

THE WORKERS' DREADNOUGHT

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WILL LABOUR FUNK THE ISSUE?

Anyone who sat through the Labour Party Conference on August 21st, must have felt—why even the Peace Pickets outside could tell it—that organised Labour desires peace, and is weary of war, that Labour is disillusioned as to the objects of the War, and now knows them to be capitalistic and aggressive on both sides, and that Labour realises that it is being grossly exploited by those who pretend to honour Labour by giving its representatives places in the Government.

such occasions the incident was allowed to slip past without comment. He stood there, a pathetic figure, grown old in the Labour movement, cruelly disfigured in early life by an accident at the docks, and outrageously neglected at the time by his employer. Now he was pleading the cause of capitalism. "I'm still a Socialist," he said; "Socialism is all right: it's some of the Socialists who are all wrong."

HENDERSON v. BARNES.

Such speeches form the setting for those of the two men who had become, for the moment, the central figures. The man on the crest of the wave and the man beaten and disgraced. These were the positions occupied by Henderson and Barnes at the Labour Conference. Deep-throated applause that comes with a full roaring sound greeted the words of Henderson, whilst Barnes could scarcely get a hearing, and the clapping of his friends struck thinly on the ear because they were so few.

severance with the Government will in the future become acute; he wishes to postpone that moment as long as possible because he believes that the severance will be bad for Labour and bad for the country, and because, as he quaintly said: "It will play into the hands of people who have no nationality and no country; not 'into the hands of the Germans,'" you observe. Quite naturally there were cries of "Internationalism" at this statement. The religion of Internationalism is winning its way.

WILL BARNES REMAIN.

Barnes made it clear that when the severance between the Government and the Labour Party comes, he will break with the Labour Party, and will continue to place his services at the disposal of the Government. He spoke with confidence, but we believe that he will shortly find himself where Henderson stands to-day. It is difficult to understand Barnes. We cannot doubt that he is a weak man, his whole Parliamentary career has shown that; but we believe, in his own—to us, very inadequate—way, he still desires to serve what he believes to be the interests of the country.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

FRENCH LABOUR GOES TO STOCKHOLM.

The French Confédération Générale du Travail—the organisation which roughly corresponds to the British Trade Union Congress—has decided to go to Stockholm. This, and the decision of the British Labour Party, will probably cause the American Labour Party to change its mind.

CAPITALISTS CONFERENCE.

Dear Editor.—We shall presently see more determined efforts by the capitalist leaders, and their press, to influence public opinion to prevent real representatives of the people from attending the Stockholm Conference. Our strongest weapon in countering this lies in the fact that Lord Newton and other Englishmen met German Government officials at the Hague, and in Lord Newton's report he says that "the discussions were full and frank," and a new agreement was arranged. Now, this admits the success of negotiation, and if it is possible for English capitalists to meet Germans of the same class, to discuss prisoners of war, surely it is more important that English workers should meet German workers to discuss and arrange an early proletarian peace.

WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE IN BELFAST.

Last week our activities took the form of a "from door to door leaflet distribution. We had numberless instances that the woman in the home has had enough of War. Here and there the sad story of news received that morning of the death of a loved one; here and there a waiting cry regarding the impossibility of bearing the economic strain of the cost of living any longer; here and there the shadow of some fine specimen of manhood maimed for life in the cruel butchery—the man bravely smiling, and his women folk with the sorrow and indignation of insulted wifehood and motherhood in their eyes and on their faces. And amidst it all we were conscious of the hundreds of little children amongst our feet—staring at us in their childish innocence. Dare we rest whilst these too may be the victims of War?

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He admits that the policy of the Government is "a direct challenge to Labour." Yet he says that he would strenuously oppose the withdrawal of the remaining Labour Members from the Government, because to do so would be (1) subversive of the national interests; (2) prejudicial to the successful prosecution of the War; (3) because "the Labour Party entered the Coalition with great ideals"; (4) because to leave the Government would "disrupt the Labour movement."

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS MEMORIAL.

The Peace Negotiations Memorial, "urging His Majesty's Government to seek the earliest opportunity of promoting negotiations with the object of securing a just and lasting peace," was signed by 22,617 persons and endorsed by organised Labour bodies representing more than 900,000 members.

THE NEGRO PROTEST.

The American nation has joined in this so-called War of Freedom; yet 500 negroes marched down Fifth Avenue, New York, on July 28th to protest against lynching, disfranchisement and injustice under which they suffer. First came little girls in white, and, walking amongst them, a boy with a sign: "Thou shalt not kill." Then women in white, preceded by a sign: "Colour, blood and suffering have made us one." Afterwards marched the men, and, at their head, an inscription from the Declaration of American Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created free and equal." This was crossed out, and under it was a notice: "All of African descent, tear off this corner." Other signs were carried:—"If fault is to be found with our colour blame God and yourselves."

SWEATING THE CANTEN STAFF.

Dear Editor.—Would you, through the medium of THE DREADNOUGHT, disclose the sweating conditions of the canteen staff at the London Small Arms, which I think are most unfair to the women in these abnormal times, and a very poor wage in normal times. The women work eleven hours per night for six nights, and the same on days. For this the cooks receive the splendid sum of 3s. per

night or day. The washers-up receive 2s. 8d., no extra being paid for night work. I might say these women are not organised, having come straight from domestic service; professional cooks receive the same pay as the helpers. I might add that the voluntary helpers, who attend during the afternoon for one and a-half hours, receive 2s. They have interviewed the management, and the two agitators have been promised a rise of 2s. per week, which is 4d. per night for the six nights. I might say the canteen is supposed to be run without profit. These are all the facts I can give you at present.—Yours, etc., EQUAL PAY FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

THE WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE.

It appears that women who have taken examinations at Oxford and Cambridge, which refuse degrees to women, will not get the University vote which the present Government Bill offers to women of thirty years. We do not approve of the University vote, either for men or for women, so we are not much distressed by this knowledge. But we have often wondered why women go as students to Universities which insult them by refusing degrees to them, even though they may win a higher place in the examinations than any of the men.

ON THE RAILWAYS.

The railway men and women, boys and girls, are to receive the following War increases of wages, which are substituted for increases or bonuses already obtained:—Men: On time work, 15s. per week; on piece work, 8s. per week, 7s. per week on time rates, or 17½ per cent. increase of piece-work prices. Boys: 2s. per week to the War bonus now paid. Women: 2s. per week. Girls: 1s. a week. What about equal pay for men and women? "THE DREADNOUGHT" AND W.S.F. In reply to our Treasurer's appeal for financial aid, a correspondent from the Aftercliffe Division of Sheffield writes:—"Here is four shillings from my husband and myself. Do not let the dear WORKERS' DREADNOUGHT go. I sell a few papers each week, but I will take more to sell from this week."—A Labourer's Wife.

PRISON IMPRESSIONS

Under the above title, Mrs. Cole has compiled a little book of her verse written in Northampton Prison. She says in her preface: "Whilst in prison, I petitioned for pencil and paper—my only request was refused. I had a slate, and was allowed to send out one letter a fortnight. That letter consisted of a folded sheet with four sides, one of which was occupied with printed instructions. All that is contained in this little book was written in prison and sent home in my fortnightly letter." "The View" gives, we think, a very characteristic picture of Mrs. Cole in its serenity and affectionate thoughtfulness for the "dear two at home," who "think mother in prison."

THE VIEW.

"Through my window embrasure, fast bricked and barred, A visitor enters each day and tries hard To brighten the hours. His gold wand he stretches, And changes each brick with shimmering patches Of gold dust. I kick off my shoes and mount my chair. To peep at the country and drink of fresh air. Two churches, a tower, laburnum's gold bloom, Stretch of flat country I view from my room. You dear two at home think mother in prison: Her eyes travel miles when the red sun has risen; Her ears catch the church bell, the school bell, and the hour bell; Her fancy can picture her loved ones well, Nor distance, nor law, strict rules, nor brick wall Can bar her from seeing her home and her all."

* Prison impressions by Clara Gilbert Cole with decorations by Herbert Cole. The Universal Publishing Company, Chorley, Lancashire, 1s.

A SOLDIER'S LETTER.

Dear Editor.—Many thanks for your welcome paper received quite safely this morning. I am pleased to say that it is admired by a lot of my comrades. I wish you every success with your demonstration next Sunday. How I should like to be there but never mind, I am sorry to say I have no education only just a Board School and a bad one at that. I left before I was 12 years of age, but I am pleased to say I have improved a little since, but I am unable to understand the workers' only salvation. Private J. W.

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WHAT'S ON?
W.S.F. FIXTURES
OUTDOOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th.
Meetings 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. See "Great Push."
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th.
Osborn Street, Whitechapel, 11.30 a.m., Mr. J. H. Humphreys (Sec., P.R.).
Victoria Park, 4 p.m., Mrs. Cressall, Ex-Inspector Syme
Hyde Park, 6 p.m., Mrs. Butler.
The Square, Woolwich, 7 p.m., Mrs. Drake.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.
Cannon Street Road, Commercial Road, 7.30 p.m., Ex-Inspector Syme.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st.
Highbury Corner, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Drake.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.
Meetings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. See "Great Push."

INDOOR

MONDAY, AUGUST 27th.
53 St. Leonard's Street, 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Sizer.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th.
I.W.W. Hall, 76 Whitechapel Road, 8 p.m., Mrs. Drake.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.
St. Stephen's Shop, 85 Hoxton Street, 8.30 p.m., Mr. S. V. Bracher, "Peace."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MISS SYLVIA PANKHURST IN WALES.
Sunday, August 26th, Tonyrefail and Rhondda. Monday, August 27th, Snaer Chapel, Pontygnawth. Tuesday, August 28th, Coedcae, Nantyglo, Monmouthshire.

HOXTON JUMBLE SALE.

Contributions still urgently needed for Jumble Sale. Please send parcels to Hon. Sec., 85 Hoxton Street, N.1. Gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Bertoli and Miss Greer.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Friends of Ex-Inspector Syme will give a reception at Holborn Hall on September 1st from 6.30 to 11.30. The programme will include dancing, songs, and speeches. The speakers will be Mrs. Despard, Miss E. Sylvia Pankhurst, D. Carmichael (London Trades Council), John Syme and George Lansbury. It is hoped that all Trade Unionists will support this function, not only by attending, but by giving financial support. No charge is made for tickets, which can be obtained from J. Adams, 3 Park Hill, Clapham, S.W.4, but a collection will be taken on the evening to cover the cost of the reception, and we rely on comrades to help in this way.

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1st Meeting: MANOR PARK ROAD, 3 p.m. Mrs. BUTLER, Miss LYNCH.

2nd Meeting: ILBERT STREET, KILBURN LANE, 7 p.m. Mrs. CRESSALL, Mr. H. G. RUSSELL, Ex-Inspector SYME, Mrs. NELLIE BEST.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, ISLINGTON—(Joint with Peace Crusaders). Meet: 255 LIVERPOOL ROAD, 2.45 p.m.

Secretary for the day: Miss ISAACS, 255 Liverpool Road, N.1

1st Meeting: HIGHBURY CORNER 3 p.m. Miss LYNCH, Ex-Inspector SYME, Miss O'CALLAGHAN.

2nd Meeting: HIGHBURY CORNER 7 p.m. Mrs. NELLIE BEST, Miss LYNCH, Rev. R. W. SORENSEN.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, POPLAR—Meet: 20 RAILWAY STREET, 2.45 p.m. (bus 15 or 25 from Bank to Chriss Street).

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1st Meeting: PIGGOTT STREET 3 p.m. Mrs. BUTLER, Miss LYNCH, Mr. J. HANAGHAN and Mr. H. G. RUSSELL.

2nd Meeting: DOCK GATES 7 p.m. Mrs. BUTLER, Miss LYNCH, Mr. J. HANAGHAN and Ex-Inspector SYME.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, CAMBERWELL—(Joint with Peace Crusaders). Meet: 85 CAMBERWELL GROVE, S.E., 2.45 p.m.

1st Meeting: CAMBERWELL GREEN 3 p.m. Miss LYNCH and Mrs. NELLIE BEST.

2nd Meeting: CAMBERWELL GREEN 7 p.m. Miss LYNCH, Mr. H. G. RUSSELL and Rev. R. W. SORENSEN.

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