting a big boost. Our literature secretary is getting lopsided carrying home the dough every night. We held a special protest meeting at the Guild Hall on Wednesday, 27th September, in aid of the Sydney boys. Another bumper meeting, Fellow-workers J. R. and A. Wilson, Laifler and Jeffrey's part the case to a very enthusiastic audience. J. R. Wilson received a great ovation. A resolution was carried demanding the release of the I.W.W. men now in jail, on the alternative of a general paralysis of industry.

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

The Gods seem to be against the workers, as usual, by turning on the sky juice about 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 27th September when we went to bed. In spite of the rain, there was a continual stream of people moving to the Bank for about four hours, keeping about twenty thousand continually around the speakers.

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

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

James Pope, 197 Russell-street, Melbourne.

### TRANSPORTATION ISSUE.

Following upon the success attendant upon the publication of the special "Miners' Edition," it has been decided by the Press Committee, to publish at an early date a special "Transportation Industry" Edition. Now, what laborers, seamen, railwaymen, canalwaymen, and carters, let us see what you are made of.

A considerable number of complaints are arriving at this office re committees of "Direct Action" to subscribers. In 95 per cent. of these cases the fault lays with the Post Office authorities. As it is impossible for us to check each individual case, subscribers are advised for the future to address all complaints direct to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

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'Mirror' Muck.

I.W.W. ASSASSINS SAY VOTE NO.

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

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

Though the "Mirror's" malice may be small for it and its cartoons criminally untrue, we must not be misled by this tinsy pingu journal prodors. Months ago it produced a poster headed "An open letter to the avianish Huns," which was severely criticised on local Germans, who, of course, were not in a position to defend themselves. This attitude is a good example of the hunchish "Mirror" tactics of attacking small sections of the community such as the shirkers, the peace advocates etc. Another poster read "A campaign of lies," which is a very appropriate poster for the "Mirror," which has never hesitated to conspire in a campaign of lies against all and sundry who are antagonistic to the "Mirror's" ideas. Of course, it may be necessary for a paper containing so much mental muck to resort to sarcasitic posters. Last week the "Mirror" carried itself with a poster which said:

I.W.W. ASSASSINS WANT YOU TO VOTE.

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

MIRROR MURDER MONGERS SAY VOTE YES.

Indeed, such a poster would be far nearer the truth than the "Mirror's" placard. For this sheet, since in day it was born in a brownish cellar in Ash-street, has revealed its nature in its articles. It is in fact a literary abortion begotten in malice and sweated's greed. It started its career for the purpose of advocating the capture of enemy munitions. Its first sheet that tried to stampede the entry into conscription last year. It is now busy with the anti-conscriptionists as the lies, and is manufacturing up the associates of the alleged I.W.W. criminals. All this is evidently written with the idea of leading the ignorant to vote "Yes" at the referendum. As the "Mirror" contains so many mistatements on the conscription question, we would draw the editor's attention to an article in this issue of "Direct Action," which explains the real reasons for conscription. We challenge him to refute that article if he can. We further challenge the "Mirror" to prove that the I.W.W. is supported by German gold. We further challenge the "Mirror" to substantiate its allegation that the I.W.W. are the outlaws of every country intent on conquering the world. The I.W.W. are the only peace-loving citizens of all kinds. Besides, it would do well to clean up the people who are wont to conspire in the adoption of the tactics of yellow journalism are open to severe criticism. It is a pity that the "Mirror" is so deliberately

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

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

Broken Hill News.

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

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

Yesterday (Wednesday) October 5 a meeting to protest against conscription was held in the Central Reserve. The tone of the meeting was, as usual, militant. Today is eight-hundred and thirty of Broken Hill, and the line of local is, of course, idle for 24 hours. Walking down the street one is struck by the various badges worn by members of the various craft organisations, and is forced to realise that many members of our class have yet to learn that the way to working class emancipation is not to keep up the old ideas of craft and skill in labour organisations, but only by realising that the working class are but units in the complex machinery of the process which is called industry, and by organising together together those units in order to gain working class control of industry.

The anti-conscription party formed here is still doing good work. One specially gratifying feature of the aforesaid organisation is its ladies' section. Every enthusiasm, is second to none. Every class-conscious working man must metaphorically take off his hat to the noblest of women of Broken Hill, and the warmest hope is that when the anti-conscription crusade is over these women will study the principles of the I.W.W. and lead the hands with the men desirous to work for the full liberty of self expression, which is life.

F. F. Ward, 316 Argue Street, Broken Hill.

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

THE DELEGATES.

Fellow-workers Foley, Goldsmith, and Farrell reported excellent progress in their tour up the South Coast in the name of the Defence Committee. At a meeting in Stannwell Park of the navies, our fellow workers received a most sympathetic hearing. Although on account of short time worked for the past fortnight, they were between 24 and 25 was taken up. Cheers were given for the men in goal. A committee of the reps. of the joint gangs has been formed for the purpose of collecting for the legal defence of the gaudier men. Fellow-worker or Brian Scully, of Lithgow strike fame, is the treasurer, and he will do his best to make the best of the situation.

On the following evening some fellow workers spoke at the camp at Oxford, and were very fairly successful. The collection amounted to £2 five. Lists are also to be taken round on pay days, from which a good response is expected.

Don't forget this when considering the recurring depression. Carnichael's theory of the 1920's (and the 1910's) is the variety of soldier in the garden. No Government House grounds had electric lights had, and the Auditor-General says that most of the 1920's was a lightning of course, are the real I.W.W. men. "The Newcastle News."

Politics and Prejudice. A Financial Farce.

HUGHES, THE 'I.W.W.' AND A POLITICAL OPPONENT.

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

The evidence relating to the charges that are being made against a number of members of the organisation known as the I.W.W. Not only does he craftily and falsely insinuate that the Labor organization is controlled by the I.W.W., but he—the Prime Minister—actually the General of the Commonwealth—actively perseguites throughout Australia making injurious remarks about the men now before the court. The case of the effect of prejudicing the case if the Magistrate should decide to send them before a jury. These remarks are published, and prominently displayed, in the principal newspapers of the city, in which they would have to be read.

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

The I.W.W. and some other organisations do not stop at such tactics, but practice sabotage. They not only preach the destruction of factories, machinery and plant. Nor do they stop even here; but, for reasons that will be obvious to every citizen of the Commonwealth in the course of the next few days, I will not now catalogue their crimes, except to remind the people of the Commonwealth that they are to a large extent controlled by these men who have perverted industry and political unionism to their own base purposes. I hope workers will arise while there is yet time to defend their interests. They are all anarchists and big game hunters. I invite you to read the press during the next day or two.

It is a most monstrous thing that the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth should so lightly regard his duties and responsibilities in his high office as to speak in this way of men who are now in a court of justice accused of the most serious crime; but who have not yet entered upon their defence. If ever there was a case of justifying conscription, it is this case, the case of the Prime Minister and Attorney-General of the Commonwealth ever since a case. He has not stopped, however, Sydney "Sun," but according to the "Sydney Morning Herald" of yesterday, "Extract from Sydney 'Truth'."

We view with some gravity the tidings from News has also seen in Sydney for treating Broken Hill that W. D. Barrett, well known in Melbourne of the A.M.A., and last week to be tried on a charge of conspiracy of an industrial matter appearing in the columns of the "Barrier Daily 'Truth'." We have been arrested, as with all who follow us, we go with the I.W.W. charges, fuller particulars will be charged may be likely. Back of these I.W.W. because of its fight for the smash the law. Let us be on our guard.—Melbourne "Socialist."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

And concurrently with these hypocritical pretences to make the Bloated Peace disgorge, there are taxes on the cheap backs of the workers—even the kicking of the children given into the picture shows are to pay a fine—and taxes on the working men and women without deduction, earning from £100 to £200 a year, are to have to hand over £1 each to Mr. Higgs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

But the Unionists, who be— are alert and determined. And though the outlook is covered with darkness and fretted with gloom, so long as the workers stick loyally one to another, the forces of Hell shall not prevail against them.

—Henry E. Roote, St. Andrew's Place, Sydney, in the "Australian Worker"

At a Glady women's conscription meeting. A lady in the audience to the member of the I.W.W. said:

The Chairwoman: are you a member of the I.W.W.?  
The Lady: "Certainly, my madam."  
The Chairwoman: "You are a member indignantly." "Certainly, my madam."  
The Lady: "I am very glad to hear it, as is the I.W.W. are very decent fellows."

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