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SERENADING OUTSIDE
WRONG PRISON.
POLITICAL
MR. LANSBURY REMOVED TO
WORMWOOD SCRUBBS.

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Friends and supporters of Mr. Lansbury made a serenading demonstration outside Holloway and Pentonville Prisons late last night.

The procession, which reached Holloway at 10.45, numbered several hundred, and was mostly composed of youths, with a few girls. At the head were a number of suffragettes with flags topped by the red "Cap of Liberty." There were a number of banners with the words "Release the Prisoners."

After raising "three cheers for Lansbury," the processionists marched to Pentonville, accompanied by a large force of police.

A meeting lasting half an hour was held outside Pentonville, the serenaders calling for Mr. Lansbury's release. They were evidently not aware that Mr. Lansbury was not then in Pentonville, as he had been removed earlier in the day to Wormwood Scrubbs.

Questions in Commons.

Mr. Wedgwood, in the House of Commons, yesterday, asked the Home Secretary whether Mr. George Lansbury would be kept in prison for three months unless he gave sureties, and of what crime he had been found guilty?

Mr. M'Kenna replied that Mr. Lansbury was not found guilty of any crime, but was liable to imprisonment for three months for failing to enter into recognisances for good behaviour. The question of class depended on the magistrate.

In reply to further questions, Mr. M'Kenna said there was a charge against Mr. Lansbury, and it was after hearing the evidence that the magistrate called on him to provide sureties. He understood Mr. Lansbury was on hunger-strike in Pentonville, and therefore was not enjoying the privileges given to political prisoners.

Mr. Wedgwood: Can a man who is not guilty of a crime be sent to prison because he cannot find sureties?

Mr. M'Kenna: Yes; if the magistrate thinks the evidence is such that he should be called upon to give sureties. Then, if he does not give sureties he can be sentenced.

Mr. Wedgwood asked leave to move the adjournment of the House; but the Speaker pointed out that on the day appointed for concluding the business of Supply motions for adjournment could not be taken.

In reply to Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. M'Kenna said he made an offer to all militant suffrage prisoners that, if they would agree not to join in any action to break the law, not if they refused to join an organisation, he would consider whether he would recommend the exercise of the Royal prerogative.

See vol. 28. a, fo. 106-7, for a letter from
Muriel, Countess De La Warr, dated 4 August 1913

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE KING AND THE QUEEN

At a special meeting of the Hospital ...
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Dear Mr. Lausbury,
Mrs. John A. Murray Macdonald
(n. Alice Noel; d. 1929)

W. Macdonald has gone back
to the House but
he was not very
fit for it.
W. Macdonald
Regards & hoping
you will not have
more anxiety

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MIDHURST, SUSSEX.
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August 4
1913

W. Macdonald
Alice Macdonald

I have been writing
a few lines of sympathy
since we saw in the papers that
W. Lausbury had gone to prison
W. Macdonald however, was
ill last week, and I was busy
getting ready to come here.
I am afraid you have been
very anxious and unhappy, but
am glad to see that your husband
is released, and I hope he is not
much the worse for a trying

has
out
relief

experience. I have often felt of late that I should like to write to him and tell him what I thought of militant methods as I had some little share in helping to interest him in women's suffrage in the old days, but I am an old woman now and I have not energy to carry out all my wishes and intentions, nor can I flatter myself that anything I could say would do good. So me the militant movement is sad & tragic. I do not fail to appreciate the fact that there are so many high minded & enthusiastic people who are willing to suffer, and even to die for a cause, but I keep thinking

the pity of it. The pity of it for militant methods seem to me a great mistake. The course would have been wiser without them, and the waste of energy & self sacrifice is great - What the world needs most now I think, - perhaps because I am old - is wisdom, judgment & understanding, the qualities which I hoped long ago women would bring into political life. Militancy has produced turmoil & warfare & roused intense hostility. We had enough of all three before; and women especially cannot live in an atmosphere of strife without suffering in mind & body. I have myself seen the bad effects it has on gentle and

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wretched natures, filling them
with bitterness, and making
them eager to see evil mistakes
in others who are working for
good. It is not by disbelieving in
the good that good can come,
but I am getting preachy and
must stop.

I wonder whether Mr Lausbury
knows anything about the
Harvey family 40 Barchester St
Poplar. We had one of the boys
here during the strike at the Dock
last year, and he is here again
now. From what he says, I
fear that his mother said, the
children - there are several - I think
must be sadly underbred. Mr
Harvey has done very little work.
Mr Scuz knows them, but I
have wondered whether they are

Mrs. Charles Wm. Mansell-Moulton

Telegrams:

"GRAND, PENMAENMAWR."

Telephone No. 199.

GRAND HOTEL,

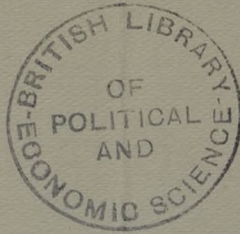
PENMAENMAWR,

NORTH WALES.

August 4-1913.

Dear Mr. Sausbury

I have just seen in the "Manchester Guardian" - that Mr. Sausbury is released & I must tell you all how glad & thankful we are. We left home on Friday for our holiday & the last thing I did before leaving was to send a donation to the Editor "The Herald" & was at the protest meeting & to write a letter of profound indignation. I prophesied Mr. Sausbury would be released before Sunday. I knew this cowardly mob would never dare to keep him as long as they keep the women. All the same I hope the protests will go on & they will not dare to touch him again. I know it has been a time of great



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anxiety for you, & I have thought
much of you all. I have been
ill & laid up in bed for a fortnight
so could not join in anything
lately, & have been so poorly all
the summer I have had to keep
very quiet. It is very hard to keep
out of things when your soul is
burning with indignation as
mine is. I hope to get strong here
to help in the fight again.

I trust Mr. Lausbury will soon
be his vigorous self again - my
best remembrances & wishes
to you all. Yrs. v. Sincerely
Edith R. Mansell. Mouldin

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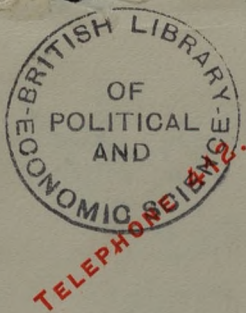
It is real good to know you are released from the vile ness of that tomb. I am sure the environment is worse than the starving and can realise how your big heart would be throbbing with anger, anger against the wretched cruelty of the human parasites and thugs who work out in malice, such torture for others. It was that which made me so mad in prison, and I hunger-struck then. I want to be with you again, and shall be glad to see you and will come along tomorrow night if possible unless you have gone along to the family.

I told you in my note to St Stephens Road of the alacrity with which our fellows responded to the call I made upon them. The whole of the London Staff are going to put their necks into the revolt work, and even the Irish element, who hitherto have been a source of worry to me, are defying the Priest-against his best wishes to them.

I feel so sick of being ill and I know the heartache for you; mate. You do know the meaning of love and unselfishness, and it only those of us, who can thus feel, who carry the cross. There would be no need if we had an enlightened electorate. God, I hate that creature of Mc Kenna, for supposing he may be the instrument of the greater revolt after all better men and better women, are sacrificed for the sake of such wretches inane viciousness. But I send you love and the best of wishes. All the best to you and yours all the time and may the best in you be given the power of expression. It is good to be alive, but I want to be well and will try my best to get well, how that I am forced to cut out all work. But it is good to live, and good to think there is such a fight to be made for the sake of the greater humanity you and I and others are serving in the best way we can.

Love and all the best of blessings to you all the time you and yours
Yours sincerely,

Ben Tillet.



Ada Cripps

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Arzana,
Shelley Road,
Worthing.

Aug 5th 1913

My dear Mr. Lausbury.

We have not
written sooner, because
we knew how dreadfully
distressed you are
about your dear -
Brave husband.

Our very thought
is with you, & him,

but we know not
What to do!

We should all be
so glad, & delighted
if you will bring your
dear husband to
our house; I would
help you to make
him well quickly.

What the dear
man wants now is—
The juice of meat.

Get two or three pounds

of the "Top side" of Beef.
make it warm, in
the oven, & then squeeze
every drop of juice
from it, & give Mr.
Lansbury—Three wine-
glassfull each day!
In a week's time he
would be quite strong
again.

I saved my son's
life, by giving him
just that. When
Three D^{rs} told me

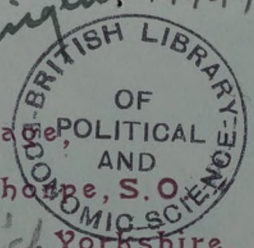
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that nothing could
save his life !!

Do try it, dear Mr.
Lansbury. And
pray ^{do} not allow the
horrid Police to take
your dear husband
away from you
again. I shall

be so thankful for
just one line to know
how he is. With love
from us all, ever yours
very sincerely
Ada Cripps.

(107) Thousands of things I've really put in this letter, and ink pen write them to right.
Red Cottage, Nunthorpe, S.O. Yorkshire.
Ms. Friedrich Hansen
Aug: 5th 1913



Dear George Lansbury,
Time after time I have attempted to write you, but have been called away during this last week. It is very late now but we want to assure you and your wife of our constant

(108) thoughts. Surely the present treatment dealt out to the women and to two or three men cannot long be tolerated. I do not think it is possible for Mrs. Pankhurst to endure much more of it and live. I do trust you will very soon recover from your trial, and I pray you will not again

be arrested. All
the same you have
done a big thing
for us. It looms
specially big because
you really have
not committed
any crime whatever
- even a small crime
such as breaking
a window. It is
absolutely shameless
to give you 'three
months', and shows
how far in the

dark ages we still
live, especially in
matters concerning
the welfare of women.
Do come over
and talk to us
soon. Red Cottage
is always open to
you both. The country
around is, as you
know, very beautiful.
Mother asks me
to send you her
very sincerest good
wishes. I can't write
more now. My head
almost refuses to think.
Affectionate greetings
to you both ever
Marion Coates Hansen

Aug 5th 13

The Vicarage (109)

Mrs. Dora B. Montefiore

Thaxted
Essex

[see Pamphlet 1931]

Dear Comrade Lansbury

Many congratulations
on the good fight for free speech
you are putting up. When you
want a change just come down
here and stay at the Vicarage;
then when the Government sharks
want you we will barricade the
Vicarage just as I barricaded my
house at Hammersmith and
we will give them a run for their
money. Good luck in the fight! I am
glad that you feel like me that our
present prison system is damnable.
Yours in the Cause
Dora B. Montefiore

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4-7, RED LION COURT,
FLEET STREET,

LONDON, E. C.

6th August, 1913.

Low Pethick-Lawrence

Dear Lansbury,

Ever so many thanks for your first rate message and for your post card. It is awfully good of you to trouble. I thought what you wrote in the "Herald" quite admirable. I might have known what you would say would be quite all right, but experience has taught me so much about what not to say that I thought you would pardon a word of warning.

I still hope McKenna may be induced to give you unconditional release.

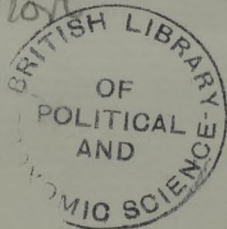
Ever yours,

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Bow, E.

Louise Mott

TELEPHONE,
3377 PADDINGTON.



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1, STANLEY CRESCENT. W.

The Count de la Roche
Clevedon

August 7. 1913

Somerset

My dear Sir,

I have read your very
beautiful article in the
"Daily Herald" (the only
other paper I either buy or
read, except of course
"The Suffragette") and altho'
we are personally unknown

each to the other at present.
I must write a few lines
to thank you -

My sister, Mrs Hastings Kippel
had the honor of introducing
herself, and of shaking
your hand, during the
election time in 1890 -

We have been ratepayers
in Bromley now for
over 100 years, and the
property that was our
Great-grandfather's (Mr.

William Mann) has come to us.
in part, and my sisters and
I have tried to do our best
for our tenants, and I hope
have succeeded in making
our houses both sanitary
and comfortable -
We were proud of our Member,
and are still prouder
of him as he is now.
and we look forward
to the day that will
see him re-instated -

119) I walked behind Mrs. Mary Passie
on the occasion of Miss Wildings
funeral, and had some
interesting talk with her.
and I grieve to see that
she is a prisoner -
I am enclosing £2.2.0 for
the "Prisoners Fund" -

With all good wishes
for your speedy restoration
to health, and for Mrs. Lushy
and your brave children.

Yours very truly
(Mrs.) Louise Mart

Rev. T. C. Gobat

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S. James's Licence

Darwin

Aug 8. 1913

My dear Friend,

By wire as I am anxious
to know how you are. Will it
surprise you to see, he is body
how are you?

Where I believe it was through
your influence that I had the
privilege of speaking at a most
enthusiastic meeting at the Queen's
Hall last month. as I am well
pleased to you for their oblateness
of being smiling at the decision

an entrance of some 2 to 3
feet here is the surface elevation.

We shall be delighted to see you
here again when you come north
along with us I am sure & settled
next week for that time unless,
we, on our return, we shall be very
glad to have you here as
our guests if we had a choice
between us & you when we can
stay 'incoy'!

Perhaps one of the things we can
write to you is a line to tell
us how you are, if you don't
feel up to writing yourself.

Your cord. friend
J. C. G. G.

My wife joins me in kindest
remembrance & all good wishes.

I care care of myself.

Yours very sincerely

J. C. G. G.

Kalamazoo

Westford

Fred H. Gorle
(of Justice)

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Dear Country

There has been meaning to write
you all the week. I need hardly
say how much I sympathize
with you in your recent fight.
If possible I will be in the
Square tomorrow.

I quite understand the
difficulty you were placed in
as regards hanging striking
& honoring you your spirit.

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I don't know whether
you saw Justice. I wrote
a note in I about you
that I believe expresses
the B.S.P. feelings.

Good luck. Bon
voyage. - au revoir.

Yours fraternally
Edith Gorb.

Two to, please

NOTION
ON, W.

As some of our known speakers have failed
us I have had the accompanying messages typed
for reading at each platform so as to add a
little weight.

F.S. [say 9 Aug. 1913]

[Frank Smith]

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Rt. Rev. Henry Russell Wakefield
(Bp. of Birmingham)

M E S S A G E from THE BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM.

Bishop's Croft,
Birmingham,

August 4th, 1913.

....."I gladly testify to the absolute self sacrifice and devotion of George Lansbury. There is not a purer minded man in the public life of to-day. He may not be, in my judgment always right, but he is always upright."

Yours faithfully,

H.R. BIRMINGHAM.

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Ven. Charles Ernest Escreet
(1852-1919)

M E S S A G E from THE ARCHDEACON OF ^{Lewisham} LONDON.

Elliot Park,

Lewisham, S.E.

August 5th, 1913

"I cannot come to your meeting on Sunday August 10th. My Sunday engagements prevent me. But I do desire to testify to my sincere respect for George Lansbury, my old friend and comrade, yet more "trustworthy and well beloved" to-day than when he served on the Royal Poor Law Commission.

It is sad to see how fatally a Liberal Government committing itself to an illiberal policy finds itself emmeshed in acts of oppression and all the evil sequence and consequences that spring from it.

I don't blame the Courts, they must administer the law, but I do blame those who these rusty from ages when freedom of speech was not yet known as we know it. But it is too old a blunderbuss to stand it will burst in their hands.

Yours very faithfully,

C.E. ESCREET,

^{Lewisham}
Archdeacon of London.

Ben Tillet

Dockers Union Offices,
Mile End, E.
6-8-13.

"My heart is with your fight, all of you. Great and good as the man is, the cause for which he fights is greater, Lansbury's fight is for freedom, in it is embodied the right of free citizenship and free opinion - which is the right - the sacred right, of every man and woman.

I want you to force the Government to kill the "Murder and Mouse Act", to entirely free every man and woman from it's tortures and shame.

I wish good courage to the brave women and men who are fighting for us and our rights.

The Government's action is atrocious, the police brutalities have made them the British cossacks. The worst feature of this abominable business is, that, the Authorities use their powers with murderous spite against these who are fighting for justice and freedom for the workers and those who are cursed by grinding poverty. Wishing good luck to the rebels in their fight.

Yours sincerely,

BEN TILLET.

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M E S S A G E from J. KEIR HARDIE.

House of Commons,

August 9th, 1913.

"I regret very much that owing to an engagement in my own Constituency on Sunday I shall not be able to be present in the Square.

The occasion is a most important one, and the attendance will I know be great. The recent prohibition of public meetings on the Rand and the killing and maiming of nearly 300 people there by British soldiers at the bidding of the Gold Bugs is only the latest illustration of the temper of the ruling class. At Leith, not only is the town filled with police, but soldiers are also held under arms, and six gunboats are in the harbour for the protection of blacklegs. At a meeting of Moulders on strike in Sheffield the other day, plain clothes detectives were smuggled in. It is not only the Militant women, therefore, whose liberties are being encroached upon. The powers that be, fear the frowning cohesion and determination of the working class, and so are seeking to introduce Russian methods for the suppression of the dearly bought rights and liberties of the common people.

9 Aug. 1913

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Rich brothel mongers are shielded and protected by law makers and law administrators. It is only the worker whose freedom, even to do right, is being curtailed.

We must stamp out this growing oligarchy, and maintain at all costs and hazards the rights and privileges which our fathers won for us with their blood.

You must keep up the agitation until Lansbury and others, who have been treated with injustice, are free.

Yours faithfully,

J. KEIR HARDIE.

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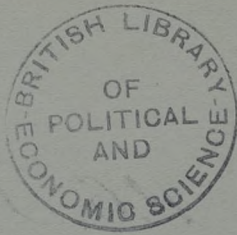
146, Fleet Street,

London, E.C.

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Dear Comrade
 just a word of
 greeting & to say that if I
 can be of any small service to
 you at this juncture I am
 wholeheartedly yours & guarantee
 to call upon, to the full every
 opportunity, such as it is.

I hardly suppose, you
 can have any need or occasion for
 me; it was different in the case of the



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Quickly when I tried to be of
 a little use in an emergency.
 However, your large heart will
 have room for one more comradely
 offer greeting; & intimation of
 readiness to be your ^{or your wife's} helper,
 if it may be. God bless you

Fraternally yours

Frank Colerick

(20th Century Press)

Leo Lansbury

Ada Cripps

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TELEPHONE 412.

Arana,
Shelley Road,
Worthing.

Aug. 12th 1913

My dear Mr. Lonsbury.

We are all more
glad than I can
express, to know
that your dear, true,
lionhearted, husband
is free!

I read in tonight's
paper, that his

Courades do not
intend to allow
him to be taken
again. Bravo! Courades!!

The present doings
of the "High & Mighty"
reminds me of the
old song:-

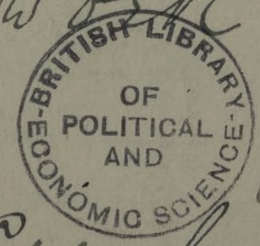
"Ere Kings Crowns
come down, There
are Crowns to be broke"

The sooner the better,
I think.

Please do not forget
that we shall all
be very delighted
if you will come
& stay with us, for
a real rest, at
any time, when
convenient to you.
I have distributed

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"All the Daily Herald
I have, I think, done
some good work
thereby."



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With our kind
love to your dear
husband & self

I am always
Sincerely yours
Ada Cripps.

P.S.

I am so proud of the
letter that Mr. Sandbury so
kindly sent me.

Herman & Alfeld Sandby

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and Mary Fels

RØRVIG
NYKØBING. S.

12/13 Aug.

Denmark.

Dear Mrs. Lansbury,

When I was a child
I used to think it would be
easier to be in prison than
to be denied doing music - for
that was my passion.

I still think it
easier to be in prison than to
act against one's convictions.
There is no death so terrible as
the spiritual one. I know you
felt this, or else you wouldn't
have stood so nobly and firmly
by your husband, who felt
that he must have the right
of free speech - to express his

honor of the injustice done the
suffragists.

Of the two evils: unjust
repression and unjust punish-
ment, I am sure Mr. Lawbury
has chosen the lesser, terrible
thing as it seems while he
is undergoing it.

I think of you both as
I saw you, and as I love to
know you, and as I hope
I see you again, when I
come to London — full of
fervor, faith, and endurance!

I know you are both —
getting all the love from your
fellow men which you need
I sustain you, and I just
want to add my share to
that influx of brotherhood

Which makes life possible for those who -
bear the greatest burdens.

With the deepest wish of my heart for
your welfare and Mr. Sausbrey's release,

Faithfully yours,

Alphie Sandoy.

August-12th, 1913.

(121) Dear Mrs. Lambury

With my sympathy
and my best wishes

Yrs sincerely

Herman Pardeck.



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Dear Bessie, -

You will remember the
Danish friends who were with
us when we returned from
America this Spring?
Sincerely,
Herman Pardeck.

miat
Station and Telegrams.
STONE 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

Josiah C. Wedgwood
(1872—)

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MODDERSHALL,

STONE,

STAFFS.

18.8.1913.

My dear George.

I hope you - & Scarr &
Harben - are getting on
well. I feel rather a
worm at going off on a
holiday when you are all
working so hard. The fact
is I am in a bit of depression
& am going off with five
children caravanning in the
wilderness of Galloway.

I cannot tell you how
grateful I am to you
& to Mary Fels for your
kindness in going to see
my wife. Keep her up to
going to see Mrs Danbury,
she must have some friends.

If you know where de Pass
is I should be glad to know
& be sure. The uncertainty
is trying, & we are all
human in spite of ideas which

ought to keep our heads
in the clouds.

Yours always

Joshua C. Wedgwood

Mrs. Walter Coates

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Southernwood,
East Hendred,
Steventon, Berks.

26 Aug. 1913

My dear Bernie & George -

We were glad
to get George's card, and
I hope he is still improv-
ing. You know we
are only too delighted to
have you whenever you
can come. This is to
tell you we are off to-
morrow for Scotland and

shall be gone 10 days or
two weeks. So we shall
be here and ready to
receive you in about
three weeks as you sug-
gest. But in the mean
time if you can come
and enjoy the quiet &
restfulness. please do so
for Ellen & Mrs Hatto will
be delighted to have you
to cook for and coddle.
If only some of this

glorious weather will
stay with us for our
holiday. What a joyous
one we will have.

Now I must stop as
I am in the midst of
packing.

With much love
Eleanor.

Aug 26th 1913 -

ANTICIPATED EPITAPHS.

Beneathe
Thys symple slabbe
Refte ye remaynes of
An honest manne,
To witte,
George Lansbury,
Sometime
Member of Parlymente
For
Bow and Bromley.
Born
Anno Domini 1850,
Hee was educated atte elementarie daie schooles,
Performynge hys talkes wyth credit,
And wynnynge
Ye approbacione of hys teachers.
Thereafter
Hee worked atte home and in sundrie offyces
Until
Anno Domini 1884,
Whenne hee tooke itt intoe hys heade
Toe goe toe Auftralia,
Ye whyche hee didde.
Returnynge ye nexte yeare,
Hee entered hys father's bufynesse,
In ye whyche hee remayned toe ye ende,
Shewynge hymfelfe toe be
A kynde and confiderate employer
And a confciencious bufynesse manne.
Originallie an earnest Radicall,
Hee became an ardente Socialyft;
Butte
Soe greate was the confidence thatte hee inspired
Thatte
Hee was electted
A Poor Law Guardian,
A Borough Councillor,
And
A Member of ye L.C.C.
Hee lykewyfe became
A Member of ye Central Unemployed Bodie of London,
A Member of ye Royale Commifsione on ye Poor Law.
And
Establyshed ye firft Poor Law Labour Colonie.
Butte,
As a sette off agaynst these publick virtues,
He was notte entyrlie free from
Human failynges:
To witte,
He was a teetotaler,
And a non-smoaker,
And was given to wrytynge pamphlets and leaffets.
Butte all these thynges myghte have been
Forgiven hym
Hadde hee notte succumbed toe ye wiles
Of ye militant suffragettes,
For whom
Hee sacrificyed
A usefull publick career.
Toe ye grief of hys innumerable friendes
Hee broughte hymfelfe wythyn
Ye clutches of ye Law,
Was sentenced toe imprifonmente,
Practifed ye hunger strike,
And was releafed under ye Cat and Moufe Act.
And,
Toe ye sorrow of alle whoo knew hym,
Gave toe a sorrie caufe and toe ye grave
Whatt myghte have beene usefull toe humanitie.

Here Lansbury lies, mistaken butte sincere,
Whoo never smoaked, or ever tasted beere;
Hys reverence for womanhoode profounde
Ye weapon was thatte dealt hys mortal wounde:
Mistakynge militants for those more nyce,
Hee offered hymme hymfelfe—a sacrifv

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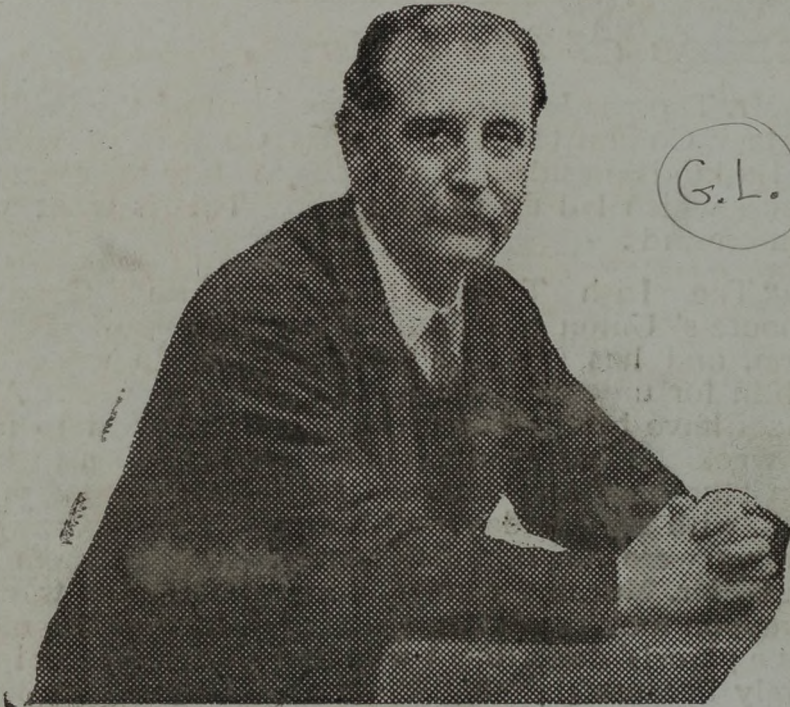
Programme

OF THE

PROTEST MEETING

In Trafalgar Square,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 1913, at 3.30,



G.L.

To Protest Against

DUBLIN

POLICE MURDERS.

❁ PROGRAMME ❁

A Demonstration to protest against the action of the police and the authorities in Dublin will be held to-day at 3.30 in Trafalgar Square. The Meeting is organised by the London Trades Council and the British Socialist Party in conjunction with the Labour Party and the Independent Labour Party

J. Byrne and James Nolan have died from injuries received at the hands of the police during the rioting on Saturday, August 30, 1913.

Causes of the Crises.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, vice-president of the Parliamentary Committee, Irish Trades Council, of which Mr. Larkin is president, was asked to state the circumstances which led up to the strike. This is what Mr. Johnson said:—

“The Irish Transport Workers and General Labourers' Union has been all along a professional union, and has succeeded in levelling up wages in Dublin for unionists and non-unionists as well. Advances have been secured ranging from 3s 3d to 10s. per week. It has even extended its activities to the farm labourers, and obtained for them a rise of 3s a week, with a Saturday half-holiday. The tramway workers were not organised, and so it took them in hand. Mr. Murphy, who practically owns the trams, thereupon took the extreme step of dismissing 200 men of the parcels' department who had joined that union, merely because they had done so. I should explain that the Dublin trams carry parcels at fixed rates and have a special department for dealing with that class of work.

“Trade unionists and the general public should understand clearly that there has been no demands of any kind by or on behalf of the men. It was a direct challenge to the union, and the union accepted it.”

LIST OF SPEAKERS.

COUNCILLOR BILL PARTRIDGE
(From Dublin Trades Council).

WILL THORNE, M.P. & TOM RICHARDSON, M.P.
(Representing the Labour Party).

BEN TILLET and HARRY ORBELL
(Dockers' Union).

G. MOORE-BELL, J. E. WILLIAMS, and
J. G. BUTLER
(British Socialist Party).

WILLIAM C. ANDERSON
(Independent Labour Party).

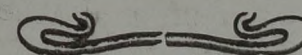
ALDERMAN D. J. DAVIS
(of West Ham).

DR. MARION PHILLIPS
(Women's Labour League)

JAMES MACDONALD, JOHN STOKES,
and FRED KNEE
(London Trades Council).

REV. A. E. EGERTON SWANN and
ALF. CHEETHAM
(Church Socialist League).

J. PENFOLD,
EX-INSPECTOR SYME,
And others.



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E. C. RAWLINGS & BUTT,

SOLICITORS.

E. C. Rawlings.

S. Alford Butt.

TELEPHONE NO 6286 CITY (2 LINES)

see also attached copy
of letter of same date from
Sydney Charles Buxton
(1st Viscount Buxton; 1853-)

2, Walbrook.

London,
E.C.

Enc.

30th October 1913

G. Lansbury Esq.,
103 St Stephens Road,
Bow. E.

Dear Sir,

We enclose you copy of a letter we have received from
Mr Sydney Buxton in reply to our application on your behalf.

We have sent copies to the Press, as desired by you.

Yours faithfully,

E. C. Rawlings & S. Alford Butt

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Sydney Charles Buxton
(1st Viscount Buxton; 1853-)

Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens. S.W.

30th October 1913

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter.

The statement to which you refer was made hastily and I freely admit that I should not have brought in Mr Lansbury's name.

I need not say that I fully accept Mr Lansbury's disclaimer and without qualification withdraw the statement which was not intended to reflect upon Mr Lansbury personally.

You can of course make any use you like of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Sydney Buxton.

Messrs E. C. Rawlings & Butt.

Ernest Thurtle

27 Bank St.,
New York,

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Nov. 2nd/ 13.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Yesterday Dolly and I saw Mr. Feakins, who is arranging your lectures. The poor fellow was in hospital, recovering from an operation. He was glad to see us and we had a good talk with him about the arrangements he is making. Dolly has deputed me to write to you about these.

Mrs/ Baker had made it quite clear to him that you did not want to do much talking and that as far as money was concerned you merely wanted enough to cover your expenses. She had, however, not cared to say anything very definite as to what you would or would not do and consequently Mr/ F. had not felt very sure of his ground, knowing nothing at all about you.

He now understands from Mrs. Baker that you are willing, in order to go to the Pacific coast, to prolong your stay until the end of February. On that assumption he proposes, if you are agreeable, to arrange not more than 15 meetings, the majority of which would be here in the East. This would work out at a little more than one meeting a week, and we told him we did not think you would consider this too much.

At a very moderate estimate he thinks these meetings would produce for you clear an average of \$120.00, and at the same time permit of generous terms to the societies who ran the meetings. On this basis we think you would be able to clear your expenses comfortably, even bearing in mind the comparatively high cost of travelling here.

Of course Mr. Feakins understands, and we impressed this upon him, that in addition to the paid speeches which he is arranging you will probably want to make speeches for various people or organisations without charge. This involves a point which was worrying him, and about which he would like to have an understanding. The business aspect is this: When a Suffrage or Socialist or similar organisation undertakes to run a big meeting such as yours would be they probably have to spend about \$800/00 on it. Now if you were to speak in ~~the~~ same City for nothing, or be advertised to speak afterwards for nothing (I mean so advertised before the paid meeting were held) the success of the paid meeting would be seriously jeopardised, and the organisers might lose a lot of money on it. You realise quite well that organisations cannot afford to take such risks, and consequently when fixing up with Mr/ F/ they ask, as a matter of business, for an assurance that their meeting will be the only one at which you will speak, or be advertised to speak at, before theirs takes place. Of course it would not matter how many meetings were arranged and advertised after the first one had been held.

Ernest Thurtle 2. 11. 1913

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Dolly & I ventured to assure Mr/ Feakins that we felt you would recognise the justice of this condition and be willing to arrange any other meetings that you might want to address accordingly.

Mr/ Feakins proposes to arrange your tour so that you speak in the East during December and the first half of January, naturally not arranging anything very near Xmas. Then, after the Single Tax Convention, for which you want to be free, and which is we understand about Jan/ 18th, you would start on your way West, going by a southerly route and coming back on the C. P/ R/ through the Rockies.

Actually so far he has arranged for the Inter-Collegiate Socialist Party here to run your first meeting in Carnegie Hall, which is a big place. This would take place the first week in December. The other meetings for New York he proposes are one on a Sat. morning early in January to a comparatively small gathering of benevolent wealthy high-brows, to whom he thinks you may do good, and a big one for the People's Institute at Cooper Union, to be held on your return from the West, just before you sail. Apart from these he has practically fixed on ~~two~~ meetings for you at Montreal - a joint arrangement by two societies keen on having you. We told him we did not think you would object to this trip to Canada. He will fix up the other Eastern dates for Boston, Philadelphia etc/ shortly.

If there is anything in these arrangements not in accordance with your wishes please let either Mr. Feakins or us know at once. His address is 19 West 44th St/. The fact that he had not received a reply to his letter when we saw him yesterday had made him a little bit anxious, but he presumed you were probably leaving things entirely to Mrs. Baker.

Dolly will tell you all our news so I won't say anything more except that I am looking forward very much to the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Lansbury and I take the opportunity of wishing you a pleasant trip across. America will look after you all right once you are here. Its hospitality, like its everything else, is strenuous/

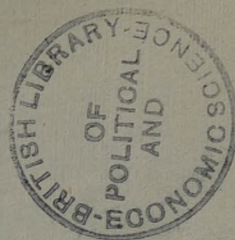
Sincerely,

Ernest

P. S/ In case you have any qualms about taking a few American dollars for your speaking I may mention that Feakins told us incidentally yesterday that Alfred Noyes, the poet, who is here again for a little over a month, will in that time get about \$10,000.00 fees. He will, however/ lecture nearly every day.

* Fred Howe's meeting.

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As per you are much
better with much love
will you let me have the
back in the morning by Albert
In Hurry supposed to be
out by 11 - it is past now

THURTLE 1912-13

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[see attached opinion of E. Atherley Jones]

Enc

E. C. RAWLINGS & BUTT,
SOLICITORS.
E. C. Rawlings.
S. Alford Butt.
TELEPHONE N° 6286 CITY (2 LINES.)

2, Walbrook.

London,
E.C.

15th November 1913

G. Lansbury Esq.,
103 St Stephens Road.
BOW. E.

Dear Sir,

[Daisy]

We took Counsel's Opinion upon your daughter's statement in regard to her arrest and send you copy. We shall be glad to hear whether you wish us to take proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

E. C. Rawlings & S. Alford Butt

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E. Atherley Jones

with letter
15 Nov. 1913
from E. C. Rawlings & Butt

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E. C. Rawlings & Butt,
2 Walbrook. E.C.

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E. Atherley Jones
[Day 15 Nov. 1913]

LANSBURY

Plaintiff

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STANLEY

Defendant

O P I N I O N

[Dairy]

I doubt whether Miss Lansbury can hope to recover more than nominal damages against the police; and it is possible that the proceedings may fail altogether. She seems to have intended that the police should mistake her for Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and if there was a warrant out against Miss Sylvia Pankhurst . (as to which I have no information) Miss Lansbury took all risks into her own hands, although as I have said above, even then she might have some rights against the police.

If it is decided to take action the proceedings should be before a Judge alone in the County Court.

Before taking action a letter should be written to the proposed defendant inviting him to make amends, and stating that if he does not proceedings will be commenced (see Public Authorities' Protection Act 1893- 52.57 Vict C 61 sec 1(a).

This action would be for false imprisonment and assault.

(signed) E. Atherley Jones.

Greville Macdonald
(1856 - 1944)

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85. Harley Street, W.

Telegrams Balsamine.Wesdo London
Telephone N° 1201 Paddington.

November 17th, 1913.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Very many thanks for your delightful present of "Woman and Labour". I already possess the book, but shall now give my copy away, feeling that yours is made ten times more valuable by its delightful inscription.

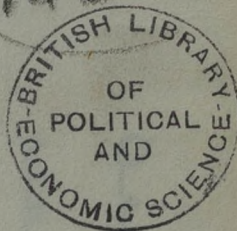
I hope your nose is keeping quite comfortable.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
Greville Macdonald

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19. Nov.

[? 1913]

My dear W. Lansbury

This seems suitable
paper on which to send
you my sincerest greetings
& thanks for the fight
you are putting up for
the cause of freedom &
womanhood. May you

drive you -

If thought is as potent
a factor in influence as

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many cheats, and
Victory is ours - for so
many desire your
return to the House
of Lies & Shame.

The pity of it all is that
the workers themselves,
men & women, will not
wake to a realization
of all the might hum-
bug that rules &
stifles them.

Now we hear £600. Why
quarrel with it? I have

anyway more money than I
need & have it by the sweat
of these same long suffering
abominably contented workers -
The least I can do is occasionally
to throw surplus profits, as
conscience money, to the cause
I yearn to see active & conquering

This is not the moment to worry
you - but after the weeks battle
is fought & won perhaps you
will tell me whether either of
these two statements are true. -

① That the Herald has been (possibly,
is being) offered to the B.S.P. to
finance them wholly or partly.

② That the original Coy. has again
bought you out & owns the paper

③ That the P. Laurences have bought
it.

I hope none of these "facts"
are true & that later on you
will let me know how matters
stand.

Best wishes from
Miss Verity

Mr. Joseph Fels

Urgent if away kindly open
and rewire contents

FELS & CO.

INCOMING TELEGRAM

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Encls Fels' letter 11 Dec 1913

From

New York

N.Y.

*from
Victor Grayson*

Date 12/11/13 Time 11.30 A.M.

Telephoned by WU

To AC

No. of Words 70 Paid ~~###~~

Attention given.....

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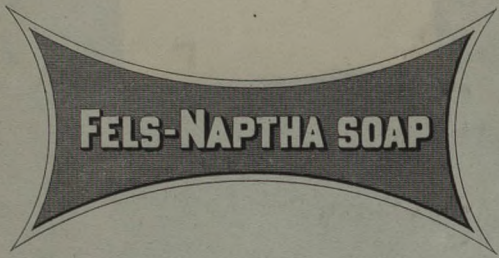
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CE,
YCH,

Sent letter meet ship missed you an recalled England family trouble and
business must sail Saturday with wife cannot get funds in time will you help
by advancing further forty pounds by telegraph direct to 220 West 107th Street
urgent and desperate posting letter with I O U for sixty send today if possible
to get passages

MANUFACTURERS OF SOAPS



Joseph Fels

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Office of Fels & Co.

73rd Street & Woodland Avenue

Philadelphia, ^{Thursday} 11 Dec 1913-

My Dear George-

Hope you're both feeling well and happy. Will be over Saturday morning to your talk and stay to the luncheon too.

Herewith enclosed wire from Victor Grayson which I promptly replied to by telegraphing "decline advancing money writing" - and here is what I write him. I suspect G is drinking. Fred C. Howe, 50 Madison Ave, N. Y saw G for Walter myself when the parson in London saw us after he had rec^d wire from Grayson - Perhaps you will look G up + see what you can do to get him straight -

Find our folks here all ok. and I am busy at once of course. Feeling very it too - Hope you are - Tom Jorth

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The Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, Ltd.

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MR. ERNEST AVES.

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MR. HERBERT MARNHAM.

MR. HENRY VIVIAN, J.P.

From Mrs. S. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Manager,
12, NORTH SQUARE,
HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB, N.W.

TELEPHONE:
1347 FINCHLEY.

Saturday
[? 1913]

Dear Mr. Lawbury.

I see you are coming

to my beloved Suburb

tomorrow Sunday.

Although the chief
person in my life is no
longer on this earth [⊗] for you

[⊗ Rev. S. A. Barnett d. 17 June 1913]

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to come & see and
gain inspiration from,
yet if you care to arrive
half an hour before your
meeting to come & see
me. I should count it
kind, & should be glad
to see you — for I bear
you in kindly remem-
brance. Truly yours
Henrietta O'Barrett