

# 'An Injury to One an INJURY to All.'



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## FELLOW WORKERS,

# Our Mates in Jail

### Release Agitation.

**SYDNEY.**  
The agitation in Sydney is going along as well as ever. The chief difficulty is trying to supply speakers for the various places, and keep the country meetings going. All our speakers are now working overtime and going their hardest. The agitation we have now started must be kept going in all its vigor. We hope that the time will not be long when the boys will be out of jail and then some of our propagandists can have a spell.

**NEWCASTLE.**  
For the past fortnight F.W.'s Farrell and Keer have been busy around Newcastle and district. At first some opposition was shown to the speakers but at last they won out. The miners here had only the bones' version of the treason charges, and it was only natural they should look upon the I.W.W. as a lawless gang. The coal miners' lodges are all being addressed upon the case, and as a result much bigotry, prejudice and misunderstanding has been wiped out. Good work is now being done amongst the northern coalfields, and the tide is now turning our way.  
Many miners who were at first prepared to jere at the street meetings, are now earnestly working on our behalf. Truth will out, and its truth we are after.

**LITHGOW.**  
Things are moving well up here. A Defence and Release Committee has been formed, and things are now going along very well. F.W.'s Wilson and Sinclair arrived last weekend, and several very successful meetings were held. There is great interest being shown in the I.W.W. case, and we hope that great success will result.

**ADELAIDE.**  
**FEDERATED IRONWORKERS' UNION.**  
"That the F. L. P., Attorney-General of N.S.W., and the P.L.P. be asked to take action towards the annulling of the sentences imposed upon members of I.W.W., as a fair trial was impossible, after the action taken by the Prime Minister and the daily press prior to their cases being heard."

**ANTI-CONSCRIPTION LEAGUE (SOUTH AUSTRALIA).**  
"That this meeting enters its emphatic protest against the unjust sentences meted out to the members of the I.W.W., in the recent conspiracy charges by a class-biased and vindictive judge, and that we do our utmost to obtain their immediate release."

**A.W.U. (ADELAIDE BRANCH).**  
At a meeting of the above, held on January 10, and at which delegates from the Workers' Defence Committee attended to put the case for the men in jail. It was resolved that a recommendation for financial assistance be sent along to the conference of its members about to sit in Sydney.

The I.W.W. is called a lawless bunch because the food poisoners, coal barons, mine owners, child reapers?  
What about the sugar-growers in Queensland who refused to pay the award rates and thereby broke the law? What about members of the capitalist class who are guilty of trading with the enemy? What about the men who pay starvation wages? The crimes perpetrated against the working class every day are innumerable.

## Defence Agitation.

**QUEENSLAND.**  
WEEKLY REPORT.  
ENDING JANUARY 21, 1917.

# Will YOU HELP to Set them FREE?

### SCARBOROUGH.

A splendid meeting was held on the beach on Sunday afternoon, 28th January. Mr. McGhee, President of the local Coal Miners' Lodge, chaired the meeting, and outlined the persecution which members of the I.W.W. were now going through. Mr. Medicine emphasised the fact that the mere passing of resolutions was not of much benefit unless the workers were prepared to back them up with their industrial might.  
F.W. West, who is at present having a spell at Scarborough, was the first speaker, and handled the subject in fine style. He contrasted the police methods of different countries with Australia, and finished with an eloquent appeal for assistance for the imprisoned men.  
F.W. Wilson followed, and in his old familiar style, dealt at great length on the I.W.W. case. Collection amounted to £3 2s.  
Things are looking well here, and the agitation goes on apace.

The collection for the last fortnight at the mines amounted to £22 16s 1d. Good luck. **HENT AXLE.**

### SOUTH COAST TOUR.

On Thursday, the 25th, F.W. Wilson and H. Melrose journeyed to the South Coast in connection with the cases of the imprisoned men. On arrival at Stanwell Park, they found that where Xmas time about 500 men were employed, there are now only between 30 and 100 employed, this being part of the sacking scheme of the Holman Government. This practice has been indicated in by the Government on almost all of the railway works of N.S. Wales. Notwithstanding the paucity of numbers, supplies of "Direct Action" and "Speeches from the Dock" were sold, and also money collected for the Defence Fund. Further meetings were held at Port Kembla, Woomera, Bulli and Scarborough, at all of which places the speakers got a good reception, also sold quantities of literature, and took up collections—which goes to show that the enthusiasm of the workers of this district has not abated, and they are prepared to keep the agitation going until such time as justice has been done, and the men in jail released. In every centre, visited, militant fighters are carrying on the struggle against the oppressor, in the interim, which makes the work of the visiting delegates much easier. At Bulli a concert and dance is being arranged to take place within a month to subsidize the funds, and the speakers are hopeful of it being a great success. Despite the holidays and counter attractions the speakers had a good meeting at Bulli on Saturday night, and then proceeded to Scarborough, where a monster meeting

was held on the beach on Sunday afternoon, when boundless enthusiasm was displayed, and a collection of over £2 was taken up. On this occasion the delegates had the valuable assistance of that well-known battler in the cause of Labor, Stanley West, whose poems and writings have been widely read throughout the working-class movement of Australia.

As a criterion of the feeling of the miners of the South Coast, it is but necessary to say that the moneys collected at the meetings, from sales, collections and subscription lists for the few days' tour, amounted to £28 3s 8d. Such a splendid spirit of solidarity exists there that it makes one hopeful of the future. Fall into line, ye workers of Australia! Emulate the action of the South Coast men, and I feel assured that when the call comes, the gates of the goal will swing open, and our fellow-workers inside will walk out, free men.

H. M.

### MELBOURNE.

Resolution carried at Yarra Bank protest meeting—

"This meeting of Melbourne citizens protests against the unfairness of the trial, and undue severity of the sentences accorded to the twelve I.W.W. men now lying in jail in N.S.W., and against the prosecution of H. E. Booth, editor of the Sydney "Worker," and asks all sections of the Australian Labor Movement to participate in agitation to see justice done to all these men named, and all others who are persecuted or prosecuted, as the result of their activities in the interest of working class solidarity, and further asserts that until the workers so bestir themselves, no militant agitator will be safe from the coercive devices of ruling class conspirators who seek to smash working-class organizations."

Carried unanimously.

"Brevity is the soul of wit," observed the sage.  
"Maybe," replied the fool, "I can never feel very witty when my pay ticket is so short!"

Sergeant—Now, then, Private Hogan, why aren't you holding your rifle in the proper hand?  
Hogan—Sure, I've a splinter in me and I'm Sergeant—I'm scratching my head, I span.  
—Melbourne "Punch."

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Resolution carried, and a collection of £1 18s 2d to the D. and R. Committee.  
On Wednesday I was invited to speak before the Industrial Council, the most influential body in Queensland. They have already donated £1 to the Fund. I was well received. Assured all support, and delegates appointed to committees.

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The Butchers' Conference is sitting, and I am invited to attend, so I think the £50 is certain. I was informed by the Painters that they have donated £11 1/2 to Fund, also that a joint meeting of all building trades unions be held to hear me on the matter.  
On Friday, after the A.W.U. Conference had passed a resolution of sympathy, we held a meeting at Stanes Corner on Friday night. Fair meeting. Collection 10/8. Sold 6 dozen "D.A.s." On Friday F. W. Purcell arrived from Mackay, and paid over £3 15s being collected on the wharf at Mackay.  
A resolution of committee (local) agreed upon printing 4,000 copies of the Reform of Evidence.

Arrangements for concert going apace, and will be a great success.

The Theatrical Union has passed a resolution. Due at Gympie next Saturday. Will get results, I expect.  
On Saturday night, in spite of the rain a successful meeting was held at Market Square. Speakers: F. W. Anlezark (chair), Mr. Brazier (Industrial Council), and F. W. Jackson. Good hearing. Collection, £1 15s 6d. Good sales "Direct Action."

Defence Committee makes arrangements for Art Union. A.W.U. local conference has sent instructions to General Convention, Sydney, to send financial assistance to Fund, as a result of my talk to them.

Water and Sewerage Workers, Sunday morning, recommended A.W.U. to pass funds, and decided to send out subscription lists on the job.

Committee decided to remit £15 cash in hand, to Sydney by Bill Jackson.  
Meeting held today, Sunday, afternoon, interfered with by rain. Still fair crowd turned up. Collection £3 5s 4d. Speakers: Barker, Dunne (Butchers), Anlezark, (I.W.W.), George Brown (Insurance Agents), and Bill Jackson.

Large sales "Direct Action." Weekly report, you will see, is improving.

Yours for Liberty,  
**TOM BARKER.**  
Delegate to North.  
"You are lying so clumsily," said the observant judge to a litigant who was before him, "that I would advise you to get a lawyer. They have made a study of the law."

## Direct Action

## Speech from the Jock.

F. W. HORRICKS, W.A.



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## STRUCTURE OF THE I. W. W.

There is much talk nowadays about the I.W.W. wishing to damage machinery, take human life, and destroy society. These false stories about the I.W.W. which are treated, not every day by the master class and its organs, would not worry us even were they not for the fact that some wage slaves still believe that the I.W.W. is out on a campaign of destruction.

The working man who swallows the foregoing mendacious statements only proves himself to be in complete mental darkness as to the principles of the I.W.W. and the structure of its organisation.

A glance at our preamble will prove that the I.W.W. wishes to preserve and improve human life and not destroy it, and a study of the constructive programme of the I.W.W. shows very plainly that we wish to use the machines and tools of production in the interest of the working class, and not to destroy them. The I.W.W. is out to try and LIGHTEN LABOR AND DECREASE TOIL, therefore we will not tamely and uncomplainingly be kept intact.

It is not destruction or chaos that the master class are so vitally concerned about. It is the SCIENTIFIC AND UP-TO-DATE STRUCTURE OF THE I.W.W. that causes all the alarm.

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Owing to the many failures made by nearly every political party, the I.W.W. was given birth to. Something more than a mere Federation of Labor was wanted, themselves to be nothing but large unwieldy unions without any concrete system of organisation.

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The I.W.W. starts out by forming LOCAL RECRUITING UNIONS, or professional leagues in different localities, through which they can disseminate their unionism. The work of the propagandist is to gather together as many workers as possible to discuss the principles of INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM and to push the model of ONE BIG UNION.

Progressive lectures across a valuable purpose by spreading around industrial unions, holding meetings for the purpose of teaching working class economics, and educating the workers to realise the necessity of organising on the constructive and structure laid down by the I.W.W.

The main fundamental unit of the I.W.W. is the LOCAL INDUSTRIAL UNION, headed by their own Trade Union teachers on the particular requirements of the work and their own representatives. THE SHOP BROTHERHOOD

it possible to maintain SOLIDARITY amongst the workers in the said industry, and be able to get the best RESULTS ON THE JOB. Very often trouble arises in one shop alone, and in the event of the shop branch not being able to effect a settlement, all the branches which are welded together in the Local Industrial Union stand together in the fight, realising the principle of "AN INJURY TO ONE AN INJURY TO ALL."

In order to maintain local unity amongst the Local Industrial Unions, the I.W.W. provides for what is known as the INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, which is composed of representatives of all Local Industrial Unions in that given locality. This Council shall keep in touch with all the local unions, and at the same time be in direct communication with the GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, so that whenever necessary, a short, sharp, decisive blow may be struck at any time.

The above form of organisation with the local industrial unions and the District Council, is about as perfect as possible for bringing about solidarity in a given locality, but the workers are not content to one another locally, but over the nation, and all around the world.

In order to meet this universality of the working class, the I.W.W. provides for a NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION, which is a union of groups of all Local Industrial Unions in a certain industry into a nation wide organisation.

In order to facilitate business the NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION shall have national committees which deals with national matters in the said industry. Its business is to hold together in unity and harmony all Local Industrial Unions and keep in direct touch with the General Department.

Although the above plan of organisation is fairly extensive and covers a lot of ground, still it does not go far enough. The I.W.W. constitution now provides for what is known as an INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

When two or more National Industrial Unions exist, they are linked up with all closely kindred industries into an Industrial Department of Public Service. As, for instance, the municipal workers, theatrical employees, hotel, restaurant, and club employees, and all such allied industries would be united under the Industrial Department of Public Service. Likewise the seaman, fisherman, and wharf labourers and all such closely allied industries would be united under the Industrial Department of TRANSPORTATION, and so on throughout all the industries of the world.

The I.W.W. constitution provides for the six following industrial departments: 1. Department of Agricultural, Land, Fisheries and Water Products. 2. Department of Mining. 3. Department of Transportation and Communication. 4. Department of Manufacturing and General Production. 5. Department of Construction. 6. Department of Public Service.

Under the six departmental heads we all believe that the work of the working class can be organised into ONE BIG UNION. It will then elect its General Executive Board which will represent the whole organisation.

The above form of organisation can be applied to all nations and finally be linked up into ONE BIG Union of the working class throughout the world. Each nation, and of course, will attend to its own administration. —N.R.

A universal transfer card is in existence, and once a man or woman joins, he or she can go into any industry or go to any part of the world, and the card will hold good all the way, and all the time.

The I.W.W. does not claim to be perfect, but it does claim to be MODERN and UP-TO-DATE. With the progress and development of capitalism some small changes have to be made in the constructive programme, and by changing form of the industrial organisation TO MEET THE NEW CONDITIONS, we need have no fear.

By bringing up such a form of organisation to manage and run the industries when capitalism totters and falls. —N.R.

Applications are called for EDITOR OF "DIRECT ACTION." All applicants must be a member of the I.W.W. for at least six months, and their application in at this office before All 15th, 1917. Write to the following address: F. BROWN, Manager, "D.A."

As at the outset I must deny that conspiracy or crime has at any time in my life entered my head, and, further, I do not sympathise with those who do commit crime. True, I am a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, but this might be explained, as saying, I was born in an atmosphere of unionism with class conscious tendencies, and first joined a miners' union at the age of thirteen, and the remaining 27 years I have remained a class conscious unionist. And in joining the I.W.W. did so for union purposes only, because I realised the principle of the One Big Union was good, and I fully subscribe to its preamble. I'm at a disadvantage during this trial by having been brought 300 odd miles away from the people who know me best and made it difficult for me to call evidence as to my character, but I wish your Honor to bear in mind this in determining what punishment I merit. That I was on the committee of the Miners' Union, for six years, and treasurer of it for three terms, during which period it was the most financial Miners' Union in West Australia, and they accepted my resignation with regret. His Honor interrupted again, and said: "I am not assuming you are not of good character." Another thing I wish you to remember. I was merely the custodian of I.W.W. goods found on my property, which, in my opinion, is of an entirely innocent nature. I am a hard working, uneducated working man, with no other desire but to make the world brighter in the future for my children, who, I hope, will have to be taught in the school of bitter experience, as I have done this. And in admitting I am a member of the I.W.W. I must now give you the reasons which actuated me in joining and subscribing to its preamble and principles.

In the first place, it was that temporary stamp that was awarded the miners in the 1912 industrial agreement, which was based on the barest necessities of life at a normal time when food prices were fixed, and which did not provide for abnormal times that followed shortly after when the cost of living went up and up until it reached between 30 and 50 per cent, while the miners' wages remained the same. (BURNSIDE WALK.) I then realised if arbitration was going to just between master and slave it should provide for abnormal along with the normal, so as it would provide for the proverbial rainy day. Your Honor, you made reference in addressing the jury to the dangers you had faced when you were a young man; but you know nothing of the dangers of a miner's every day life. As a matter of fact, had I been a selfish man I would have been gazing at you now with no eyes instead of only one. I don't like mentioning those things, it's the first time I have; but I give it to the world now, because it's true. Imagine a man inside a space four feet square and a hundred feet deep when a fall of rock occurs with I feet below and a few feet below under your feet, and you have to remain there until he gets clear. (Interrupted and asked to prove it.) Yes, your Honor, I can prove it. I had two witnesses placed for me, but for some unforeseen circumstances they never put in an appearance. (Who were they?—Dr. Mitchell, of the Woorooloo Sanatorium and Arthur Wilson, M.L.A. for Collie. (More interruptions, and Tommy Walker and Burnsie exchanged their compliments. I wish, your Honor, to take into consideration my wife and young family, for myself I do not ask for pity. I have faced a moment that a shiver, whereas sentiment may make me cry. I only ask you to think of the life I have led.

## Workers, Arise.

The I.W.W. is passing through a phase that is inevitable with any advanced organisation. On all sides the organisation has incurred the curses and condemnation of the existing ruling class—the capitalist class.

Seemingly this class is for the present triumphant, but only seemingly; oppression, when followed by reaction and enlightenment. As the day spreads so will it become apparent that the aims and objects of the I.W.W. are sound, truthful, and honest. Upon every side exists lying and unrepresentative class bias, prejudice and spiteful attacks, but the working movement that is worth its salt not a fight hard and often for its are liberties. The gloves are off, and lives and limbs are cheap under capitalism.

What is the reason for the existence of the I.W.W.? Why are men and women risking their all, their lives and limbs, for their freedom, health and comfort? Because they shout aloud for justice, freedom, robbery, exploitation, greed, known as capitalism, is done.

Because the profit making system shrieks its vilest aloud, because poverty, hunger, want and destitution mark its soil, because the slurs, filth, rottenness and evil stalk through the shameful day. Because honesty is ground underfoot, innocence, blasphemed fairness. Because slavery, the face of nature's law, and worry is his bedmate. Because the goal and asylum yawns wide with its jaws for the helpless, and because corruption, festering and stinking, the foundation and ethics of the capitalist system, production.

The I.W.W. stands for One Big Union of the working class. Any working strong minded voice the producers of the wealth class, are the strong minded women, the REAL MEN AND WOMEN, to stand together, and fight and struggle for the

full product of our labor.

It is the one object. Short of that, there is no re everything falls. There is no reform under capitalism. There is no bettering of conditions, that is impossible, it is war, bloody if necessary, but grim, stark war. The fear of the classes. Capitalism throttles the free aspirant growth of the people. The grasshopper, mounted on its suffocating coils all the life, all the vigor, all the health and vitality from its victims. Do we not produce it, the working class, in our own sweat and blood? Do we not find the brains and the muscles, the vitality and the life. And our lot if a putrid, a mockery, a hollow fraud of pain, slavery and food servitude. Shall we wait for some kind miracle, some seat at the full and ample board, snuggled reclining in the boss's parlament, look to listen singers or sonli snarkers, to deliver us, for the free aspirant growth, "lighters" to take our "lead, kindly as men and women do something for ourselves?

Yes, the working class, have one thing for sale, that is, our labor power. Are we any different? No! We women at the street corner? No! We are the soul and body, for life and a bit after. The working class must gain control. We are not the natural products of evolution, we are the natural products contained in history. Capitalism is decayed and doomed. Let it perish as the darkness before the dawn. When truth and light, the real present, and the working class arise, then shall we be free.

WYATT JONES.

Teacher—Johnny, if four men are working for sale, that is, our labor power. Are we any different? No! We women at the street corner? No! We are the soul and body, for life and a bit after. The working class must gain control. We are not the natural products of evolution, we are the natural products contained in history. Capitalism is decayed and doomed. Let it perish as the darkness before the dawn. When truth and light, the real present, and the working class arise, then shall we be free.

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# To Avert War.

Senator Myles Ferricks is one of the champions of the great anti-conscription movement that started in the early part of October, and the very first conscription. Ferricks is one of 28th age (they can be numbered on the fingers of one hand) politicians, who consistently all along, not only opposed conscription, but also militarism in general, and in particular at the time of his election campaign speeches. Delivered in 1915, he stated that the war would soon be settled if the people who had made the war had been made to avert war in the future. He argued as follows: During the conscription campaign, Ferricks chased the frantic and noisy Hughes from one end of the country to the other, and denounced the infantile Welshman to the people, and exposed his notorious machinations.

Consequently we have much more respect for Ferricks than the gang of politicians who served at the last minute, because they could see the growth of a mighty popular movement that swept the country like a tempest, and that they could not understand. It is not strange to attribute that is usually a very odd stranger within legislative halls—sincerity.

Mr. Ferricks recently spoke in Brisbane on a Sunday evening, and his subject was argued in relation to avert war in the future. He announced at a lengthy address, that a remedy might be found in the demoralisation of the corps of diplomats.

Now to demoralise the diplomatic service would mean that these gentlemen, instead of travelling out a treaty of questionable exit, or a well-known edition of Mrs. Corwallis West as a guarantee as to the requisite amount of blue blood in their constitution, they would have to be elected upon the vote of the community.

And we really fail to see how these gentlemen, so recently elected, will not differently to the monuments of intelligence who are generally returned as politicians.

Presume that William Morris Hughes, Joseph Cook, William Holman, and Deakin (instead of being in politics (and well in), that they had been democratically elected as diplomatic officers, do you think they would have averted war?

Would not "the molting influence of environment" have played their part in diplomatic circles the same as they have in the political world? Would not the inevitable row of houses, and the shires of stock fellow farmers in Petrograd, Peking or Washington as they do in Wellington, or Sydney, or Melbourne?

Did not the smiles of the fifteen store department store, the "the" of the middle-aged, mesocephaloid William? Under their blandishments did he not promise them Australia as a country barracks and conscripts? Take the same William, elect him as a member of the House of Representatives at the Courts of Europe. Do you think he would have been a better job of it than Grey or Sasseo? Or any of the majority of Australian politicians? You would get war just the same.

"Diplomats are pawns in the game. So are politicians. They are the screen for big business, the profit monger, the armament maker, the shoddy manufacturer, the market-corrupter and the territory grabber."

As long as armies and navies exist, and as long as capital wrangles over markets, routes, territories, war will eventually erupt, whether diplomats are appointed from the top or the bottom.

The real way to avert war, and the ONLY way is for the international working class to pick up the broken threads of their organization, and to work for class emancipation unless it is the only way by which the machinations and intrigues of the industrial over lords can be met.

The motto of the proletariat must be "Trust no monarch, no minister, no politician, and no diplomat." Trust only your force as a concrete organization throughout the modern world. Over-production creates and maintains the war. Over-production creates wars, and causes unemployment through congestion of production.

The working class alone can abolish war. No one else will, no one else can, it must be abolished by the workers by the constant agitation and education, which will result in progressive, virile, and demonstrable working class action.

Yes, Mr. President, it may seem a long way and take a long time, but that's not the point. It is the ONLY way, and I challenge politicians to show any enthusiasm to find any other PRACTICAL way.

And then, Mr. Ferricks, with this international and militant organization, the Industrial Workers of the World, will demonstrate the diplomatic service, and thoroughly—with long handled shovels.

# THE I. W. W. CASES.

## LECTURE BY MARY GRANT.

In opening her address, Miss Grant said that some months ago, when about thirty members of the I.W.W. were seized and put in jail, the public received a great shock. Out of the thirty seized, twelve were selected for special treatment by the authorities, including all the principal speakers. Some of the men were sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, and were not allowed half-holiday awaiting trial. Yet a woman who was alleged to have burnt her house, and caused a man to lose his life, was now out on bail. Even if these men had been guilty of setting fire to a house or building—which they were not—they had killed nobody. No lives had been sacrificed by them. Miss Grant said in scathing terms of the action of Wm. M. Hughes and others, who had prejudiced the case against the men by proclaiming them guilty before they were tried. Was it not a fact that, since the trials, two men had admitted setting fire to a building, and had stated that they expected the I.W.W. to be blamed for it?

The lecturer dealt in detail with the several cases reviewed, the evidence, and showed conclusively that there was nothing before the court that should have put anyone behind the bars.

King was convicted on the evidence of a detective who, although he said that King had made a speech of ninety-five words, yet he (the detective) could not repeat five words of it. Scully, the police agent, had tried hard to inspire the members of the I.W.W. with practical incendiarism. He it was who told them about certain chemicals, and how to use them. He (Scully), UNDER THE GUISE OF GIVING A MEDICAL LECTURE IN MELBOURNE, ENTERED INTO A FULL

DESCRIPTION OF THE MANUFACTURE AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES. Fagan, who is a London, very delicate in health, and always fancying himself ill, was a victim to the medicine habit, and his room was like a chemist's shop, and when the detectives visited his residence they took away a bottle of "Balsam of Anleed." Besant was doing ten years.

The lecturer said that both Messrs. Booth and Bailey are to be tried for contempt of court, and for so other crime than taking up the cudgels of the I.W.W., and especially of Donald Grant. Grant got fifteen years for saying fifteen words—one year for every word he uttered. On dealing with each of the twelve convicted men, the lecturer referred to the West Australian I.W.W. men who were each sentenced to two years, the sentences to be suspended on good behaviour. The only charge against the men was that they belonged to a society whose object was to stir up strife between the classes and make the workers discontented with their lot.

Reference was made to the French Revolution, and the starving population of that time, and the fate of one whose head fell between the guillotine, and how the people stuffed his mouth with grass.

The Everett massacre, in the State of Washington, was described. The horrors of American capitalist methods of dealing with the discontented workers who tried to voice their grievances were fully described, and the culmination of an hundred murder charges being levied against the workers.

At the close of her lecture Miss Grant received an ovation.

—Reported by "Socialist."

# HER VOTE.

'YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK,' SAYS SHE.

The past eighteenth century used some small mental bombs, charged with beliefs in the rights of Woman, but during this time her efforts was frustrated, and the idea that men and women should hold political rank was kept in intellectual suspension.

The mass or majority of people thought the right for a woman to vote on national affairs was a "bug" in the mentality of harmless freaks and dangerous fanatics.

However, industrial volutes belched horrors upon common society, and disruption crept slowly into the workshops, market places and the home.

Woman more than ever was forced into the world to earn food, clothing and shelter. When she took men's positions at the desk, the counter, and in the workshops and factories she found there was a less fair value put on her labor power than man's. So up sprang WOMAN'S MOVEMENTS generally organized by self-supporting spinsters, who silently obtained economic revolution, which was received by the public in a mixture of suppressed, hostile, and sullen resignation.

Out of this attempt at revolution grew a type of young women who refused emphatically to give up her "dute for self-support"—for marriage, for a home, or to reduce the struggle to a more difficult, as children came along.

But bullying males and kept females (who were willing to work at low rates to just acquire extra "pills" or "pocket-money") blocked their way to industrial emancipation, this new revolutionary type of spinster woman.

Soon large numbers of women were supporting themselves, capable as men, but meagrely paid, and she looked for weapons to fortify her protection.

Then she sought the aid of the Government (God bless it—I don't think), which spoke only on behalf of her brother, father or husband, she felt that speaking for her, she third person acquired power for her, she demanded to speak in her own right in the FIRST PERSON, and so she got HER VOTE.

But she could not settle in the "day is mockery." 'Tis like a handsome man, stuffed with saw-dust—'tis of no value relatively to woman.

Woman discovers she's been fooled, she finds that she is utterly deceived, she the powers of the franchise conferred. She ethnically behind the political scenes that shears know that the vote she puts in the ballot box is not much more than a scrap of paper.

So woman today, this 1917, says, "Men, you can have a present of your precious vote, and all its spurious glamor into the bargain, for you can't have it back." She has been fooled no more since the time—as you've fooled yourselves—but you're not going to do it all the time!"

### WOMEN—FOR IT DOES NOT EVEN YIELD EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

But in this next revolution woman is going for more than equal work with man—she wants fuller value for the labor with which she produces the world's fabulous profits that makes the few rich men the millionaire and billionaire on common society.

Yes, reader! I know what you are thinking. Her sex? You are saying—what of woman's maternalistic side of her life—what of the race—what of the child bearing function. Ah, yes! But did you, men, think of that when you forgot your gallantry and allowed men in higher seats of control to bring about changes being levied against the workers. The homes to "scab" on you at lower rates of wages in the workshops? Did you consider the woman whom you put in a dingy hole in a stuffy street, called a cottage, with meagre appointments and scarce enough food to eat—almost half starved so that the children in her body, about to be born of you, lived on her very own body for want of extra nutriment—better food and more humane conditions?

Man! If you want the woman to be in the home—see it to that her home is fit for her to live in.

Is not her carcass precious enough—not good enough to be sold, clothed and sheltered to decent requirements—so that her sex, and because of her sex—she suffers no more than is necessary?

"The man's own fault that woman has strayed out into the industrial world, and now that you have accomplished same in your sleeping moments of ignorance, rise up with her—and co-operate with her."

Put down the curtain, both of you together, man and woman, over the dream you've been playing in, THE PHANTOM STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY and enter hand in hand mentality with mentality, on a new era, a new STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC EQUALITY." In one vote and one big mass, unite to control your needs.

CIVILISED DEMOCRACY will then begin. Man and woman, fit in her mind afterwards, a being a mother, a wife, fed and cared for as she should be, and not a martyr as in the long ages past, the shuttlecock of the nations.

If a woman, refuse to function as a female, with serv-worship held, elected in silence with weeping eyes, gentle, sweet and forgiving, because you in your ignorance with it. You, men, who think you are rebel necessity, the ostracized hand of woman for she plays a bigger part in your very own emancipation than you think. She knows she "scabs" on you, but you, yourselves, are the cause.

BETSY H. MATTHIAS.

### EXPERIENCES OF A LABOR ORGANISER.

Travelling through the country on an organizing tour, the union representative found many different types of men, some ignorant, some apathetic, some intelligent, but perhaps the most miserable was met with when he came in contact with a few men engaged in draining a swamp.

Tiring and sweating in the boiling sun, with mud-bespattered arms and faces, and slush over their boot-tops they glanced up at night of the visitor.

"How's the war?" asked one. "Ain't there no end in sight, called you. 'Us our boys still winnin'!" "Is our country out of danger?"

"'Orray to England! God be praised, we'll win yet!" The visitor spoke: "I've been to the war, I know I have a few words with you!" The war is still on, the master class at present hold the hill, our boys are still in gaol, they need your assistance."

"What the 'd'll he talkin' about!" Who's the master class? What boys is in gaol? 'E's one of them I.W.W.'s."

These and other lurid expletives suited the atmosphere. The visitor spoke again, in talking about the class war, being fought in England, called you. "Us our boys but two classes in society, the master class and the working class. As I said before, the masters for the present hold the hill, you and I, as members of the working class have to take it. This fight has been going on for centuries, and will continue to go on while you are contented. My gospel is the gospel of discontent and the same gospel will be preached while you and I remain the disinherited of the earth. The boys in gaol are those members of your class who have made themselves obnoxious to the powers that be because they preached the class war. Yes, I am a member of the I.W.W., and I fight the same mission on the same track, with exactly the same message, and with exactly the same uncompromising hostility to the master class as the men in gaol, and I want you to help me to get those boys out, and even their lives to fight your cause, will you not do something for them in their hour of need?"

We were satisfied. We are gettin' our nine bob a day, and the boss ain't a bad bloke. Let 'em stop in gaol, we don't want 'em, and anyhow, we are too patriotic to strike, when our boys in the trenches, is fightin' for us. I'll give you a dip of God they'll keep it safe, and at a sign from the beetle browed ganger, these men, whose only share of "their" country cling to their daggers, and boots, hopped back into their study. Digging, grasped their "banjos" with guarded and knotted hands, and started again to leave muck for "nine bob a day," the glory of God, and the love of "their country."

The organiser turned away, heart sick for the moment, but he realised that the fight was still on. His buoyant spirit returned. He remembered that he had suffered, gaol, transportation, and death for, and he commended within himself that his duty as a propagandist was to never say die, but to

"Learn to meet each new defeat  
And to lift his lance in the new advance  
With hardly a chance to score."

He thought within himself, that it was the duty of every member of the working class community to carry on the fight for freedom, to keep the agitation going for the release of our boys in gaol, to keep the message to our fellow workers would be—Go into the highways and the byways, the cities, the towns, the hamlets, the bush, go into the mines, the factories, and preach to the class war. Educate the ignorant, rouse the apathetic and enthuse the intelligent with the need for immediate action. Organise the workers for scientific, industrial organisation. Show the workers that instead of the shattered idols of patriotism, self and place, they have a high ideal, the noble goal of scientific, industrial fellowship, fraternity, freedom.

HENRY MELBROSE.

### OBITUARY.

All live wells in the working-class movement in New South Wales, to have a few words with you!" The war is still on, the master class at present hold the hill, our boys are still in gaol, they need your assistance."

Mr. Paul has also died in Sydney, January 26. Mrs. Paul has always been an active worker in the cause of the working-class. A few days ago she died, it was wish to know how the boys at Long Bay were faring. Her work in connection with the Labor Movement will not be forgotten for many a long year.

# Economics.

(MARY MARCY).

## LOW PRICES AND MORE ABOUT PROFITS.

We know that strength, or labor-power, is a commodity. The value of a commodity is determined by the necessary social labor-time contained in it.

If it takes three hours of social labor to produce the necessities of life for you one day, the value of your labor-power one day will be three hours of necessary labor. Your capitalist will employ you only so long as it returns to you sufficient value to enable you to pay for the cost of living.

We know also that the capitalist is constantly trying to reduce the work-day into ten or eleven hours, and that capitalists cut wages whenever and wherever possible. It is only by constant struggle that the working class has been able to maintain its position, to secure a perhaps normal, increase in wages, or a shorter work-day.

It is evident that if you secure more wages there will be less of the value of your product remaining for the capitalist employing you, just as a reduction in wages leaves more value for him.

An increase in the length of your work-day to ten hours will leave 7 hours of unpaid labor instead of six. A shorter work-day will leave to the capitalist less of the value of your product.

Reformers believe that if he would decrease the cost of living we would better our condition. They think if the cost of living were lowered, we would save a part of our wages. Of course, you would save your labor-power, but with a decrease in the value of the necessities of life, but they imagine we might be able to lower the cost of living without suffering a corresponding decrease in wages.

Of course, you would save your labor-power should cut your rent down one-half next year you would have more money left to spend for other things. Personally, you know if your house were to board you to half the regular rate you could save a still larger part of your money next month. This is true of your individual case.

But we are not talking about individual cases, we are talking about the capitalist class as a whole. We are talking about the sake of making things clear. We are talking about how low prices would benefit the wage-working class.

To illustrate our extreme example let us take to illustrate our explanation. Suppose the City of Chicago should buy up all the houses, flats and cottages that rent to the working class here and suppose this city should rent them down one-half. Suppose that Chicago had municipal ownership and it was possible for the city to reduce the cost of living here 50 per cent. What we want to consider is—would the reduction benefit the working class or that part of capitalist class not directly engaged in producing the necessities of life?

When the cost of living is greatly reduced at that point, workmen and women flock to that point, to sell their labor-power. They believe that if they can get jobs where it costs less to live, they will be able to save money, and, perhaps, finally climb into the capitalist class themselves.

But note what happens. There is an immediate influx of workers into the city of low prices. The competition among workers for jobs becomes more keen at once, and it is always keen. Capitalists purchase labor-power at the lowest prices. Men and women offer to sell their labor power at a lower and still lower price till wages again fall to the cost of living. In a very short time these workers will find that they have gained nothing.

When the cost of living is cut in half, the reduction wages according to the law, the employer is among the sellers of labor-power, and the worker is among the buyers. The worker is able to appropriate more or less of the value of his product.

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# Tom Glynn.

"Spaniards": Tom Glynn, editor of "Direct Action," was in San Francisco in Sydney to 15 years for preaching the wrong brand of politics, served in the S.African expedition with a Victorian contingent. When the war was over he joined the National Mounted Police, was over by the Bambata dust-up, and was suspended from duty for refusing to shoot a Zulu being driven of the rebel blacks. He was imprisoned, and put back for court martial for disobedience orders. The court was never constituted, for Miss Colombo, the Bishop's daughter, heard of Glynn's case, and he was released. He never returned to the Police. But went up country to Joburg where he got work on the trains, became interested in the radical movement, and was the main-spring of the first great tramway strike. He got a spell of gal for that. He edited a few issues of "Voice of Labor," which was run by Archie Crawford, one of the deported union leaders in 1914. Following that, he tracked down to Galway, Ireland, and then made for the States, which he toured in hobo fashion. After a wheat harvest in Calgary, he went down below among Makura's fire and worked back to Australia. He is a professional admirer, that Galway man is not? of Robert Emmet, and could be induced in confinement, to give a first rate recital of his hero's historic speech from the dock. —"Bulletin"

# Man.

By J. F. Annett.

Ofspring of elements kindred; Class of love and of hate; Creature with instincts divided, Still fearing the rod of Fate.

A spawn in the grip of nature, Rising from depths that immerse— But e'er to find a primal admirer, Envoyed in the universe.

His span in the evolution Of time, on its mystic flight, Is greater than the span of life; Of existence's formal rite.

Down thru the infinite ages; On thru the cease to be, The voids of love and of hate, Grov'ler in blindness is he.

His soul he bequeaths to others To watch, to guard, to protect, To ward from evil and smother His will in a narrow sect.

Oh, that he yet may awaken, The power in his dormant soul; And great from its fog forsaken Their bloody and perfidious pool!

The time has come to stand erect, In noble, manly self-respect; To see the bright sun overhead, To feel the ground beneath our tread.

United by blood and by creed, Our Motherhood prove our doom; The time has come to break the yoke, To set the tolling millions free;

Whate'er price their liberty, Better a few should die than all Be held in worse than deadly thrall. The time has come for men to find, Their status book within the mind;

To lead his life and cease to pore The many toils of ages o'er; Truth's golden rays let us adore, Her fierer legal rolls consume;

The time has come to preach the soul; No meagre shred, no feeble dome; Let salutation come, the while, We need a flood; the fifth of years, Has gathered round us. Roll, then on; What cannot stand had best be gone.

WILLIAM DENTON.

average, 9, 10 or 12 cents a day. In the Central American natives were driven to sell as heavily as we are of the states, But it is still possible by men to live with-out much labor. When, however, the cap-tive natives are in the control of the land, so that power in order to be used to sell their labor-ly will turn toward the land where the cost of value, and almost nothing (labor-power of little price) so that they will be unable to ap-proximate a still larger portion of unpaid labor.

It is not so simple as we find where low prices benefit the length of time because the struggle about jobs soon brings wages down to just about enough to live on.

(To be continued.)

Conservation denies man's ownership of his body. It violates the integrity of his soul.

# Others' Views.

(Editor "Direct Action")

At the Labor rally, held at Studley Park, Victoria, to celebrate the glorious anti-con-scription victory, I heard an imposed appeal for support to inaugurate another trial for the members of the I. W. W. Association, now in the hands of the law.

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# Shows.

As a boy I was a great reader and lover of fairy tales, evidently even then of the sort that in the most fantastic creations of Grimm or "Hans Anderson" there was more of truth and beauty than in the brain deadening world with which my masters and pastors were so busy. But in those rare intervals when the "fairy tales" "Go to work," "Be slackens a little, I sometimes seize a picture show in search of distraction, if only for an hour, from the sordidness of a wage-slave's life. In the early days of cinema shows the films were various and sometimes instructive, but got put on the "matters, with their eyes upon everything likely to attract the in-terests, created the office of film censor, and now we see only what they think fit to see. What must their opinion of our intelligence be if we judge it by the kind of photo plays the censor passes? "Comics" that can only appeal to children, or to those who are not open to broad and clear ideas, depicting the com-edy, dress, dwellings, motor cars, the electric gorgings, and debauched lives of the idle rich. The generosity of our masters prompts them to let us see the shadows of the good things they enjoy, and what we produce. One sees, if the element of vice that runs through the society drama (shown on the screen) exhibited with the intention of debauching the minds of the audience, or to show them the horrors behind their masters are. Whatever the intentions are, our rulers have turned the picture show from places of amusement into instruction into places where drivel, stilt and shoddy sentiment bore and degrade the minds of those who seek amusement.

J. Z. J.

# 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 own the means of employing class have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering 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 set after 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 employ-ers.

These conditions can be changed and the interests of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all indus-tries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalists shall have been overthrown. By organizing ourselves we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

# THE CONCERT.

The Women's Defence Committee was well rewarded for their work in connection with the concert and dance given at the Lyceum, Southern Cross Hall, Saturday, January 27. From 7 p.m. when the band began to play until 12 p.m., when the ball was over, the hall was packed with people. The ball was a crowd, but a single high occurrence of the night. Many a couple were seen and many a ticket holder could not get in.

Musical items were rendered by Miss Miss Miss, Miss F. Ryan, Professor Pisabab, and Miss Beppo, Mr. Muldon, the Slide Babies, and the "Two Nippers."

Everything went off successfully, and good financial results are assured.

"Send me a photo of the King," is one of the latest songs. But readers might be surprised to hear that the photo referred to is not of a king on a quid.