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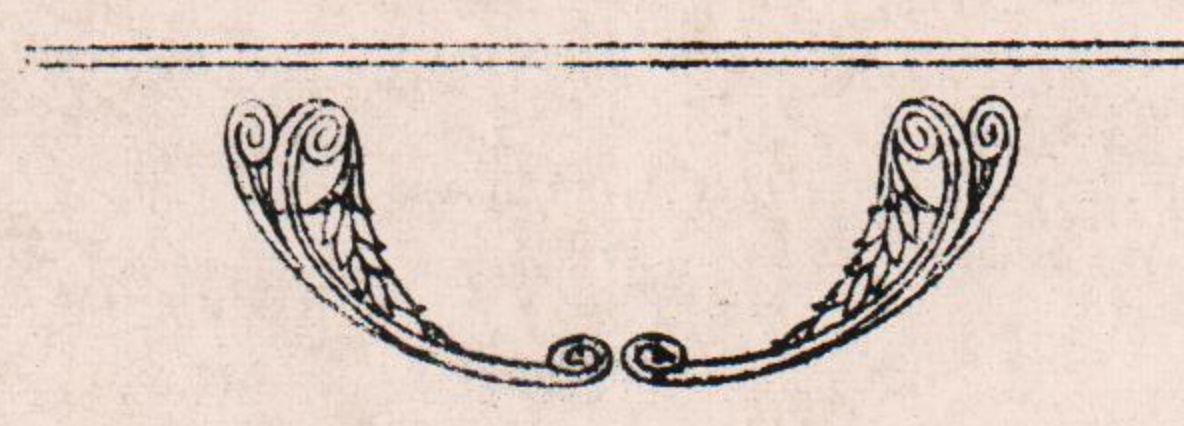
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SUM £. S. D. DIRECTOR

Sir J.D, Rees, M, P, for East Nottingham is a director of the following companies—

- Amalgamated Tea Estate Co. Tea planters,
- Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd,
- Anglo-American Direct Tea Trading Co. Ltd
- Bengal Doors Railway Co, Ltd,
- British Central Africa Co. Ltd, This Company has general exploitation rights in British Central Africa—Mining, Railways, Shipowners, Agricultural Proprietors,
- Shire Highlands Railway. Nyassaland. Ltd
- Central Railway of Chubut Co, Ltd,
- Champion Reef Gold Mining Co, of India,
- Kolar Power Co, Ltd, Electric Power Proprietors,
- Consolidated Tea and Lands Co, Ltd,
- Kanan Devan Hills Produce Co, Ltd. Tea Cinchona, and Rubber Estate Proprietors.
- Liberian Rubber Corporation Ltd.
- London Film Co, Ltd
- Mysore Gold Mining Co. Ltd,
- Ooregum Gold Mining Co. of India,
- Mysore Southern Extensions Co-
- Port Madryn (Argentina) Co. Ltd, Land and Railway Proprietors,
- South Indian Railway Co. Ltd
- Stagbrook Rubber and Tea Estates Ltd,

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Fellow Workers, look at the map, note the distance between the places, and ask yourself this question. How can Sir J. D, Rees direct these companies? How can he be in all these places and in parliament at the same time?

You know it is impossible.

He no more directs or takes a hand in directing industry, than he represents us in parliament, See what he has a hand in, Building, Rubber Gold Mining, Shipping, Tea, Electricity Picture Palaces and Films,

The most important thing about it is, what does he really do in aid of the production of wealth what assistance does he render Does any one believe that he directs Yes, he directs, the the profits of the different companies into the pockets of the class who do no work There is nothing that this class will not stoop to do to further enslave the workers of the world.

We as workers must unite to put an end to our exploitation by this class, The class who live on us,

We must fight them on the industrial and on the political field,

We believe the labour party intend contesting the seat held by Sir John we desire to put the following questions to the labour candidate,

Has it to be a fight or only a sparring match? If a fight, will he boldly state where he stands on the question of confiscation or compensation: Will he openly declare in favour of workers OWNERSHIP and CONTROL of all industry: Will he declare in favour of the abolition of parliamentary rule, and support Workers Industrials Councils, National and Local,

Has this to be a SHAM fight on the question of reforms; or will he take

his stand on the Social Revolution. An answer from the labour candidate is required, If he supports Workers Control then he has got to repudiate the labour party, but he will have the support all the REBEL forces Nottingham,

The question for this and all elections is who shall own the means of wealth production. The working class or present owners: Communism is only hope all else is illusion,

Trent Valley

ABOUT OURSELVES

Our first issue was a great success many letters of congratulations have come to hand, one and all wish us well but we want them to recognise that something more than congratulations is required, one and all must push the circulation of the worker,

We have not got a 10,000 circulation yet, Cash is still needed.

Voluntary subscriptions are always welcome.

At a meeting held in William Morris Institute on Monday 7th, June, many offers of help were made and accepted. The spirit shown was great everyone pledged themselves to their best for the WORKER.

We will do our best, YOU must yours;

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Our Editorial

FELLOW WORKERS

Are you satisfied with the condition under which you live? Many of you have no home. A majority of you are herded together in filthy hutches mis-named houses, under the thumb of the greedy landlords who are eagerly grasping the opportunity to bleed you by raising the rents. Reflect on the hovels in the neighbourhood of Nottingham, then ask yourself the question, Am I satisfied?

Your food is poor in quality, and often scant in quantity. Your miserable wages enable you to get little beyond keeping body and soul together. In short you do not live, you only exist. You are forced to work like slaves, because we are slaves.

Down in the bowels of the earth, almost in total darkness and blind with sweat, without sunshine and in an impure air, many of you spend the greater part of your lives, others work in factory and mine, cheered and goaded on by gaffers, You are forced to expose yourselves to merciless heat of the sun, to the sun and ingot, or else labour with barrow, wheelbarrow and trowel, or it may be stand behind a machine which is more like a weighing machine than a human being.

Whether it be in mine, workshop, factory or on the highway, you are there under conditions dictated by your boss, You are there to produce wealth or profit for him, You're there because the employers cannot find a substitute for your labour power,

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment is now rampant amongst the workers with its attendant hardships, and it is increasing. Under capitalism there is no security for the out of work. War service or unemployment service, you will be thrown on the scrap heap when you have ceased to be a means for creating profit.

WAR

Wars are not waged for ideals, as press pulpit and statesmen say, but in the interests of financiers and capitalists, in their mad rush for territory and markets. Ere the guns are cold, signs can be seen which points to another terrible war with one of our Allies, and once more you will be used as cannon fodder under the cloak of patriotism.

These are only two of the evils which invariably accompany capitalism, and many other could be named, the high cost of living and adulterated food, the corruption of our whole political and commercial life,

The wealth and power of the master class has been built up by the blood and sweat of thousands of your class, Only by the miseries and degradation of the latter have the fortunes of the master class been built up, Think of their comfortable surroundings, and the opportunities for intellectual development, and consider the conditions under which you and your little ones have to prepare for life's one-sided struggle, As in the county of Nottingham so it is wherever bloody flag of capitalism flies, wealth and poverty.

Why are these things so? because of private property, Because the land and instruments of production and distribution are privately owned, wealth is produced not for us, but for profit, This is the system under which you live, and which is responsible for all the social evils that afflict you to-day.

We call on you to revolt against capitalism

We ask you to help us to destroy and bury it beyond hope of resurrection and unite with us to build up the Communist Soviet Republic in Britain.

COMMUNISM

A Communist Group has been formed in Nottingham, having for its immediate object a relentless attack on capitalism, and the propagation of tactics to hurry its downfall

It is a waste of time passing resolutions.

Neither parliament nor politicians can burst the shackles of wage slavery, If you would be free you must free yourself. All power must be taken from the politicians, and concentrated in the organised working class.

We want a system in which the worker shall get what he produces, and the capitalist shall produce what he gets, That is a square deal, Why should you be dependant on the boss? Why should he own a tool he cannot use? and why should not you own the tool you have to use?

Fellow Workers if you agree with our

policy your place is in the local Communist Group the vanguard of the workers army, the army that will hurl mammon from its throne and set up the administration of the workers,

If you disagree with our policy fight us, If you agree, join up there is work for you.

ON WITH THE FIGHT

TRENCH NOTES

John Daly an ex-soldier, charged with stealing old iron, said he was driven to do it to get food for his wife, who had been ill 16 weeks, "I had no food for two days" he said "This is what I get for serving my country"

Sentence: A weeks imprisonment,
YOUR KING AND COUNTRY NEED YOU

H. V. Clark, who served in the army from 1915 to the autumn of 1918, informs us (says the Workers Dreadnought) that during the war.

37,000 MEN

were executed, or as the officials put it-

"suffered death by being shot"

The numbers for each year are as follows,

1914	523
1915	10,488
1916	12,689
1917	13,165
1918	1,035

The figures for 1914 and 1915 are incomplete

These men were all privates. Clark procured the particulars from Army Routine Orders, General Routine Orders and so on,

He observes: "It is interesting to note that NO OFFICER in the British army was permitted to suffer such a fate officers were merely cashiered,"

Ordering the working class to go to war with the present fire-arms is like ordering a working man to make a gun, load it, dig his own grave, crawl down into it, and scream "Hurrah for death!" and then shoot himself.

To be materially, a great man, to be pompously violent, to reign by virtue of the sword-knot and cocade, to possess a genius for brutality, this is to be great, if you will, but it is a coarse way of being great.

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PROMETHEUS UNBOUND

The working class is at last coming into its own. The dawn of its dreams is heralded, and a heritage of 2,000 years is about to be cast down, the fulfilment of a noble mission, which is nigh on 2000 years since private property in the accumulation of world possessions, entered into the life of humanity bringing with it a social organisation which has left a trail of blood across the history of civilization. Historians may question the method of its appearance, Sociologists dispute its causes, but with the fact none can deny.

A clear line is drawn through human history, separating the ancient communal system from the individual system. The factor responsible for this change was the birth of private property. The discovery of fire and its uses, the taming of animals for domestic use, the discovery of iron ore and the process of smelting, may be taken as items or stages which contribute towards the change.

The domestication of animals and the application of iron implements to agriculture, effected amongst other things the abolition of cannibalism, and made possible slavery as a system.

The warriors defeated in tribal conflicts were taken prisoners, instead of being killed and eaten as formerly: were taken to the fields to work the animals and operate the new and crudely devised implements with the result that the conqueror of the animals and implements had himself in possession of more wealth than he and his family could use. This gradually accumulated until after the lapse of years when his advanced span of life was nearing its end a problem arose as to what was to be done with some of his possessions. Normally in the tribal communal arrangement of society, these would have passed back into the collective possession of the tribe, but the desire to live even after death, so deep rooted in all human beings, asserted itself strongly and the accumulation of wealth offered a method of fulfilling this desire — To pass it on to the son would preserve the integrity of the family name and

retain with the existence of the wealth the memory of he who had built it up. Such was the method which suggested itself, and such was the method adopted.

To secure its operation however several consequent changes were also necessary, such as the unquestionable identification of the eldest son, as up to this point the family tree was distinguishable from the mother's side, instead of the father. Totem and tribal marriage, wherein all the men of one tribe or totem group were the husbands of all the women of a particular tribe or totem group, had to be changed in such a way as to ensure the complete paternal identity of the offspring.

Women became limited to one husband, and the age of the mother (matriachial) passed away to give place to the rule of the father (patriachial). This much accomplished, there yet remained a something more to ensure that the son did get the wealth, and to protect his possession of it.

The laws of the old world did not allow it, and so new laws had to be conceived.

A complete new legal code was introduced, changing entirely the whole basis of communal society, and elevating to seat of importance, instead of Human Life, private property.

The law of primogeniture, i. e. the right of the eldest son to inherit the property of the father, came into being and made property sacred.

Protective measures followed until its possession and accumulation was secure, and free from all question, thus civilization was born and made free to pursue its course of human strife with its property owners and slave class, the master and the slave class.

Since then these two classes, the master and the slave class have been engaged in one perpetual struggle, a struggle which may have changed in its appearance, altered in its

intensity and directness, but which has never ceased until this day, when workers are fighting, struggling against, and challenging the rule of the employers.

The greatest, the bloodiest, most terrible conflict recorded in the pages of history, involving in its throes, millions of the toiling masses over a period of 2,000 years, and it is nearing its end!!!

To-day there is scarcely a country in the known world, but there is to be found the Communistic movement, the masses of toilers organised together into a revolutionary movement, working towards, striving for and as in Russia dying on behalf of, that era of emancipation, that freedom from slavery which was our only inheritance.

Wherever these pages reach to, they constitute a clarion call to action, workers are behind them appealing to other workers to rally round for the great and final struggle of revolution.

The numbers of the revolutionary army are myriads, its courage is dauntless, its purpose is set, and its soul is willing.

It is the force of liberation and should you be a worker your duty is clear set into step, swing into the harmony and spirit of its march, it is "PROMETHEUS UNBOUND"

Arthur McManus

A COMPARISON

The Worker.

'Tis' 5 o'clock rouse worker rouse, to the sound of a clanging bell,
Its a warning that the day is brought
you've to go to that living hell,
Two rounds of Margo' a dash, a rush to
a task you cannot shirk,
With a lingering sigh to do or die,
JIMMY'S gone to work.

The Boss

'Tis' half past nine' the mornings fine,
there's a timid knock at the door,
Your shaving water ready sir, there's
steak and kidney galore,
At half past ten "your car is here says
the driver with a smirk,
As he leans back on the cushions the
boss he goes to **SHIRK!!!**

Is every member of your trade union branch a reader of the WORKER?
If not then you must take on the job

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ARNOLD NOTES

Rumour has it, that the member for Broxtowe Division does not intend to stand at the next election,
Save the tears!

Now then you miners, its up to you to find a real live man from the rank and file — the officials have let you down every time.

For your own sake dont get another blackleg sky pilot.

These local preachers are an obnoxious breed and like their professional brethren are out to gull the workers in order to perpetuate the present system

Send a man to FIGHT the master class not to hob-nob with them,

Bill Huskinson says "There is no blue funk about OUR flag, nor any white stripes for cowardice!

Rumph says its the union jack dyed deep in the blood of the workers who have bled in the fight for freedom,

Our flag the Red Flag has been handed down to us, right throughout the ages, Some day We will tell the story of our flag. Meanwhile get on with the work of Communism.

According to Lloyd George, private enterprise is the best of all possible systems' Righto says the miner we will buy you at your own game and demand a more wages until your boasted system breaks down.

is not true that prices rise because increased wages but vice versa, if the capitalist could recoup himself every time wages advanced do think he would fight as he does, Not POLICEMAN likely,

the State! whatever the state says is: whatever it has is a theft, all counterfeit in it,

is gnawing, sanguinary, insatiate, even bites with stolen teeth, its bowels are counterfeit

Nietzsche

the state rests on the slavery of the ruling class, Down with the state.

CITY NOTES

Notts clergy worse off than bricklayers,
Notts, Post Headline,
Our Answer Why Not?

FOR YOU WORKER

At a meeting of the Nottingham Master tailors association, one member advised the public to wear overalls.
notts, news 1st, june.

Very nice, it is our class that make all the clothes, and dont you know that if you would wear overalls, there would be more clothes for our Poor Masters. God Bless them:

MORE houses FOR US

Nobody seems pleased with the new houses, but a good kind gentleman by the name of Mr. O'Connell, of the trent-concrete company has come forward with a suggestion that our houses be built with concrete,

the three points in favour are,

First, they are CHEAP,

Secondly, they are labour saving in construction,

Thirdly, they are quickly put up.

see notts, news 1st, june

There your are, something cheap, saves labour; which means saves wages quickly put up, not your wages. but the concrete houses,

We are getting on, Wear overalls and save all the good clothes for the idlers Live in cheap houses and the boss will have a mansion to live in,

MORE FOR US

Why not stop eating, Let us go into the park and eat grass: leave all the good food for our master,

For he was so good and so kind to us

HOW LONG

How long will we stand it fellow workers, dont you think it about time you did something more than pass a resolution The trades council are asleep, the city council is worse than useless, Why not set up our own coun-

cils. Workers Social Councils, in the wards in the district Get ready workers ownership and control,
DO IT NOW

NETHERFIELD NOTES

THINGS WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW
if the houses now being built in the district are fit for heroes to live in, and is it true that the furniture is to be inlaid before the roofs are put on,

Was it by accident or design that the thousands of labour men on the council were each elected on the housing committee, Were the other members afraid of tackling the job or do they desire the labour men to bear the abuse of the hundreds of applicants who will be disappointed.

Who is going to pay the heavy expenses incurred in defending the public against the greed of the city council in attempting to absorb us inside the city,

We take this opportunity of thanking those people who subscribed about £20, to support the widow who lost her boy by drowning in the trent, on whit-monday, Our Comrades Varnan & Atkins did splendid work in making the collection,
Kind Hearts are more than coronets,

WOMEN AWAKE!

A Conference of women was held at Arnold on the 9th, June, representing the Notts & Derby Labour Womens' Advisory Council, The Conference was well attended and meeting, under the control of Mrs. Cook, who was in the chair, showed that at last, women were awakening to the fact that they must take a hand in helping to solve the social problem. Mrs. Anderson Fenn, delivered an address on Anti-Militarism.

Altogether the tone of the speeches were good, more conferences are required, working women should be called together in all districts to discuss things pertaining to the Welfare of our class, To long have we left these matters in the hands of our masters,

OUR DAY IS COMING

Special Article in next Issue to Mothers and Daughters

By C. Stewart