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## THE WAR AND THE INTERNATIONAL

### MR. HENDERSON'S VIEW

Mr. Henderson has written to Mr. W. H. Andrews, who represents the South African Socialist Party, as follows:—

"With regard to your query re the European situation, I am not convinced that the position is such as to justify the calling of an International Conference. My Committee has already made one attempt, which turned out to be a miserable fiasco."

It seems to us that Mr. Henderson was as far responsible for the fiasco as one man can be in having calmly accepted the Government's refusal of passports, and in having urged that in spite of it Labour representatives should remain in the Government. We regret to see a disposition amongst certain Socialist Pacifists to engage in a campaign to make Mr. Henderson Prime Minister of a Labour Cabinet. Mr. Henderson was in the Cabinet, and not merely supported the War, but Conscription, the Munitions Act, and the Defence of the Realm Act. He sat in the Cabinet unprotesting whilst the profiteers despoiled the people. Those of the workers who follow him will be led down a blind alley, from which they will have to retrace their steps. Work for a Socialist Government.

### RUSSIA v. GERMANY

The altruistic and heroic policy of the Bolshevik Government makes a striking appeal to the democracies of the world, which, as yet, has met with but poor response. Their refusal to conclude an unjust peace, coupled with the declaration that war between Germany and Russia was at an end, and that the Russian Army was demobilising, was designed to make plain to the German workers that they had nothing to fear from Russia, and that if their Government should renew the War, plunder could be its only motive. Now that the German Government has invaded Russia, in the north marching towards Petrograd, in the south going to the aid of the capitalistic forces which are endeavouring to cover some the Workers' Revolution and to re-establish the Kadet, the Russians have stated that they must perforce accept the peace conditions offered by Germany. The question now is, will the Germans withdraw or will they proceed in the effort to conquer territories which are apparently defenceless? The Russian Commander-in-Chief appeals to his soldiers to meet the German troops with friendly greetings, and only resist them if they attack. If the invitation to fraternise be accepted, peace between Germany and Russia is secured.

### A LITTLE COMMON SENSE.

Mrs. Crosland Taylor writes on the Bolshevik cessation of War with Germany:—

"The dramatic peace, with no silly signing of treaties, pleases me well. It is simply: 'All go home,' in the nick of time. Spring waits for no man, and we have only one spring each year. An agricultural nation has the sense to see that this point of view is imperative if we are to be fed; but one of shopkeepers and lawyers—no!

"Frankly, I am sick of the stupidity of most people; the blind seem so very blind! I begin to think meat, drink, tobacco are causing this shocking state of affairs. As my daughter says: 'When everyone has had enough, the War will stop!' But some poor things have had too much from the first!"

I send you a lovely poem."

"EGO RUS IBO."

I weary of the houses without end,  
I sicken of the crass commercial way,  
A! fieldward, fieldward, let my footsteps bend,  
That I may breathe once more the living day,  
And listen to the passing of the breeze  
Touching to sound the silver poplar trees.

Thrice balm to me the fragrant stubble's breath,  
Thrice music is the creaking of the wain.  
The years roll back, the myriad waves of death  
Ebb into silence of the distant main.  
Far in the heart of Suffolk re-arise  
The grave, the orchard, and the starry skies.

The sixty-winter'd elm across the way  
The well-thatched barns of timber old and stout,  
Stackyard and neat-house, and the August day  
O'er distant water-meadows ebbing out,  
Whereover steals the snow-white mist and cold,  
Yet takes not on the rising tillland hold.

And far o'erhead athwart the apple-boughs,  
Above the tower'd elms, the kindling lights  
Of God's supernal palace bid me rouse  
My homeward longing whither God invites,  
And scan far off, from that deep well of shade,  
The many mansions for His children made.

H. E. G. ROPE.

### THE INTER-ALLIED SOCIALISTS

Meanwhile the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference is meeting to discuss its War aims. We wish we could rely on it for genuinely Socialist action animated by the courageous and clear thinking of the Bolsheviks; but we fear that the narrow nationalistic and capitalistically influenced standpoint of some of its delegates, including men who have held office in the capitalist War Cabinets, will render its discussions abortive. It is strange that any Socialist or worker can continue to regard the peoples of the world merely as Allied or enemy subjects, when Germany is aiding the capitalists of the Ukraine to fight Russian and Ukrainian Socialist revolutionaries, Roumanian capitalists are fighting Roumanian and Russian Socialist revolutionaries and Finnish capitalists are fighting Finnish and Russian revolutionaries. The Roumanian Government also is offering to make peace with the Central Powers and to cede the Dobruja to Bulgaria, if Bessarabia is given to Roumania. The Bessarabians have, however, formed a Republic of their own and the Russians are fighting to protect the Bessarabian right to self-determination.

The Socialist Committee for a Just Peace has just drawn up a motion demanding as a primary condition the victory of the Allies, and calling upon the International Socialists who went to the Kienthal and Zimmerwald Conferences to quit the Party. We also think there is much to be said for the view that the International Socialists should definitely part company with the National Socialists. The latter are certainly a hindrance in the struggle for progress, and it is certain that they would pass into merited obscurity if the backing provided by the vigour and enthusiasm contributed by the internationalists were withdrawn from them.

Sir John Dickinson at Bow Street, is dealing out stiff sentences to those who dare to say that which the Government desires shall be left unsaid: £100 fine for the editor of the "World" for publishing a notice from the Press Bureau; six months' imprisonment for Mr. Arnold Lupton for having published Christian sentiments in pamphlet form last August.

The Capetown House of Assembly, on February 18th, rejected a vote for women amendment to the Electoral Bill by 54 votes to 39.

We wish success to the women members of the N.U.R., who are demanding that their War bonus shall be raised to that of the men.

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### THE NATIONAL LABOUR PRESS & "TRIBUNAL" OFFICES RAIDED

On Friday afternoon, February 15th, detectives visited the publishing office of the "Tribunal" at 5 York Buildings, Adelphi, W.C., and took away all the copies of the current issue of the "Tribunal." On being asked for their warrant they said that they had no warrant, but were acting upon instructions from the Home Secretary. A visit was also paid the same evening to the London offices of the National Labour Press, the printers of the "Tribunal." After seizing all copies of the "Tribunal," the detectives proceeded to dismantle the machines. On being asked on what authority they did this, they said they had no warrant, and subsequently admitted that they had no written instructions, but were acting upon a telephone message from Sir George Cave. News has arrived that several of those who distribute copies of the "Tribunal" have received visits from the police this morning and had their stocks seized. This is a very grave outrage upon the freedom of the Press. Every workers' organisation should protest against it.

### "SATIRE"

Dear Editor,—You will be already aware of the recent persecutions of "Satire," and I have something further to communicate to you on the matter, which I consider should be given the utmost publicity.

The prosecution under the obsolete Lotteries (1823) Act against ourselves for holding and publishing "an elementary form of lottery," to wit, "A Grand Prize Draw in aid of the Satire Press," resulted in our being fined twenty pounds sterling and five guineas costs. The magistrate simply ignored the parallel cases of the War Bond draws held by Messrs. Selfridge and Harrod.

A Russian decree transfers private share capital from private banks to the Republic on the basis of absolute confiscation. This is one step in the conscription of wealth.

Lord Northcliffe has been made Director of Propaganda in Enemy Countries. How is such propaganda carried on: is it by bribery?

### THE SPRING OFFENSIVE.

Tell me, human leaves, green human leaves,  
Why you came out divine and fragrant  
To greet a Spring to youth so fatal?  
My last year's leaves with gore were moistened  
And tokened youth no joyous promise.  
Would I could thrust you back again  
Or else forget to come and bloom—  
I, Spring, have ushered in your doom!

CLARA GILBERT COLE.



AREN'T THEY WORTH DEFENDING?



### WHATS' ON? W.S.F. FIXTURES

#### OUT DOOR

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.**  
Great Push for Peace, Socialism and Votes for All in Hammersmith. Meet at 2.45 p.m. at 10 South Street, King Street, Hammersmith (near both railway stations). Speakers: Miss Birch, Mrs. Walker, and others.  
Prestoria Road, Walthamstow, 3 p.m., Miss Price, and others.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th.**  
Osborn Street, Whitechapel, 11.45 a.m., Mrs. Walker. "Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green, 11.45 a.m., Miss Price.  
Finsbury Park, 3 p.m., Mrs. Cressall, and others.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.**  
St. Stephen's Road, Bow, 11.30 a.m., Miss Price.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd.**  
Great Push in St. Pancras.

#### INDOOR

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.**  
400 Old Ford Road, 3 p.m., W.S.F. Committee meeting.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.**  
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Speakers' Class. Instructor, Mr. L. Hogben.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.**  
29b Lincoln's Inn Fields, 7.30 p.m., Rev. Humphrey Chalmers: "Peace by Elections"; Mrs. Bouvier: "The Present Outlook."

#### OTHER ORGANISATIONS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th.**  
Walthamstow League of Rights.—William Morris Hall, 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Cressall, Mrs. Sizer.  
Kingsley Hall, Educational week-end, February 23rd and 24th, lectures by Currie Martin, M.A., 7 p.m. Saturday, Sir Rabindranath Tagore; Sunday afternoon, Henry Drummond, and Sunday evening, 8.15 p.m.

### THE SCHOOLING OF THE FUTURE

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sons under or over eighteen years. "Social training" may be interpreted to mean anything, and "physical training," in these days may be anticipated to mean military training.

The scheme for providing continuation classes for boys and girls between 14 and 18 years of age during 320 hours a year is one which we should like to welcome without reservation, except to say that it does not go so far as we should wish; but, unfortunately, we cannot give a whole-hearted welcome to the scheme because we are aware of the desire of capitalists to indoctrinate both boys and girls with what every Socialist must hold to be false ideals.

Local education authorities are required by the Bill "to establish and maintain, or to secure the establishment and maintenance, under their control and direction" of schools for providing free "suitable courses of instruction and physical training." All young persons between 14 and 18 years are to be compelled to attend these classes, except those who are exempt from attendance, by reason of having passed a university matriculation examination, of having remained at school till 16 years of age, or of being under other full or part-time instruction which the Board of Education considers to "be suitable and efficient." If the Board desires that all lads between 14 and 18 shall do military drill, it will refuse to recognise as suitable and efficient any curriculum in which military drill is not included. In South Wales, Glasgow, and other districts where the Socialist education classes are largely attended, numbers of the boys and girls between 14 and 18 will probably desire to attend such classes in the time set apart for continuation instruction if the Bill becomes law. Would the Board of Education, would Mr. Fisher, its President, recognise such classes? If a boy or girl fails or refuses to attend the course to which he or she is sent by the educational authority, he or she is liable to a fine of 5s. on the first occasion and £1 subsequently; the parent is liable, on a first conviction, to a fine of £2, and £5 for each further offence.

After five years the number of hours to be spent at the continuation classes may be increased by order of the Board of Education "in respect of any area or part of an area, or any young persons or classes of young persons," the draft order to lie for 30 days on the table of each House of Parliament. The object of this provision, which occurs in Clause 10, is obscure; but it could obviously be used most unfairly if the country would tolerate its use as an instrument of coercion. For instance, it might be applied to the younger brothers of conscientious objectors, or to the employees of co-operative associations, so that they might be obliged to spend the greater part of their time in military exercises.

Clause 10 (Section 5) makes a two-edged provision that a young person's employment may be suspended on any day for two hours beyond the time of attendance at school in order to "secure that he may be in a fit mental and bodily condition to receive full benefit from attendance at the school." This might, and probably would, be used to insure to the pupil a needed break for food or rest; but it might also be used to extend the time devoted to military exercises.

It is important to note that the proportion of

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Donations to be sent to the Hon. Financial Secretary,  
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"DREADNOUGHT" FUND.—Anon, £20; Miss V. Causton, £2; Robt. Gaul, Esq., £1; Miss Grace Champelov (card), £1; Miss E. Osman, 6d. COLLECTION: Miss E. Smith, 6s. 6d.

"DREADNOUGHT" GUARANTEE FUND.—Previously acknowledged (weekly), £2 19s. 6d.

CLINICS AND SOCIAL WORK.—Misses Muriel and Margaret Warren, £4 4s.; Mr. and Mrs. Sudd Brown (monthly), £4; Misses Gulland (monthly), £1 15s.; Nurse Hebbes (10s. weekly), £1; Anon per Miss Lynch, £1; Miss J. T. Dreyry (monthly), 5s.; Miss L. Glanfield, 3s. 6d.; Miss Ada E. Farmer, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Drake, 2s. COLLECTIONS: L.S.A. Tool-room, £1 9s. 7d.; Miss Durrant, £1; Misses E. Lagsding and J. Watts (Green's Yard), 10s. 2d.; Miss C. Cottrell, 10s.; Miss K. Lagsding and Mrs. Bertram (Cubitt Town), 5s. 6d.; Ethel Lawrence, 4s.

ROCKING HORSE.—Mrs. McKinley.

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GROCERIES.—Anon, Anon.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES.—Miss Fryer.

the 320 hours to be devoted to "physical instruction" is in no way limited; also that, alike in the provision of continuation schools and camps and of facilities for social and physical training, it is stated that the local authorities may either provide, or use the facilities provided by others. There is nothing to prevent the local education authorities from turning the whole business over to the military authorities.

Advocates of Mr. Fisher's Bill will declare that we are unreasonably suspicious in regarding this Bill as an attempt to militarise the schools and to prevent the growth of Socialism in education. Those who dispute our view may perhaps be surprised to learn that there is a French parallel to Mr. Fisher's Bill, which was described in "The Times" Educational Supplement of April 16th, 1917. M. Viviani has said that the aim of the French Bill for compulsory continuation schools is to produce "good soldiers, good workers, good citizens by providing physical education, professional education, and technical education respectively." The French Bill provides that only persons who have complied with its provisions and with those of the Law of 1882 shall be appointed to State, departmental, or communal office, or shall receive civil titles or distinctions. Are such restrictions to be added also in this country?

But who can fail to realise the determination

### MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

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to militarise the national education when the thing is already taking place? Numerous local authorities have demanded compulsory scout corps for the boys at school and compulsory cadet corps for those who are leaving. The Director of Education for Leicester has actually issued a handbook urging that the teacher shall "learn to teach like a soldier," and that military instruction shall accompany the teaching of geography, English, mechanics, chemistry, hygiene, history, mathematics and handicrafts, and that "applied science must invariably provide a sure foundation for practical training upon the machine-gun, the bomb, the grenade, or whatever weapon of war inhuman ingenuity may yet contrive." He urges also that bayonet practice shall be "carried out as a physical drill," and thus describes the method:

"In the second trench the sack is lying on the far side, as if a man were crawling out. Leap the trench and make a point. (e) Sack lying on ground (wounded man ready to jab upwards). Quick point. (f) Into final trench. Drop butt to ground and seize bayonet to stick into the throat at close quarters. . . ."

Parents, is this the education you desire for your children? Truly, the need for the Internationalist-Socialist school has risen most acutely at the time when a Bill is put forward which would give power to suppress it.

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.

### FEDERATION NOTES

**BOW BRANCH.**—Secretary, Miss P. Lynch, 400 Old Ford Road. Members are asked to return all monies and unsold tickets for the February Bow and Poplar Concert, and also for the meeting at 400 Old Ford Road on February 10th. We wish to thank the members who helped to make the concert a success. We appreciate the help of the Red Scouts, who acted as stewards at the meeting, and we hope they will be able to help us at all our socials. The £4 Social profit acknowledged in the "Dreadnought" of February 16th should have been credited to Bow and Poplar, not Bow and Bromley.

**DOVER BRANCH.**—Secretary, James H. Matson, 3 Primrose Road, Dover.—All Socialists in Dover and district invited to join this new branch of the W.S.F. Although small, it is already doing good work.

**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**—Secretary, Miss Nagley, 271 Moss Lane East, Moss Side, Manchester.—The branch has had, and is arranging, some very interesting meetings. On February 14th, Mrs. Aldridge, who has recently returned from Serbia, gave an address at the Milton Hall on her experiences, and on March 7th Miss Muriel Matters is speaking on Dr. Montessori's contribution to child psychology and education. The chairman will be Mr. Ward, H.M.L. Tickets, 6d. and 1s. each. Members' meetings are held every Thursday, 7.30 p.m., at 9 Albert Square, City. All members are asked to attend regularly.

**MID-RHONDDA BRANCH.**—Secretary, Miss Gwen Ray, 40 Blanche Terrace, Walthamstow, Glam.—This branch has been exceedingly active during its brief existence, and has received considerable notice in the Press. On Wednesday, January 16th, a deputation from the branch waited on the local Food Control Committee, the members being Nurse Davies (Penygraig), Mrs. Knight (Trealaw), Mrs. T. R. Davies (Tonypandy), Miss Julia Golding (Penshaw), and Miss Ray (Walthamstow). Nurse Davies gave instances from her own experience how expectant mothers had suffered from standing in the food queues and how lying-in mothers were unable to get palatable food. She related how in one case premature delivery took place, the baby dying after a few hours. Mrs. Knight, who followed, said she had been the mother of eleven children, one of whom was killed in a colliery accident and another had died after an operation. Of the remaining nine she was the only one who caused her more trouble than any of the others was a boy who when born in the eight months of the Cambrian strike was suffering from double rupture. She attributed the boy's delicate condition to the lack of sufficient food during the pre-natal period. Miss

Ray said the Mid-Rhondda Branch of the W.S.F. had considered the question of the feeding of mothers in the Rhondda during wartime and had discussed the merits of the communal kitchens. In actual practice it had been found that the communal kitchens were not made use of by mothers at the period they would be most beneficial. She urged that an expectant mother should be asked to call in the midwife who would probably attend her professionally later on. The nurse, from a consultation, would be able to find out what particular foodstuffs she would require, and would then report directly to the Food Control Committee, who would devise a scheme for providing the mother with the necessary commodities. The Branch suggested that a mother should receive the special supplies from six months before birth until ten months afterwards. The Chairman said they were waiting Lord Rhondda's permission to put their rationing scheme into operation. Mr. Davies, the deputy Executive Officer, stated that Lord Rhondda had definitely said in the case of sugar that the ration was not to be exceeded under any condition, and possibly this same regulation would be enforced in the future when nationally rationing any other commodity. In reply, Miss Ray suggested that if the Food Controller would not allow extra supplies for mothers that, from all parts of the country, strong pressure be brought to bear.

**SHEFFIELD W.S.F.**—Secretary, Mr. Newman.—On Sunday afternoon, February 17th, this branch held a very successful meeting in the B.S.P. Room, West Street, which was addressed by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mr. Manion taking the chair. In the evening Miss Pankhurst addressed a joint meeting of W.S.F. and United Socialist Council in the Engineers' Institute, Stanley Street. The hall was crowded, numbers of people were turned away, and the audience was enthusiastic for Peace and the Social Revolution. On Saturday evening Miss Pankhurst had spoken to a W.E.A. meeting at Mexborough, and at these three meetings orders were taken for 193 copies of the "Dreadnought" weekly, besides a number of single copies. Three hundred "Dreadnoughts" were sold at the Engineers' Institute, and there were good sales of literature at the other meetings also. Sheffield Branch meets fortnightly at the B.S.P. Rooms, West Street. Next meeting, Thursday evening, March 7th.

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