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THE CHOICE OF DELEGATES TO PETROGRAD

THE CHOICE

A PROTEST

As I am a member of the I.L.P. and not of the B.S.P., I shall be acquitted of all Party partiality in protesting against the decision of the Government to choose from the United Socialist Council delegation of two out of the three members —Messrs. Ramsay MacDonald and F. W. Jowett (delegates of the I.L.P.)—allowing them to proceed to Petrograd and to hold back Mr. E. C. Fairchild, delegate of the B.S.P., although the Russians have especially asked that every section of British Socialism shall be represented at the forthcoming Conferences. The excuse for keeping back Mr. Fairchild was a most transparent one. It was said that, though three passports were applied for by the United Socialist Council, and though every newspaper had advertised the names of the three delegates, only two places had been prepared on the boat! The Socialist delegates are not Eastern potentates—any one of them would gladly have occupied a shake-down, taken turn and turn about in a berth, or slept in a deck chair in order to get to Russia on this important mission. The excuse is absurd! Some hopes are being held out that Mr. Fairchild may be allowed to proceed to Russia later on. We remember what happened in connection with the Women's International Congress at The Hague: passports were promised to a number of women selected by the Government from those who desired to go; how Mr. McKenna sent for the women's officials and told them that they could not have the necessary papers made out in time to catch the boat because the clerk who could prepare them had left the office, but that they

should go by a special boat. This last of a series of promises was broken on the plea that, owing to an important naval affair, of which he could give no information, but which everyone would hear later, all communication with Holland had been severed. It afterwards transpired that communications with Holland had not been cut off. It is strange that the Government should stoop to such subterfuges: the ways of politicians are indeed difficult to understand.

Why has the Government differentiated against Mr. Fairchild? What has it to fear from him more than from Messrs. MacDonald and Jowett? All three are members of the United Socialist Council, which consists of delegates from the I.L.P. and B.S.P. All three are bound by the Leeds resolutions, which declare for the policy of the Russian Workers' and Soldiers' Council for "a peace without annexations or indemnities based on the right of the nations to decide their own affairs." For the Government to assume that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Jowett will adhree less decisively to the Leeds resolutions than Mr. Fairchild (who has the advantage of not being assailed by the compromising atmosphere of the House of Commons, which scarcely a man can altogether withstand) is to level an insult at Messrs. MacDonald and Jowett, and to suggest that they belong to the company of politicians whose word cannot be relied upon.

But whatever may be the motive of the Government, it is the duty of the democracy to protest against a discrimination which undoubtedly Messrs. MacDonald and Jowett must resent very greatly. Such discrimination is entirely contrary

to all democratic principles, and is an attack which cannot be tolerated upon a Socialist organisation which has done much to maintain the spirit of internationalism.

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By E. Sylvia Pankhurst

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MILITARISM

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In the South of England in the peaceful fields, so smiling now and sunlit, gay with wild flowers, joyous with songs of birds, people hear day by day the dull cruel noise of the guns on the West Front. Last Thursday morning, in the early small hours a man crept out to listen for the explosion of a volcano prepared for a year with hideous misplaced ingenuity. The volcano that burst upward to the sky on June 7th was a piece of solid mother earth, such as we know in England, but for a year men have tunnelled it in secret, charged it with more than a million pounds of explosives, and set alight to it at a pre-arranged moment. "The whole geography of the district has been churned and blown and furrowed out of recognition," says the Press Association. "Not much is left of Wytschaete Wood, once 800 yards square, "The whole geography of the district has been churned and blown and furrowed out of recognition," says the Press Association. "Not much is left of Wytschaete Wood, once 800 yards square, now a pitiful wreckage of broken stumps and tattered tree trunks. The slopes of the ridge are all barren and tortured with shell fire," says Philip Gibbs in the "Daily Telegraph." We British people living quietly here on this little island have no realisation of such things. We are distressed by a summer heath fire, heart-sick for the old gorse, and the trees and the heather, ready to weep for the young birds and their mothers who fly shrieking from the nest only at last when the flames leap about them and the leaves and branches shrivel and snap and crackle in the fierce heat. We here in England cannot visualise the hideous devastation of land and homesteads wrought by the explosion. The deaths and the mainings of thousands of human beings we cannot realise; we who would be overcome by misery and horror if we met one unknown man dead in the neighbouring wood or in our familiar street. But the man who crept out to hear the crash on Walton Heath knew, with vivid realisation forced on him by many memories, what the crash musortend and weighing upon his mind, unless

Walton Heath knew, with vivid realisation forced on him by many memories, what the crash must portend, and weighing upon his mind, unless some sort of intellectual madness has fallen upon him, was the heavy sense of responsibility for the continuance of the War.

The newspapers make light of the heavy losses amongst our British soldiers in the Messines battle, but they gloat over the many thousand deaths of German men buried under the earth, men blown into the air and rent limb from limb by British soldiers, by order of the British Government. Yet educated people still believe that we as a people are incapable of militarisation, and that our military command can never develop "Prussian" characteristics. The British Headquarters' correspondent, however, coldly puts the official view:—

Wilson sound like the hollow echo of some long past thing to which the people once looked for hopefully, but now known to be merely an outworn sham. Borrowing the style, almost the very words of British Ministers, he declared that America is fighting "for no advantage or selfish object of her own, but for the liberation of peoples verywhere from the aggressions of autocratic force?" Is it possible that the American can believe that when it is obvious that American on believe that when it is obvious that American business men insisted on American participation in the War for commercial reasons?

Very ominous are Wilson's references to the "selfish advantages which they" (the German ruling classes) "have gained for themselves and their private projects of power all the way from Berlin to Bagdad and beyond," and to the linking together by Germany of government after government in a net of intrigue the meshes of which must be broken and adequate measures taken to prement in a net of intrigue the meshes of which must be broken and adequate measures taken to prement in a net of intrigue the meshes of which must be broken and adequate measures taken to prement in a net of intrigue the meshes of which must be broken and adequate measures taken to prevent their being repaired, and his statement that the status quo and must not be repaired.

Every modern capitalistic Government has made such arrangements to safeguard the interests of its capitalists as that to which Wilson refers. The fact that he condemns the German arrangements is merely an indication that America has joined the Anti-German. Group and is fighting for special trade interests in Europe, apart from the more obvious objects of securing that America's overses commerce shall not be unduly interfered with and that the Powers to which American money has been lent shall secure a victory in order to be able to pay back.

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Mr. Wilson's statement that America is fighting for the liberty of small nationalities and the development of peoples is like similar declarations of Messrs. Asquith, Lloyd George, and the rest, merely a respectable way of saying that America is out for annexations.

"No indemnities must be insisted upon, except these that constitute payment for manifest

"No indemnities must be lististed apon, except those that constitute payment for manifest wrong," says Wilson. But that is only another way of saying that he rejects the Russian demand that there shall be "no indemnities." Only the workers of the world can, or will, end this War and make an abiding peace.

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

DR. BARBARA TCHAYKOVSKY

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It is with great regret that we have to announce
the resignation of our late Hon. Treasurer, Dr.
Barbara Tchaykovsky, who took such a keen interest in our work among the babies and appealed so successfully for funds on their behalf
during her term of office. We hope to have
occasional articles in the Dreadnought by Dr.
Tchaykovsky, and wish her every success in her

baby-saving campaign.

Harrow, June 10th, 1917.

Dear Friends,—May I send you a few words of greeting on the resignation of my Treasurership? I am obliged to leave you, not because I am giving up the work that has occupied my every thought and spare hour, especially since War broke out, but because the general campaign of Baby Saving absorbs so much of my time and energy that I cannot give as much as I should to the post of Treasurer of the Federation. No one can retire from the fray just now—it is going to be fiercer and more binding on each one of us as the world catastrophe sucks even the life-blood of our unborn babes through their mothers. And so, I beg you to fight on—remember that the hope of the world lies with the children. As we build them today, so the future is the fairer for our building, and we build wisely, with our eyes fixed steadfastly on the Ideal, reaching out to nothing less than the best. The State of which we are a part will be the better for our being led by the children, for what is good for the child must be good for the State.

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Edgar Lansbury succeeds me; he bears an honoured name, but you will welcome him and support him for his own sake, too. I can never forget how, after the day's work, he used to come night after night during the 1912 London Dock Strike, to help us in the work of the children's White Cross League—to collect funds to feed the starving mothers and babes of Dockland. It seemed a mighty task then; it was but a preparation for the work that lies ahead.

Yours, BARBARA TCHANKOVSKY.

thoroughness of the German military machine, and certainly the Hun soldier is trained in the doctrine of completeness, but the battle of Messines once more emphasises the point that he has no monopoly in this respect. The triumph of a few hours was the fruition of as many months of preparatory toli."

He further explains:

"The capture of Vimy Ridge was planned with the aid of a scale model which covered a fair-sized dining table. The attack upon the Messines Ridge was rehearsed upon an open-air model covering an areaequal to about four tennis courts, minutize as an isolated tree-stump. For weeks before the battle all the units engaged were practised in the particular role assigned to them under the most realistic conditions practicable in the Messines battle the British made use of "a new horror known in the Army as 'oil cans' or 'boiling oil' "which "throws to a considerable distance projectiles which are, in fact, containers of highly inflammable stuff," and which "burst and scatter conflagration over a wide area."

In all this horror the declarations of President

encessary serviette.

"If it's not finished now," he said, speaking in spasmodic jerks on account of the exigencies of an attractive plate, "it will all have to be found over again in a short period of time. Fifty years, Perhaps less," he suggested darkly and with

'Yes, but isn't a war fifty years off much bette in a war at present? If I could postpone all a disagreeables of my life till fifty years or so the future, the contemplation of them wouldn't

Mr. X., coming to furious grips with his dinner.
"That's curious psychology," said the Fair
Girl thoughtfully.
"Well, you see," he explained, "this is

Well, you see, he explained, this is Britain."

Suddenly the Fair Girl remembered that this man had suffered the loss of his only son in the War, and she was momentarily silent, respecting his sincerity and realising that here, indeed, was a typical Briton,—brave, enduring, patriotic,—

a typical Briton,—brave, enduring, patriotic,—and surpassing stupid.
"But it's not Britain," cried out sharply the dark-eyed girl; "it is Irelayd!"
Several diners laughed, the Indian student more heartily than all.
"Oh, well," said the Stout Lady, coming to the rescue, "he meant, don't you know, that this England's w——, I mean ——"
"Exactly what I always said," cried she of the Dark Eves, in still sharper triumph, "and you

"Exactly what I always said," cried she of the Dark Eyes in still sharper triumph, "and you contradicted me the day before yesterday, and you said it was Ireland's war!"

"But, look here," interposed hastily the Fair Girl, "to return to the argument; suppose a disagreeable surgeon were to inform me that my left leg would have to be amputated, and suppose it were possible to have this operation passed down to my great grand-daughter, do you think I would hesitate for a moment?"

"But how selfish, dear," said the Hostess, with a smile that was full of teeth.—(No more? Oh, nonsense! You're not eating.)—"How very selfish!"

Girl. "This is the way I would reason to myse It is possible that my great-grand-daugh wouldn't have such a nasty job to go throug because by the time she appears on the are medical skill would be brought to such perfect that by some means or other (say, hypnotism, Christian Science) the operation would mean lit or nothing to her; or perhaps the occasion for operation would be discovered in time, and operation be staved off, or, again, perhaps so centler treatment than amputation might be

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.
By a majority of eight, P.R. was defeated in House of Commons on Tuesday, 141 voting in our of its inclusion in the Reform Bill and 149 ainst. Supporters of Proportional Representan will no doubt try again on the Report ge of the Bill. This defeat augurs for the position of the advocates of P.R. to the Fransies Bill as a whole. Will they be able to defeat and get us an Adult Suffrage Franchise?

SINN FEIN MEETING.

GREECE.

A commissioner of the Protecting Powers and who is a Hohenzollern!

To PETROGRAD.

The refusal to sail is a course with which we should have had much sympathy if the seamen, fursiand but all the fine phrases written and not by France and Great Britain. As we go save learn that King Constantine has abdiand this son Alexander, aged 24, is to in his stead. The "Star" hails this news "Tino to-day; Wilhelm to-morrow." Does

King George has conferred the Collar of the Victorian Order on King Ferdinand of Rumania, who is a Hohenzollern!

the "Star" advocate deposing monarchs all round?

AMERICA.

The President of the United States has sent a message to Russia and summed up the American idea of Peace terms as follows:

No people must be forced under a sovereignty under which it does not wish to live.

No territory must change hands except for the purpose of securing those who finhabit it a fair chance of life and liberty.

No indemnities must be insisted on except those that constitute payment for manifest wrongs done.

No readjustments of power must be made except such as will tend to secure the future peace of the world and the future welfare and happiness of its peoples.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British reply to Russia endorses all the war aims of the Russian Government. What is Russia to believe when the British Government one day declares that Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France, and now that it agrees to "No annexations, no indemnities"?

WAS IT A MISTAKE?

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NO HALF MEASURES.

At last the Government has made up its mind to stop profiteering, at least, Mr. Lloyd George said so to the Commissioners who are going to visit the different parts of the country to inquire into industrial unrest. High prices are to receive immediate attention, and it is rumoured that food may be sold under cost price to the "poor." Nationalisation of food and fuel on a proper basis would obviate any such tinkering methods.

FOOD RATIONING.

Mrs. Pember Reeves announces that "England is too proud, independent and great to be rationed." And yet we have conscription!

THE FRANCHISE BILL

OMEN'S CLAUSES CANNOT BE MADE A SEPARATE BILL.

THE VOTING AGE.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPROMISE?

POINTS OF VIEW (continued from page 776)

"But, I say," started off the Young Man with the Merry Eye, "What about Belgium, you know,—if we hadn't gone in, where would Bel-

gium be now?"

"Didn't you mean 'gallant little Belgium,' according to formula—"

The Dark-eyed Girl (being well acquainted with the Fair Girl) received a severe pinch under the table, but without effect.

"That is why we want to dismember Germany," explained Mr. X., pushing aside his plate, and entering into argument with abandon. "Militarism is the curse of Europe! Prussian militarism must be wholly and totally destroyed! "Might is Right' won't do for us. We must arm, we must have conscription permanently here in England,—yes, yes, here in Ireland, my dear young lady,—we must be prepared and have a large standing army, and in commercial life we must be ready to beat Germany on her own ground—"

ground——"
"And kill off all, or as many as possible, of the German soldiery," added the Fair Girl, with a

eet smile. Quite so—quite so,'' said Mr. X. uneasily. And all the civilian population, women in-

cluded."

"I beg your pardon!"

"And kill off all the civilian population, women included. Starvation is the most refined and bloodless method."

"You quite misunderstand," he said hotly.

"The British treatment of women in warfare is exemplary! This War was entered to shield the women of Great Britain and Ireland from the fate of the unfortunate women who—"

"Coffee," sang out the Hostess, blushing slightly.

slightly.
("Vide the Recruiting Posters, First Spasm," said the Dark-eyed Girl, but not aloud.)

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"Well, if I may speak t'you," came in tentative tones from where the Indian student sat,—"as onn-lee an outsider, I should ask how eet ees that Eng-land does not con-sider the vishes of Belgium now, and say to that unhappee leetle countrie, "Weel we neg-otiate your cru-el enemee out of your coun-three, or drive him out at the point of the bay-on-et, because if he is dreeven out, he vill ruin and to-tally des-troy your countrie on his re-tree-eet, and your industries, your ceetees and towns will be n'more."

"Yes," cried the Fair One, pleased with her new Ally, "that is what I would like Mr. X. to tell us, and also how it is that England has not taken Belgium's new plight into account!"

"What new plight?" asked the Young Man with the Merry Eye.

"I mean about the sinking of the relief ships

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"I mean about the sinking of the relief ships recently, which leaves Belgium in a starving condition, and the people are dying off from sheer starvation at the rate of twenty or thirty a day!"
"I hadn't heard that," said the Hostess, involuntarily, "that is dreadful! Oh! this cruel

War!"

"And why in the circumstances advantage was not taken of the peace offer before this retreat began that is turning Northern France and Belgium into a desert, and why—"

"One at a time, please, one at a time," said Mr. X. "You must know that Belgium is our Ally, and is fighting disinterestedly for the salvation of Europe, and would not be so disloyal to the Allience as to check the march of the Allies at this critical time. The self-sacrificing spirit of Belgium is an example to us all," and he looked severely at the Dark-eved Girl, who, feeling sore, y at the Dark-eyed Girl, who, feeling sore,

responded quickly:
"Oh, I understand now,—you see, I thought
all along that we were fighting for Belgium, not
Belgium for us. I see it's my mistake. I'm

sorry.

"And, incidentally, protecting the honour of women and children; don't forget that," said the Stout Lady, with an air reminiscent of Sunday School catechism.

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"The veemen of Ser-bia," said the student gravely, "haf some of them en-leested in the Serbian Army. Vill it be said, then, that they are lighting for the pro-tection of the men of Ser-bia?"

Ser-bia?"

"Oh, look here, now, you are going a little too deep for me," laughed the Young Man with the Merry Eye. "You will never get out of this Belgium-Europe-England muddle if you once get into it. You might as well begin about Home Rule! I'll have you two young ladies up under the defence of the Realm Act if you don't look out!"

"I am loyal to my country," began She of the ow blazing Eyes, in a measured tone,—
"Oh, please don't think—Oh, not you for a oment," said Stout Lady and Hostess in duet.
"—And I have no objection to your having a ar,—it keeps the race virile, and all that; but hy say it's Belgium, when you know it's Conantinople and the German colonies,—"
"You quite misunderstand the situation—"
"—And I have not the least objection to belong to a pagen companyity and worshipping the

"You quite misunderstand the situation—
"—And I have not the least objection to belonging to a pagan community and worshipping the God of Battles,—it's a good rousing sort of religion,—but why call it Christianity—"
"The Church is on our side and is fighting for law and order and civilisation—"
"—And I am on the side of law and order, and quite approve of shooting rebels in Ireland, but why encourage them in Greece?—"
"A false analogy," cried Mr. X. vainly trying to stem the tide with a pitch-fork.
"—And of course it's appalling of Germany to offer Poland independence when we know they are only looking for conscripts; but if Ireland were to be offered Home Rule in return for conscription, it would be called 'statesmanship' here!"
The ladies rose: but it was evident by the gleam of Mr. X.'s eye, and the short breathing of the Stout One, that it was only the first round. They adjourned to the drawing-room, the atmosphere heavy with disapproval.
"Ener on pour old grid!" said the Fair Gid.

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"Easy on, now, old girl," said the Fair Girl, linking her companion and slipping easily into the vernacular of friendship. "Don't run up so much against people's illusions-remember they are just as strong as yours,—that is, your opinions, I mean. Keep the peace a bit more, resulted't van 2".

opinions, I mean. Keep the peace a bit more, couldn't you?"

"But, to think of it," retorted she of the Angry Eye, "it makes a pacifist so sick to hear such bloodthirsty ravings! And, then, that man's remarks about Ireland!!" Oh!" she concluded, with a sigh, "to be a man and able to give even one shot for our independence—"

"Ha, ha! ha!" The Fair Girl rocked with merriment.

"What's the matter," queried the other in sharp aggrieved tones. "I see no laughing matter! What IS it?—hurry up, they are coming." "Ha! ha! Well, I suppose you really don't know how funny you are, so I'll tell you in your own words. By all means let us have our shot, and many of them, for our independence,—I have not the slightest objection; but why, oh why, call it nacifies!"

it pacifism!"

"Pacifism, indeed," she added, her mirth subsiding. "Is there, after all, such a sentiment existing? Germany, — England, — Ireland, — they're all the same, they're all the same!"

A VICTIM OF THE WAR
We have to record the death on May 27 at his home in Strathnairn Street, Cardiff, of John Evans, a young clerk of 24, formerly in the employ of a well-known local firm. Evans did not Evans, a young clerk of 24, formerly in the employ of a well-known local firm. Evans did not belong to any political or kindred organisation, but was a member of Tredegarville Baptist Church, and was privately studying for the ministry. When War broke out he resolved to be guided, as ever, by his conception of what Christ would do in the circumstances. Evans could accept no form of military service, though he was prepared to do civil work of national importance. He received a notice to report for service with the colours at the recruiting office on June 5th, 1916. He went down to explain his position, but was detained; and sent up under escort to Cathays Barracks. Here he was court-martialled on June 24th and sentenced to 112 days' hard labour. During the imprisonment—at Cardiff Gaol—he was offered, and accepted, the Home Office Scheme, yet he was compelled to serve his sentence through till September. His health first became affected by the prison diet, which he could not assimilate. But the prison doctor passed him as fit for navvying. He was hurriedly and without notice removed to Newhaven (Home Office) Camp. Road-making under the conditions prevailing up to Christmas, before the new huts were ready, and when the accommodation was limited to tents without heating apparatus, was hardly likely to suit a man already emaciated by prison life. John Evans gradually declined, but not a word of complaint reached his home, which he was still not allowed to visit. After six months at Newhaven, where the official doctor declared him fred from organic disease, he was sent to odep for me," laughed the Young Man with the Merry Eye. "You will never get out of this Belgium-Europe-England muddle if you once get into it. You might as well begin about Home Rule! I'll have you two young ladies up under the defence of the Realm Act if you don't look out!"

"I cannot understand how it is that these disloyal sentiments have spread," said the Stout Lady, with an elaborate air of speaking in the abstract and referring to no one in the concrete.

"It is astonishing: I spent last summer in the South of England,—the same thing there, especially amongst the lower classes,—the greatest disloyalty and discontent. . . . Dreadful."

She addressed her remarks to the Hostess, who PEACE CONFERENCE

from Trade Unions, Trades Co Pacifist and Suffrage organisation Chandos Hall last Sunday after tion should be held to support the Peace Decla tion of the Russian Council of Soldiers' a Workers' delegates, which is demanding peace, the bashs of no annexations and no indemnitia and that the committee recognise and take six to get into touch with the Leeds Committee Councillor Ben Gardner moved the resolutiant of the property opinion that the longing for Peace was grown among the people, and that they should be given an opportunity not only of expressing that desibut of discussing what sort of Peace we are have as it must be a people's Peace. Mrs. Ew thought open-air meetings and demonstrations the best possible way of organising public opinio There was an animated discussion as to wheth the demonstrations should be taken in hand once or whether we should wait for suggestion from the Leeds Conference. Most of the delegate were against delay for while we waited the W continued. Mrs. Bouvier thought it wrong leave everything to the Russians. We should he them by working for Peace here. A delegate from the Leeds Conference possible; with them it could not have taken place. Finally it we decided that the newly-elected committee of should undertake a demonstration without dehand that it should be held in Finsbury Park, processions to go there from different points.

Mr. Lane gave the financial statement for it Victoria Park Processions and Demonstration of £31 195. 6d. Considering the size of the Demonstration, the number of people who too part in it, and of those whose thoughts have beturned by it, it was a most satisfactory result.

SEARCH FOR ABSENTEES

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Friday evening, between 7 and 8 p three N.C.O.s, a police sergeant, man in plain clothes, apparently of officer, three N.C.O.s, a police sergeant, an gentleman in plain clothes, apparently of mili age, visited the public houses and coffee si in Hoxton in search of absentees, but, during time I was following them, they did not anyone, though they demanded the papers of possible men. They were followed by a lacrowd, mostly composed of jaded looking factor of the following them to the following the men to the following the following

ROBBING THE SOLDIERS

SWEATED RATES SWEATED KATES

By a decision of the Launderers' Association
laundry workers in London have secured minimum scale of wages. The scale for we workers on the basis of a 54-hour week is

follows:—
Under 15 years of age, 9s.
Under 16, 11s. 3d.
Under 47, 13s. 6d.
Under 18, 15s. 9d.
18 and over, 18s.
Daily hands are to receive not less than 3s. 6d a day. Learners are to receive 2s. a week less than the scale during a probationary period of six months. but in no case will the starting wage by months, but in no case will the starting wag less than 9s. a week. We understand that the

A FUND FOR ENGINEERS

PARLIAMENT AS WE SEE IT

whilst tos. Is choose a solution of the control probationers oved on Sundays in the Central Telegraph Office are july or 4d, per hour for about a five-hour day. This does not defray the cost of a meal and fares. Mr. ownerth promised to try to increase the rate of pay; conday work. Girls had to be

d not stop the scarcity of boys. Were boys paid availon wages, where boys paid availon wages and the post Office, Mr. Illingated that the permanent Post Office staff receiving or exceeding jos. per week get a bonus of os. for 6s. for women; those paid between 30s. and 40s. miss of 8s. for men and 3s. for women, and relasts the higher the wage. This bonus is to meet the dost of fiving. When will the Government realise he men and women must meet this increase, and onus granted on that basis's should be the same for . Rowntree (L.), in remarking on the wages, said the present time at least 49s. is required to keep a five in a state of physical efficiency! He went on that the present theman of Labour is not economic, nan, and that the Government should show the of how it works when the employee co-operates in gement of industry. Lord Cavendish-Bentinck (U.) of Mr. Rowntree in this, and urged that better would result from recognising the humanity of the Mr. Duncan (Lab) pointed out that the time has for assuming that all the brains in the world are staff, and no brains at all among the employees.

rh.—Mr. Outhwaite (L.) raised the question of the ticism of the Provisional Government of Russia. obsert Cecil could not see that the policy of the near had changed in this respect. Mr. Trevelyan interest out that M. Ribot has promised to make the Treaties and all the secret door exchanged between France and Russia. Lord R. id that a similar course of action would not be ylor the British Government. Of course not

ilable to the public at 1s. 4d.

G. Cave still adheres to the policy of his predecessors ference to the Police Union. Yet we are said to be

reference to the rotate relating for liberty!

EAST END EXPLOSION.

Of the 11,000 claims lodged for damages as a result of East London explosion, Mr. Kellaway stated that 360 have been paid. Is this an example of the rapidity th which adequate compensation was promised?

RISH CONVENTION.

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June 8th.—Lord R. Cecil announced that negotiations are proceeding with Russia as to the mutual conscription of elitizens of military age.

ILL-TREATING IRISH PRISONERS.

Grave allegations were made by Mr. Gianell (Sinn Fein) and Mr. Byrne (I.N.) about the bad treatment of Irish prisoners in Lewes. Sir G. Cave could not admit that they had been ill-treated.

Mr. Byrne (I.N.) demanded that equal pay for equal work should be granted in Great Britain and Ireland. He stated that the Government has big contracts with chemists in Ireland who work their assistants sixteen hours a day and pay 25s. a week!

CONSCRIPTION OF ALIENS.

The Military Service (Convention) Bill was read a second time. Mr. Glyn-Jones (I.) supported the Bill on the ground that 'we are at war'!

Mr. Trevlyan (I.), in a long speech, condemned the Bill on the ground that it is the worst type of the bad sort of legislation we have been having during the War. It is legislating in the dark. If the House passes this Bill, he said, it would be signing away the rights, privileges, lives, and fortunes not only of foreigners, but of our own subjects. No one knew how many soldiers would be forthcoming under this Bill. Many Russians in this country wished to return to Russia, but there was no facility for doing so. Mr. King (I.) supported Mr. Trevelyan in opposing the Bill, also Mr. Molteno (L.), who pointed out that this Bill do not offer foreigners the same rights will be said the reached of the same rights was not provided to return to Russia, but there was no facility for doing so. Mr. King (I.) supported Mr. Trevelyan in opposing the Bill, also Mr. Molteno (L.), who pointed out that this Bill did not offer foreigners the same rights for the same rights was no provided to return to be come law.

will all this humbug cease?

ALBANIA.

Mr. Lees Smith (L.) pointed out that Albania is inhabited by a people with Hellenistic sympathies who do not wish for the Italian Protectorate which has been proclaimed. Lord R. Cecil explained that Albania was being made an independent State "under the protection of Italy." Does not Lord Cecil know that Italy has been working to get possession of Albania since the Balkan War, and that Italy's "protection" is equivalent to annexation?

Mr. Byrne (L.N.) drew attention to the low wages paid by the Irish Department of Agriculture to labourers, namely, 16s a week. Mr. Duke urged that the Department of Agriculture is "one of the best, most generous, and most popular employers in Ireland." What sweaters the others must be!

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In reply to Mr. Byrne (L.N.) and Mr. Ginnell (Sinn Fein), Sir G. Cave explained that the Irish prisoners at Lewes were given privileges on condition of good conduct. They had refused to obey orders unless treated as prisoners of war, and were therefore being sent to convict prisons in handcuffs. A nice preparation for the success of the coming Convention.

ture now is £7,884,000. The result of "business Government" methods.

THE "IRISH" CONVENTION.

The Prime Minister announced the decision as to the composition of the coming Irish Convention. It is to consist of 100 times the state of 100 times to send its chairman; four representatives from among the Roman Catholic Bishops, together with the Primate, Dr. Crozier, and Dr. Bernard, Archbishop 'f Dublin, as representing the Protestant Churen, and Dr. John Irwin, the Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian Assembly; five representatives of Labour—this makes one wonder whether Ireland is composed only of people of property—five Nationalists, five Unionists, two O'Brienites, five Unionists of Southern Ireland, five Sim Feiners (if they will agree to come); the Government will nominate fifteen members when it has seen the other nomination. The chairman is still undecided. Now if the Irish are not satisfied with this "representative" Convention it will not be the fault of the British Government. But, one must sak, would English people regard the chairmen of their county councils as representative or their members of Parliament? Of course, no provision has been made for women—the Sinn Feiners may elect one, but it is only a poor chance.

Mr. Lloyd Gorge expressed his sorrow at the death of

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FRANCHISE BILL (continued from page .777)

Mr. McNeill, of course, charged Sir George Cave, with breach of faith. He declared that because of the Government undertaking a number of those interested in his amendment had stayed away, relying on the Government's undertaking, and therefore if he pressed it to a division it would have no changer, and he must allow it to be negatived. Sir George Cave said that as it was not pleasant to him to have it suggested that he was breaking an undertaking, he would not move his own-amendment that day, but would leave the matter one fill the Report through the

I. was then carried by 1% votes to 14.

UNIVERSITY FRANCHISE.

It was then agreed to add: "to preserve as University voters persons not possessing a degree for a particular university, but holding a principal or professor's chair, also to Lord Rectors and Chancellors. Sir H. Craik pointed out that Mr. Asquith, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Winston Churchill were his constituents, and would lose their votes if this provision were not made. The proposal was agreed to with general satisfaction, and the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

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Woolwich, 7 p.m., Mrs. Boyce. SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd. Well Street and Morning Lane, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Boyce. Gernon Road, Bow, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Boyce.

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MINERVA CAFE, 144 HIGH HOLBORN.—WEST
CENTRAL BRANCH MEETING, Friday, June 15th, 8
p.m., Mrs. Bouvier: "Impressions of the Leeds Conference."

FOREIGN NEWS
REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGANDA IN BERLIN.
Strong measures have been taken in Berlin against stribution of revolutionary pamphlets and leaflets iss

distribution of revolutionary pampiners and realiest sissed by the Socialist Minority.

Anselme, the Socialist Deputy of Gand (Belgium) is expected in Stockholm.

The Dutch-Scandinavian Commission had a conference with Socialist representatives of Austria, Galleia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina. In a long expose, where Russian revolutionists could find an answer to their queries, the Austrian Socialists have stated the principal points as follows:

(1) Peace without annexation; (2) no investigation for those responsible for the War; (3) Belgium and Serbia freed; (4) autonomy of Russian Poland, Austrian and Prussian Poland separated; (5) South Slav nationalities remain with the Austrian Monarchy; (6) autonomy of the Ruthenians.

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The organ of the Workers' and Soldiers' Council, "Soviet," publishes an article as an answer to English papers, in which it is said that there is no divergence between Russia and the Allies with regard to the formula, "No annexation and no indemnities." The paper says:—"The Russian Revolution will not sacrifice a single man to help you to repair the historic injustice committed at your expense. What about the historic injustice committed by yourself with regard to Ireland, Egypt, India, etc. If you are so eager to have justice, start it in your own country. Russian democracy will not be led by your phrases. Be at least frank, as the Japanese are, who do not admit the formula 'without annexation,' for extreme Orient. Russian democracy and the Provisional Government will remain faithful to the Allied Governments will have to pronounce themselves for or against; they will have to take responsibility for all consequences, and will have to take responsibility for all consequences, and will have only themselves to blame. The declarations of the French and English Governments cannot satisfy revolutionary Russia. Our Ministers will have to see that this serious question of peace is decided. Annexation means usurpation."

The "Russkaya Volla" proposes income tax from 12 to 3 per cent. and compulsory subscription to the War Loan in proportion to income. Banks and limited societies should be compelled to subscribe in proportion to their Profits.

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should be compelled to subscribe in proportion. The commission formed to assist the Provisional Government in preparation for the Constituent Assembly consists of forty members. The members represent social organisations, co-operatives, non-political organisations, peasants' representatives, Socialists and other political organisations. The Political Council of Nationalities is composed of one delegate from each of the following:—Jews, Poles, Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Lettes, Esthonians, Georgians, Armenians, and Mussulmen. Three members represent Asiatic Russia. Ten members are appointed by the Government.

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Kerensky has introduced the eight hour working day in all military establishments.

Bread is being distributed in Switzerland at reduced prices to families with small incomes. Ten per cent. of the Swiss population has benefited by this measure. The Federative Council, however, has decided to raise the income limit, so that one-fourth of the population will get milk and bread at reduced prices.

Some German papers are organising a plébiseite amongst their readers, who are asked to vote for or against Scheidemann's peace conditions.

The Democratic Party in Buda Pest has organised a great démonstration in favour of peace and universal suffrage. Fifty thousand workers have passed a resolution demanding universal suffrage and freedom of the Press.

EMERSON CLUB, 19 Buckingham Street, Strand W.C.—Last "At Home" of the season, June 16th, 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Ganley, "Children's Care"; Mrs. Walker

Present Outlook."
WOMEN'S HALL.—Monday, June 18th, 8 p.m.,
members' meeting, London Section. Wednesday

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Wednesday next, 8.15 p.m. Debate: "Socialism versus
Single Tax", Mr. Lindsay, Mrs. Boyce, and others.
53 3T LEONARD'S STREET, BROMLEY.—Monday
next, 1, p.m., Miss Price.

WNDERLAND." WHITECHAPEL ROAD.—Grand
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Doris Lester, Discussion, 9-30 p.m.
WALTHAMSTOW, WILLIAM MORRIS HALL,
Somers Road.—Tuesday, 2-30 p.m. League of Rights

Somers Road. Turkey, Meeting.
SWANSEA.—Judge Neil will speak on "Mothers' Pensions" to-morrow (Sunday), 7 p.m., in the Elysium, High Street. Chair to be taken by Mr. W. H. Clement, president of the Swansea Labour Association. Admission by

silver collection.

SUFFRAGETTES OF THE W.S.P.U.—Public Meeting,
Caxton Hall, Westminster, Saturday, June 16th, 7,30 p.m.
Speakers: Mr. J. W. Williams, "The Temptations of our
Troops and Proof of the Necessity for Sex Education."

Miss Norah March, B.Sc., "Ways and Means of Sex
Education." Chair, Miss Lambie, Doors open at 7 p.m.

REFERENDUM IN BOW

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The preliminary canvass for the straw ballot on Adult Suffrage for women, Adult Suffrage for men, Proportional Representation, and the Referendum, which is to be taken in the four northern Wards in Bow, is going steadily forward. More canvassers are needed. All who are willing to help should apply at 400 Old Ford Road for further particulars.

According to the "Basler Nachrichten," the Hungarian cialist delegation has approved in Stockholm of the me peace programme as the Austrian Socialists. Great revolts are reported from Finland. In some discussal commerce is stopped, banks and shops are closed. I public buildings are in the hands of Socialists; only cialist papers are published. Soldiers have joined the overment. All Government action has been stopped.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

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Imagine a "Salon" which could but appeal to an "exquisite," its windows wide open to the sunshine, and there, music, sympathising in its beauty with the summer day! So perfect was the harmony that even the blackbird in the garden could not but help joining in the symphony. Such was the fitting milieu for the delightful Chamber Music Concert given at the residence of Madame Maria Levinskaya in aid of the "Mothers' Arms" and East End Babies' Milk Fund, on Saturday, June 9th. The orchestral part of the Concert wandered from Chausson's highly modern and intensive "Quartett," through the more sentimental work, "Soir," by Geo. Darème, to the delicate, old-world chamber music, "Trio," by Mendelssohn. These works were rendered in the most effective and sympathetic style, which was only to be expected from the artists, Madame Maria Levinskaya (piano), Mlle. Lena Kontorovitch (violin), Mlle. Anita Ricardo-Ricamore (viola), and Mlle. Effic Creamer (Cello). As a charming interfued Mr. Austin Carnegie gave us two songs, "Life and Death" and "Love's Philosophy," which, both in choice and performance, were part of the perfect whole.

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The attendance was more than satisfactory, making the charitable undertaking as great a success as the Concert itself. After the Concert the audience was invited to tea on the terrace, which was thoroughly enjoyed and gave an opportunity for all to discuss with appreciation the most pleasurable afternoon. I might here whisper "en secret" a few words mentioned by the charming hostess, Madame Maria Levinskaya, to the audience, announcing a series of educational Chamber Music Concerts at a very moderate price, which she intends to hold in the near future. If given in the same artistic style and milieu, they cannot fail to be highly enjoyable as well as instructive.—E. GULL.

HOXTON SOCIAL.

A very successful social was held at St. Stephen's Shop on June 7th. A number of new members joined. The entertainment was much enjoyed by all. It comprised LTly Ainsworth's graceful dancing and songs by Misses F. Smith, M. Perry, M. Carr, and Mr. H. Martin, Miss Pankhurst gave a short speech which was received enthusiastically. Our best thanks to all who helped, especially to Miss W. Perry and Miss Bailey for playing the dance music and to Mr. Brown for kindly lending us the piano from Hoxton Academy, and also Mr. Martin for tuning it. We may hemention our hearty thanks to Mr. Clare for fixing Zeppelin blinds in our hall. Proceeds of social will be announced later.

Donations to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Edgar Lansbury, or to the Hon. Financial Secretary, Miss N. L. Smyth. 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E. All parcels to 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

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We are very sorry to announce the death of an old member, Mrs. Muckley, of 87 Armagh Road, on Friday, June 81th, after a very long illness. She was one of those who loined during the stormy days of militancy and always regrete de that she could do so little in the quieter days which followed. We are sure all members will extend their sympathy to her family and friends.

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