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WOMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE GUILD CONGRESS.

Some 800 delegates representing 28,000 members opened their Annual Guild Congress at the Central Hall, Bradford, on Tuesday, June 11th. Among the resolutions on the agenda, one seeking to establish a solid co-operative connection with the Russian people was carried enthusiastically and unanimously. The C.W.S. was instructed to send a deputation to Russia to establish immediately direct business arrangements, and so lay the foundations of an International Co-operative Commonwealth. Mr. Bubnoff, Manager of the London branch of the Russian Co-operative Bank, and a woman Doctor of Philosophy, Dr. Polontsev, a well-known figure in Russian political circles and member of Kerensky's Government, spoke to the resolution. Intense sympathy was shown by the co-operators for the sufferings and heroism of the Russian people as described by their champions here present.

Questions affecting the internal policy of the Guild and its relation to the Co-operative Union were ably discussed, and the democratic note was repeatedly struck. "Independence," "self-respect," and "principles" were the cries when the working women were discussing the question of accepting a money grant from the Union on condition of childlike docility on the part of the Guild to a paternal arbitrary dictation from the Union.

At Tuesday's demonstration the speech of the

Co-operative candidate, Mr. Hirst, who opened up with "I am a peace man," met with warm response. Mrs. Bartholomew and Councillor Margaret Ashton ably discussed 'The Use of the Vote by Women.' From the feeling shown, the "Citizen Leagues," the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, and The Woman's Party found no favour among the rank and file, as was evident from their remarks during a discussion on boycotting societies with a non-co-operative and reactionary record.

People's Peace Resolution.

"That in view of securing Permanent Peace in the future, of stopping the terrible suffering and waste of young life, and of checking the inroads on freedom now apparent in our country, this Congress declares itself in favour of an International Conference of the organised workers of all nations, in order to obtain immediately a People's Peace by negotiations, the terms of which should include no annexations of territory by conquest and universal disarmament, and further calls on all peoples to substitute Co-operation for Capitalism, and to place a People's Government in power, thereby removing the chief causes of war and creating those world-wide economic and ethical foundations on which alone peace and freedom can rest."

The above resolution in a Conference of over 800 delegates received 336 favourable votes. Very good speeches were made on both sides of the question. The ideals of the International were

well upheld by the brave supporters of the resolution, and it is gratifying to know that only some sixty guilds in all remain yet to be converted. All Co-operative Guild members should follow the lead given by the powerful minority which supported the resolution, and should work in their societies to give the final push to secure an overwhelming majority in favour of a peace by negotiations. Well done all the mothers who voted to bring our boys back! There was reason for congratulation in the fact that a resolution asking for the support of a League of Nations, urging the abolition of secret diplomacy, and demanding control of foreign policy by Parliament and the people was carried with only twenty dissentients. This after a very full and ample discussion.

Other resolutions were also passed advocating a national milk supply, national midwifery service, a flat rate allowance for soldiers' mothers, independent of what their sons earned before the war, mothers' pensions, the endowment of motherhood, and against militarism in the schools.

The tone of the discussions and the clearness of vision of the idealists in the Congress will always be remembered. The delegates, having gleaned much information from numerous examples of good work accomplished by the Bradford Corporation, are returning home to urge their own districts to "carry on." MIRIAM PRICE.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

THE CRIMES ACT RESURRECTED.

The Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act of 1887, which provides for the trial of prisoners by special juries and for changes of the place of trials, is to be applied by proclamation in fourteen Irish counties, comprising more than half Nationalist Ireland and in two county boroughs, Cork and Limerick. This Act gives the Irish Executive the power to ensure a conviction by its choice of those who are to try the case. The rating qualification of £50 a year for special jurors effectively excludes the workers. The Crimes Act will supplement D.O.R.A., which does not cover all offences. Coercion will not produce tranquility in Ireland. Meanwhile Sinn Fein is winning all the local elections.

THE NEW WAR DISEASE.

The new fever which first broke out in Spain, then Scandinavia, and has now found its way to Belfast and to Germany, is no doubt a hunger disease. It was natural that it should first appear

in neutral countries, because the neutral nations have suffered most from war privations, owing to the fact that the greedy and powerful belligerents have limited their supplies. That it should appear next in Belfast where poverty and sweating are notorious further bears out our theory.

SWEDISH SHIPPING.

The Times publishes the following extract from a manifesto which is being circulated in Sweden:—

"Swedish seamen will have to die for the sake of England, as the latter, not having sufficient tonnage for her own import purposes, has, with the consent of her Allies, requisitioned 400,000 gross tons, half of which will have to sail in the danger zone. This demand has been submitted to our Government, who will compel shipowners to comply, as otherwise Sweden will not be allowed by England and America to import any cereals or other foodstuffs. Yet we shall be short of imports and shall have to starve, though risking our lives. Our Government ought not to allow encroachments like these, committed by the official defenders of the liberty of small nations."

The Times says the manifesto is "obviously printed outside Sweden," intending, of course, to suggest that it was printed in Germany. But are the statements contained in the manifesto true?

WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT.

The Law Officers of the Crown are debating as to whether women may become Members of Parliament without further legislation. Judge-made law clearly says "No." But the judges who came to that decision were obviously prejudiced reactionaries. If the Government wishes women to stand it will find a loop-hole.

THE WIDOW'S SON.

The central tribunal has declared that the promise to spare the widow's last surviving son does not mean her last surviving adult son though the son snatched away from her may be the sole breadwinner for a family of younger children. The tribunal further declares that the last son at home may not be left if his brothers in the Army and Navy are not yet killed. These decisions render still more imperative the provision of an adequate flat rate allowance for soldiers' mothers. They should come with an added spur to those who are working to end the war.

THE INTERNATIONAL.

CANADA.

Philippus Thompson in *The Canadian Forward* says: "It is time for Socialists to raise the old slogan! No fusion, no compromise, no political trading... If Socialists are going to abandon the all important work of propaganda to engage in office hunting and vote catching in combination with a heterogeneous crowd with only one idea in common, that of success at the polls, they might just as well dissolve their organisations and join one of the old parties. There they might at least have a fair chance at the loaves and fishes." These comments arise from the formation of a new Canadian Labour Party. At the convention called to form the Ontario section of the party 420 delegates were present. Of these 56 were from Socialist bodies, the remainder from trade unions and Labour Parties, Co-operatives, Single Tax Organisation, Social Reconstruction Group of Theosophic Society and the United Farmers of Ontario. The policy of the Party was discussed in connection with a clause partially drawn from the new constitution of the British Labour Party: "To secure for the producers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution thereof."

An amendment was moved by Mrs. Custance to add the words which appear in the British Labour Party constitution: "that may be possible on the basis of the common ownership of the means of production and the best obtainable system of popular administration and control of each industry or service."

A further amendment was moved by Delegate Bell that only a working class political party with its immediate aim the abolition of the capitalist system and the establishment of the Socialist commonwealth could permanently benefit the working class.

Mr. Good of the United Farmers declared that neither amendment would be in harmony with the farmers' organisations, which were numerically strong. Bell's Socialist amendment only secured 36 votes. The British Labour Party Clause got

60 votes and the resolution was carried by a large majority.

The Canadian Social Democratic Party at its convention in Manitoba decided to affiliate to the Zimmerwald Conference which it regards as the nucleus of the Third International. It was decided to leave in abeyance the question of affiliation to the newly constituted Labour Party, and that in the meantime no member of the S.D.P. should join the Labour Party or accept office under it. A resolution was adopted in support of the Bolsheviks.

The Canadian Great War Veterans Association is demanding the conscription of wealth, it says: "This is a war that was ordered by rich men and old men and has been fought in the main by young men and poor men... In the ultimate it is the love of power and greed of money that has brought the world to this pass... It is all very well to be comforted with assurances that Germany is piling up even greater load of indebtedness than any of the allied democracies, but it is a poor consolation and will not lighten our own future burdens, especially as indemnities are probably now out of the question... The loans... give the richer individuals of the community the opportunity of being the receivers of other people's taxes."

Nevertheless, the British Demobilised "Comrades of the Great War," and Discharged Soldiers and Sailors Federation would be better employed in studying the opinions of their Canadian compatriots than in smashing up Socialist and trade union meetings!

At an election in Montreal Buhay, who ran as a Socialist, not a mere Labour candidate, polled 1,400 votes against Jacobs, the Liberal, who won with 2,000 votes. Great crowds afterwards paraded the streets demanding a new election and accusing the Liberals of "corrupt practices. Buhay was carried shoulder high. Two years ago the Socialist candidate only polled 185 votes. When will Canada be ready for the Soviets?!

FRANCE.

Charles Rappoport, the well-known French Socialist, during the second bombardment of Paris went into a cellar where people were sheltering to console and reassure them. Two men called Bin and Weill complained to the police that he had said that the French Generals were incapable, that Paris was in danger, and that peace ought to be made. Rappoport, who is of Russian birth and became a French citizen in 1899, denied these statements, saying that when some one had called the Russians cowards he had protested that five million Russians had been killed in the war, seven million wounded, and three million taken prisoners, and that the Russians had made it possible for the French to win the battle of the Marne. He also said that all war ends in peace and that the belligerents would have to negotiate. Rappoport was fined £8 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment *avec sursis*, which means that he will not have to serve it.

NORWAY.

The leader of the Minority Socialists in Norway, Trauvel, has been sentenced to 60 days imprisonment at Drontheim for provocative speeches. He was also accused of inciting the workers to follow the example of the Bolsheviks, and set up Workers' and Soldiers' Councils. This sentence has roused great feeling throughout Norway and the authorities fear trouble.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Australian Socialist reports that Mr. Patrick Webb, who represents the miners of Grey in the New Zealand Parliament, was called up for military service, refused to go, resigned his seat and challenged the Prime Minister to put up a candidate against him. The challenge was not accepted and Mr. Webb returned to Parliament. He was afterwards arrested, taken to camp, and sentenced to two years' hard labour for refusing to obey military orders. He will probably lose his seat, as under the Legislature Act no one convicted of an offence punishable by two years' hard labour is eligible for military service.

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THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY.

We give below extracts from the second chapter of 'Red Russia,' by John Reed, the Russian correspondent of 'The American Liberator.'

The Jewish lieutenant who went with us told how the Jews had always been forced to serve in the ranks, but that since the Revolution thousands had become officers...

He also spoke of the retreat from Riga. "In the rout," he said, "the army hadn't the least idea what to do. The staff completely lost its head..."

Back in Venden... A squadron of Cossacks, rifles on backs, rode up the street with their peaked caps over one ear, and their bayonets very prominent.

In the Town Hall sat the Refugee Committee, almost swamped by the thousands of people who had fled before the advance of the Germans...

The soldiers' committee of the 2nd Lettish Brigade had sent in a complaint about the inefficiency of sixteen officers; a delegate of the Iskool and the Iskoolstrel was going down to the lines to see about it...

We asked about the death penalty in the army, over which such a bitter controversy was raging between the radicals and reactionaries.

Brigade staff headquarters were in a brick farmhouse, on a little hill amid wooded meadows. In the living room the officers sat at a long table...

welcomed us with great cordiality and a torrent of Moscow-French—which is very like that of Stratford.

The Colonel was a frank reactionary—out to crush Germany, still loyal to Nicholas II., convinced that the country was ruined by the Revolution, and utterly opposed to the soldiers' committees.

"The trouble with the army," he said, "is that it is concerned about politics. Soldiers have no business to think."

All the rest followed their superior's lead. The podpolkovnik, a round, merry person with twinkling eyes, informed me confidentially that "no officer of any character or dignity would have any dealings with the soldiers' committees."

"Are there no officers who work with the committees?" I asked. He shrugged disdainfully. "A few. But we call them 'demagogue' officers, and naturally don't associate with them."

The others volunteered further interesting information. In the first place, according to them, there were no Bolsheviks in the army—except the committees. The Lettish troops are ignorant and illiterate. The committees interfere seriously with military operations.

By this time we had sat at the table two long hours, drinking tea and smoking, during which time the entire staff did absolutely nothing but talk. One tall boy, with a small of brilliantine floating around his shining hair, went over to the piano and began idly fingering waltzes.

"The Germans sent spies," he said, "but, then, so did our officers. There is always somebody around to betray the people, no matter what nation you belong to. Many times they tried to make us attack our German comrades, but we refused."

It was about half a mile to where the low, wide, thatched-covered farmhouse and its great barn stood biddly on a little rise of ground. Artillery limbers stood parked there, horses were being led to water, there were little cook-fires, and many soldiers.

This is no unsupported assertion on my part. One had only to ask any soldier where he got his food, his clothing, what he did get, who found and assigned his quarters, represented him politically, defended his interests; he would always say, "The Committee."

A youth with a bright, happy face and towelled hair was the chairman. He told us how the Lettish regiments had been in the front ranks for six months without rest, and they had sent word to the Ministry of War in Petrograd that if they were not relieved by October 1st, they would simply leave the trenches.

"The officers say it is good training," he answered, and everybody laughed. A soldier near the door cried, "You don't see many officers going barefoot!" And again they laughed.

"They say we are jealous of the workmen in the cities. But we are ourselves workmen, and we will share the short hours and high wages they have won for us, when we return to the cities after the war. Most of us are union men... There are no

Bolsheviks in the army? Well, this committee was only elected last month, and every member of every committee in this brigade is Bolshevik...

Courts-martial in the 12th Army had been replaced by revolutionary military courts. Each company had a petty court of 6 elected members—soldiers or officers; above that was the full regimental court, composed of 28 soldiers and 14 officers, elected by the full regiment; and a presidium of 6 chosen by this assembly sat permanently for the trial of minor offences—such as stealing.

"We know," said the chairman, "which officers are for us and which are against us. We know that Riga was betrayed. On the first of August we had aeroplanes, heavy artillery; but when the Germans attacked, all those things had been sent away."

They showed us copies of all orders of the staff, kept carefully on file here; the chart of location of all troops of the brigade, which had been quartered by the committee; requisitions and purchases of food, clothing, shells, guns; and the record of the political transactions of the soldier party-groups with the Soviets and with the Government...

Along about midday tables appeared in two corners of the square. Then the banners—the revolutionary banners, in every shade of red, with gold, silver, and white letters on them, moving bright and splendid through the great crowd. Speakers mounted the tables. It was a double mass meeting, Russian in one corner, Lettish in another, forbidden by the Commandant and frowned upon by the Iskool.

PEACE.

A Joint Demonstration in which Branches of the B.S.P., I.L.P., N.C.F., W.S.F., Trade Unions, Labour Party, and Christian Peace Crusade are co-operating, will be held on...

TOWER HILL. Sunday June 30th, at 7 p.m.

Speakers—CHARLOTTE DRANK (W.S.F.), SYLVIA PANKHURST (W.S.F.), MIRIAM FLETCHER (B.S.P.), W. J. WATSON (A.S.E.), C. S. GARLEY (B.S.P.), LANCELOT HOGGEN (Stepney), L. L. BISHOP (WARD, and others. Secretary—KITTY E. READ, 88, Centre Park Rd., East Ham, E.4.

BIRMINGHAM LABOUR PARTIES AND THE SECRET TREATIES.

The following resolution indicates that Labour is beginning to learn the truth at last—"The Birmingham Labour Party has learnt of the contents of the Secret Treaties entered into by the Allied Governments with the utmost dismay and indignation. It recalls the fact that it almost unanimously consented, jointly with the Birmingham Trades Council, to the signing of the Recruiting Campaign earlier in the war because it was led to believe that the war was being fought for the freedom of small nations and the sanctity of International Law.

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WHAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND.

In 1916 the Board of Trade appointed committees to consider the position of British trade after the war. The reports of the Textile, the Iron and Steel, the Electrical and the Engineering Committees are now published.

The ideals of co-operation and national aid for industry would appeal to us very strongly were it not that the recommendations, if adopted under this capitalist system, would mainly benefit the employing classes. The committees only appear to have contemplated the workers in so far as they affect the prosperity of the industrial concerns by which they are employed.

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PARLIAMENT AS WE SEE IT.

June 10th.—In reply to questions put by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Lab.) and Mr. Adamson (Lab.), Mr. Bonar Law promised to arrange an opportunity to discuss a revision of the scale of allowances to the wives of soldiers and sailors and their dependants.

WOMAN'S PLACE.

It transpired from a question put by Mr. Anderson (Lab.) that some officials still tell women that their place is "at home." Miss Agnes Adam was told so when asking at Glasgow for a permit to visit Inver-gordon as Organiser of the National Federation of Women Workers.

FIELD PUNISHMENT.

June 11th.—Mr. Morrell (Lab.) drew attention to the infliction of sixty days' field punishment No. 1 on Private Richard Hartley for selling cigarettes and tobacco to Italian civilians.

SMALL NATIONALITIES.

As Mr. Outhwaite (L.) pointed out, the Premiers of Great Britain, France, and Italy declared their sympathy at Versailles on June 3rd with the nationalistic aspirations of the Czechs-Slovaks and Jugoslavians. He asked what steps the British Government had taken for the liberation of some of these peoples who had been imprisoned by Austria without trial.

LAND FOR IRISH SOLDIERS.

It would seem from the replies given by Mr. Samuel to questions about the recent Proclamation offering land to Irish soldiers, that it is but an offer. He said that the proposed legislation takes the form of an amendment of the Irish Land Purchase Acts, "priority of enlistment and length of service will certainly be factors to be considered when applications for land from soldiers are being dealt with."

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be placed on Indian jute, with a total rebate in favour of the British Empire and a graduated rebate for its Allies and the neutrals which offer reciprocal concessions. Similar arrangements are demanded for all textile raw materials.

How is the much talked of League of Nations possible if the recommendations of these committees are to be carried out?—S.

STUPID MEDICAL MEN.

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EMIGRATION EXPENSES.

It was decided to limit the amount of the annual expenses incurred by the Emigration Bill to £50,000!!!

EDUCATION.

On the continuation of the discussion of Clause 10, Mr. Snowden (Lab.) moved that maintenance allowances be paid by the Local Education Authorities for "young persons who are in compulsory attendance in such continuation schools."

WASTE OF ENERGY.

June 12th.—Mr. King (L.) drew attention to the incident of five aeroplanes circling low down over a national meeting for singing, dancing, &c., at Cullinstown, Co. Cork on May 26th.

P.O. AND WHITLEY REPORT.

The Postmaster-General gave an account of the Post Office and the improvements and difficulties of the past few years. Mr. Rowntree (L.) took this opportunity to advocate the creation of Councils on the lines of the Whitley Report to maintain industrial harmony.

FINANCE.

June 13th.—An effort was made on considering the Finance Bill to exempt soldiers' pensions from income-tax till twelve months after the conclusion of peace.

WORKERS' SOCIALIST FEDERATION.

Branches are asked to send to Headquarters money outstanding for membership fees, sales of literature, badges, perfume cards, &c. Special housing campaign to urge Government and local authorities to take over empty houses for those who have been rendered homeless by air raids and other causes. Particulars and leaflets from 400 Old Ford Road, E. Leaflets on 'Parents and Militarism,' 1s. per 100. Branches should take up local questions with municipal authorities, advice obtainable from Headquarters. N. L. SMYTH.

Forthcoming.—Bow W.S.F. Social and Dance, 400, Old Ford Road, 7.30 p.m., Saturday, June 22nd, tickets, 7d. Specially attractive programme.

Gratefully acknowledged.—Mr. W. Lansbury, £1; Profitt on Social, 17s. 10d.; A. W. Janssen (Peace card), 6s.; Mr. Partridge, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Heathcote (Peace card), 2s.; Mrs. Moschevitz, 8d. **COLLECTIONS:** Mrs. Walker, £5 5s. 3d.; Miss Pankhurst, 15s.; St. Stephen's Road, 1s. 3½d.

MEETINGS.
OUT DOOR.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st.
Armagh Road, Bow.—11.30 A.M., Miss Price.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd.
Great Push in the S.E. District for Socialism, Peace, and Votes for All.—Meet at 85 Cambervell Grove at 2.45 and at 5 P.M. Meetings at 3 and 6.30 P.M. Speakers: Mrs. Clara Cole, Miss Price, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. W. F. Watson.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd.
Osborn Street, Whitechapel.—6.30 P.M., Mrs. Walker.

The Square, Woolwich.—7 P.M., Miss Price.

MONDAY, JUNE 24th.
Hoe Street, Walthamstow.—7 P.M., Miss Price.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th.
St. Leonard's Road, Bromley.—7 P.M., Mr. A. A. Watts and others.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28th.
Grundy Street, Poplar.—11.30 A.M., Miss Price.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th.
Great Push in the Finsbury Park District. Indoor

WALTHAMSTOW LEAGUE OF RIGHTS.
TUESDAY, JUNE 25th.
William Morris Hall, Somers Road.—2.30 P.M., Mrs. Clara Cole, Mrs. Sizer.

LECTURE-CONCERTS:

TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA.
— Sylvia Pankhurst and Edward Soermus invite Socialist, Labour, and other Progressive Organisations to co-operate in the organisation of Lecture-Concerts to help in elucidating the situation in Russia and to re-establish normal relations between England and Russia. For particulars write to the W.S.F. Meetings Secretary, 400 Old Ford Road, E.3.

A East End Docker's Wife and the Bacon.

In Chrisp Street, Poplar, E., the shopkeepers have been selling hock of bacon at 1s. 6d. and 1s. 8d. per lb. At the same time the price for first-rate American hock of bacon at Selfridge's and other West End shops has been 1s. 2d. per lb. Mrs. Walker wrote to the Poplar local Food Control Committee, pointing out that the Poplar workers are paying more for their bacon than the West End swells. Councillor F. Thorn, the Chairman of the Committee, replied, promising to investigate, then summoned Mrs. Walker to appear before the Committee, explaining that he had been to Selfridge's and found that there was nothing in her complaint; for though Selfridge's hock of bacon was sold at 1s. 2d., it was very poor in quality, very near the bone, and not nearly so good as that which the East End people were buying. Mrs. Walker then made her way to Selfridge's, purchased a fine piece of hock of bacon, and carefully preserved the bill proving that it had cost her 1s. 2d. She took the bacon with her to the Committee and kept it in her bag whilst Councillor Thorn was giving his report and explaining to the Committee that though it is true that bacon in Chrisp Street costs 1s. 6d. and 1s. 8d. Selfridge's bacon at 1s. 2d. is

POPULAR SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.
(20 Railway Street, Poplar.)

The scholars of the above school spent a very enjoyable day at Woodford on Sunday, June 9th. While walking to the farms some of the children distributed peace leaflets, thereby starting the day well by giving a thought for their fathers and brothers in the trenches. Leaving the old bricks and mortar of Poplar behind, with its ruins and sad recollections, we were soon transplanted to a more healthy environment, which all the workers and their children could have, and will have, once they understand the principles of Socialism and help to institute it. We arrived at the Federation House just after noon. We then, following a short rest in the garden, walked on to the forest. There we had our lunch on the grass, in one of those pleasant glades surrounded by glorious green trees. By playing games, running races, and singing songs, we forgot for some time the war and the general unhappiness of the peoples of the world. However, even here one cannot do this for very long, for frequently through the open spaces there pass by in their well-known blue suits, wounded soldiers. Instantly we are linked up again with the current thoughts of the world. Miss Gostick, looking after our material needs, reminded us of tea. So we all returned to Federation House, ready and willing to relieve her of the buns, bread and butter, and tea that she had so kindly prepared for us. The children of the House waited on us, helped by Miss Burgess and Mrs. Harrison. After tea, we visited the schoolroom, where the children played and made friends and confidants of each other. The tired though happy faces of the children, carrying in their arms large bunches of flowers, reminded us of the ever-moving Father Time, so we reluctantly bade our newly-found friends goodbye and returned to Poplar. We all felt that it was a day well spent and if only the workers would awake from the trance, they and their children would have many happy days in the country, not one now and then. A. A. W.

SOCIAL WORK.

Mothers' Arms.—Offers needed for sellers on Flower Day, July 13th. Particulars from Miss Clarke, 438, Old Ford Road, E.3. Thanks to Mr. Charles Gulliver who arranged a Benefit Performance for the "Mothers' Arms" under the auspices of the National Sunday League, to the artists who gave their services; also to Miss Clara Reed who gave a Dramatic Recital of 'Becket.'

Gratefully acknowledged.—Mr. and Mrs. Sadd Brown, £8; per Miss Udny, £2 4s. 6d.; Miss Burgess (Sale of clothes), £1 10s.; per Miss Weir, £1; Mrs. Richmond (fortnightly), 10s.; Miss D. Jewson, 10s.; Nurse Habbes (weekly), 10s.; Miss M. Birch, 1s. **COLLECTIONS:** L.S.A. Tool-room, £1 7s. 3½d.; Miss Clarke, £1 2s. 9½d.; per Mrs. Watkins, 14s. 6½d.; Misses E. Lagsding and M. Barker (Greens Yard), 9s. 6d.; Mrs. Richmond, 8s.; Bow collection, 4s. 9d.; Misses K. Lagsding and J. Watts (Cubitt Town), 4s. 9d.

much poorer in quality. When he had finished Mrs. Walker produced her bacon. The sight of it was enough "You have done me," said Councillor Thorn. "Now," said Mrs. Walker, "I am going to-morrow (Wednesday, June 19th) to hold a meeting in Chrisp Street, where I shall show this bill and this bacon to the women. Will you take the chair for me, Councillor Thorn?" Councillor Thorn refused, but said that he should be at Mrs. Walker's meeting. Mrs. Walker was as good as her word, and next week we shall publish an article from her on food prices in Poplar and what is to happen next. The women do not intend to let the matter drop!

POPULAR HOUSING CAMPAIGN.

Meetings and agitation to insist that proper housing accommodation shall be found for the 300 East End people whose homes have been wrecked by air-raids and who are now housed in the workhouse have produced good results. The Borough Council has instructed its officials to procure a return of the empty houses in the borough, and with a little more pressure we shall secure that, regardless of rent, the homeless people are put into the best houses.

IMPORTANT

No more papers on "Sale or Return" after June 24th, 1918, by order of the Board of Trade. This means that if you want a "Dreadnought" you must order it.

Those of our Readers who buy the "Dreadnought" from Newsagents, are asked to place their order now to avoid disappointment.

MONTESSORI METHOD.

MISS MURIEL MATTERS (Student of the Dottressa Montessori's International Course, 1916) will give, by request, A COURSE OF SIX LECTURES ON THE MONTESSORI METHOD AT FEDERATION HOUSE, GEORGE LANE, SOUTH WOODFORD. **Synopsis of Lectures.**—July 1st, 8 p.m. History of the Method—Montessori's Precise Contribution to Scientific Pedagogy—Preparation of the Environment—Exercises of Practical Life. July 3rd, 8 p.m. The Pedagogical Concept of Liberty—The purpose and reason for limitation of the Montessori material. July 5th, 8 p.m. The Child's Consciousness—Attention—Concentration. July 10th, 8 p.m. Problem of the Will—Discipline—Obedience—The Line of Conduct. July 15th, 8 p.m. Sensory Education—The right Presentation and use of the Sensory Material. July 17th, 8 p.m. Biographical Chart—The Presentation and use of the Intellectual Material. Fee for the course 10s. Tickets obtainable from Miss GOSTICK, FEDERATION HOUSE, GEORGE LANE, SOUTH WOODFORD. The Lecturer will demonstrate with the Montessori Material and suggest a Bibliography of further study.

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TO WOMEN WORKERS.

The United Ladies' Tailors Trade Union of 10, Great Garden Street, E., is making a big effort to organise the women in the trade. On June 12th a very successful meeting was held in the Old Kings Hall, Commercial Road. After two or three stirring speeches, it was decided to form a women's committee, so that they may have a separate working department. It is to be hoped that in a few months quite a strong and active women's branch will result. We call for every one working in the trade to get into touch with the union at once.
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RE PROCLAIMED FINSBURY PARK MAY DEMONSTRATION.

It was originally decided to hold a Protest Demonstration in Hyde Park. Owing to the inaction of the Home Office and other causes it has now been decided to hold a mass meeting in FINSBURY PARK on Sunday next, June 23rd, at 3 o'clock. There will be six platforms and a resolution will be put from all platforms to the effect that: "This Mass Meeting of Trade Unions, Labour and Socialist organisations considers the action of the Home Office in prohibiting the North London May Day Demonstration in Finsbury Park on Sunday, May 5th, 1918, an attack upon the right of free speech and free associations of the people. . . . It claims at all times the same right of free expression in public which the Labour and Socialist movement has won for all associations and the people, and which the police in provincial towns assist to maintain. It demands for all soldiers, sailors and civil servants, equally with other sections of the community, full freedom for the expression of their industrial, political civil and religious aspirations. . . ."
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