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WORKER

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NO. 6

CITY AND COUNTY

ONE PENNY

WAR—WHAT FOR?

"NOBODY WANTS WAR"

This Out For Reference
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Lloyd George interviews the
delegates and declares that
Britain will aid Poland unless
advance of the Red Armies is
suddenly stopped.

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Arthur Henderson warns local
organisations that there is
danger of war.

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Lloyd George has seven four hour
meetings with Russian delegates
threatens war if a truce is not
made by Monday night.

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'Times' says we stand upon
brink of a crisis fraught with
perilities only less tragic than
that lowered over us in the
week of August six years ago
Meeting of Labour Party Executive
Parliamentary Committee of the
C, and the Parliamentary
called for Monday

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Lloyd George receives Russian
terms and considers it unsatisfactory

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Lloyd George, Millerand, Foch.
Sir Henry Wilson. confer
ence,

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Communication to the press
states that the situation is gloomy
and the question has been referred
to military advisors,

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The Conference ends. Allied
governments announce that they are
in complete agreement regarding
action to be taken, including
naval measures-



History Of Ignorance Obeying Orders

Joint meeting of the three Labour bodies
unanimously decides for using the whole
industrial power of the organised workers
to defeat this war.

Council of Action formed:

August 10

Council of Action meets Lloyd George
who promises that his statement will be
reassuring.

Lloyd George in the House of Commons
professes to want peace, but talks of host-
ile action if Russian terms to Poland are
inconsistent with Polish independence,

"Daily Herald" publishes Russian
terms in special night edition and so
forces Premier to announce them
officially,

August 11

French Government announces that
it will recognise and aid General
Wrangle. Lloyd George professes to
believe this is a mistake of some
subordinate in Millerand's absence.

August 12

French declaration officially confir-
med as deliberate decision of Miller-
and and cabinet,

August 13

National Labour Conference gives
full power to Council of Action to
order whatever industrial action
may be needed to stop war.

August 14

Grand Newspaper Chorus
"Nobody Wants War"

August 16

Lloyd George declares that Labour
has been forcing an open door with
a sledge hammer,

Labour — knowing better — laughs
and continues to make ready

HURRAH FOR WAR

In going to war you must work like
a horse and be as poor as a mouse,
must be as humble as a toad, as
meek as a sheep and obey like a dog:
you must fight like a tiger, be as
cruel as a shark, bear burdens like a
mule and eat stale food like a half-
starved wolf: for a few shillings a
week you must turn against your
own class and thus make an ass and
a cats-paw of yourself;

Let your boss go to war if he
wants war. Don't fight for him
Fight against him and his class,

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Our Editorial

A tangled web in sooth it is,
Yet here we have the clue,
The tools whereby the many live,
Are mastered by a few.

The interest of the working class and the capitalist class are opposed to each other-

We communists seek, we work, we fight, in order to get LABOUR to show its solidarity.

The solidarity displayed by the forces of labour in Nottingham the last few weeks, is a sign of a great awakening on the part of the hosts of labour.

This awakening is not merely confined to our part of the country, from all quarters comes the news of the working class uniting together.

Never in the history of the modern working class movement has such solidarity been shown.

Well may our masters tremble, they have every cause to do so. The end of their rule is at hand, the great awakening of labour means that our masters will soon be put to "sleep".

Slowly but surely labour is becoming conscious of its might, patriotism is losing its effect, waving the union jack cannot much longer be used to dull the brain of the workers.

Let the working class continue to show a growing SOLIDARITY and all will be well.

There is work for you in this movement, it is up to you fellow worker, talk it over with your work mates, talk it over in the district where you live. Join the communist party Get ready for the REVOLUTION-

THE NEW POOR

Lord Tredegar has a fine yacht, which some humourist christened "liberty" The cost of the upkeep of this yacht is £1,000 per week.

This is how the people who live on US squander the wealth they have robbed from US. Yet the press of the country blame us for the high cost of living.

THE EVER POOR

A Grantham Ex-service man, who has a pension of 15/- per week, on which to keep himself, his wife, and four children, disagreed with the treatment given to him by the labour exchange, he expressed his grievance by smashing a plate glass window valued at £16, he was fined.

A GREAT DANGER

At Sandown the gasworkers are on strike, the sea scouts are acting as strike breakers.

Here we have movements, composed mainly of working class boys being used to blackleg the working class,

What reply can organised labour give: We suggest building up our own organisation for the young.

We cannot allow the training of our children to be left to militarists. We must have our own organisation.

We are assisting in the work of forming The Young Labour League.

To those interested in this work, we urge on them to get in touch with Geo. Varnam Asper St. Netherfield.

GOT THE WIND UP

They have got the wind up: here is an extract from the "guardian"— "It is understood that at the coming municipal elections, the Socialists will make a determined effort to capture the whole city, and run it on socialistic lines. This would be a grave calamity, and we appeal to our readers to do all they can to prevent it."

There you are, be a political blackleg in order to save the property of the Human Leeches, that are living on the plunder they have robbed from US. It wont succeed. The workers are awakening, and even the tripe dished up by the "Guardian" cant put us to sleep again,

Not only will we control the whole of Nottingham, but the whole of the country- Then our bosses be in a hole.

LABOUR AND FREED

Under the above heading "writing to the local press objecting to the tone of the speeches delivered in the market place He states in effect that war militarism had to be crushed and so must Bolshevism.

"Patriot" seems to think with the crushed militarism, some people are mentally blind, militarism is still more than ever.

WHO the HELL is CHURCH

We did intend printing an article on this "filthy subject" but to do so we want to know, we urge on the readers to read Howard Evans book "On Nobility". You can order it from the office, or if you want to read it we have a copy you can have at. Call round any old time to read it. Maria Monk is never

THE DUKE'S NIGHTMARE

The Duke of Northumberland has been writing to the Morning Post denouncing Bolshevism because it means confiscation. He is right. When one remembers that the Duke owns about 200,000 acres worth of the same number of £'s. one can understand why he is again denouncing anything. He has the confiscation to long. Let us give him the Order of the Sack.

WELSH RAREBIT

Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons that a certain amount of unemployment was to be expected this winter,

To say that unemployment is expected this winter is a gross statement of the position.

From all quarters we hear news of growing armies of unemployed. In Nottingham it is now 2,000 if not over, and the unemployment books at Portsmouth show the number is rising.

What hope have the unemployed: Capitalism is the cause and must be smashed,

1 oz. OF BUTTER,

—o—

Whatever shall we do with a "tremendous" amount, Put the bottle, cork it tight, then rub the bottle on the bread, AMEN

Municipal Finance and the Worker.

hope I have succeeded in making clear that the system of Municipal government which obtains in this country is designed and hedged round with restrictions to prevent it from undermining the capitalist system.

Therefore did Labour secure full control its best efforts would prove very unsatisfactory until it had succeeded in wresting from Parliament greater administrative powers, their greatest difficulties would be present their helplessness in regard financial matters, they start their work with a heavy debt which is constantly increasing, owing to new liabilities, which must be incurred and the ever increasing interest burdens incidental thereto.

These new burdens grow so fast their annual charges on the rates become so great: that the rates received annually will not meet the interest and sinking fund charges. For ordinary administrative expenses are provided for

Let me cite a few examples which in my judgment are a disgrace to our country. A loan contracted on account of the Chamber Estate in the year 1863, for £1828 9s 11d included in discount is £228. 9 11 discount on the issue of the stock Only £365: 7 3 of this loan has actually been paid. We have a Sinking Fund in hand of £580 and the outstanding balance on the 31st Mar, 1919 was £882 12 8. This loan was contracted 56 years ago and during that time ratepayers have paid £54 a year in interest and the debt has not been reduced a year. If it takes 56 years to reduce a debt of £1828 9 11 included in discount by practically one half we are justified in concluding that in a City like this we cannot pay a small debt like this in less than 56 years.

Loans contracted on the Chamber Estate between the years 1863 and 1876 were without discount £42109 14 0. The discount on the issue of this stock was £6422 12 0. The outstanding balance on the 31st Mar, 1919 was £26657 2 4. The average life of these loans is about 40 years so that during the past 40 years we have reduced the liabilities on this account by £15452 12 7. How much

have the shortsighted ratepayers paid in interest on these loans during these 40 years. Interest under any trading transaction is nothing short of moral robbery, but to pay interest on what you have not received and for the sum to stand as a debt against you is double robbery. See how the interest on the discount on this loan works out. Forty years interest at 3% on the £6422 12 comes to £7680 which is £1258 over the original sum. So that we have paid £7680 in interest on a gratuity to the stock holders of £6422 worth of stock and we still owe them the full amount.

Take another small case and I am writing small cases to expose a system which spins out over such long periods the repayments of small loans, for the sole purpose of exploiting the workers:

The weighing machine at the top of Derby Road, was purchased for £2000 nett, and discount of £253 17 13 in the year 1876. The outstanding balance of this account on the 31st, March 1919, was £1078 3 9:

That means we have not reduced the real loan by one half in 43 years although we must have paid the total in interest during the past 43 years. The discount of £253 17 10 we have paid in full in interest, and still we owe it, shall finally pay this sum to the stock holders although we never had anything of value for it. The Public Park Estate, The Public Bath Estate, in fact all these estates are crushed down with very old loans such as I have detailed. Some of them should be dealt with to save our sense of shame.

Take this one as a case in point. Disinfecting Station, Windsor Street Loan £550, 15 7 which includes a discount of £50 15 7. on issue. This was contracted in the year 1876. The outstanding balance on the 31st. Mar 1919. was £213 15 2. This means we were so poor as a City that we could not find £500 to undertake work safeguarding the health of our citizens but we had to borrow it, and give the investors over £50 to lend us £500. That is over 43 years back and we have paid already considerable more in interest than the original loan and we still owe £213 15 2. Again I repeat the constitution of all local

governing bodies has been so framed by the Legislative as to safeguard the capitalist system, and to prevent the possibility of any action by advanced men of the Labour Movement or the intelligent middle class, from carrying out reforms that would tend to undermine the capitalist system.

Means must be devised by which urgent reforms can be carried out without resorting to this system of borrowing on the capitalist market, which is the cause of nine tenths of our present debt. Municipalities must have greater powers in financial matters by which alone can they relieve themselves of present difficulties. If these facts could be brought home to the vast body of voters I feel sure that the men who understand finance would soon dominate all our councils. Then they could make things hum.

George Watts

DEAN INGE ON MINERS

This gentleman? has been writing to the public press, airing his ignorance and generally qualifying for long ears. Read mark and learn! Thus saith the dean, "A miner gets £1,000 a year, is a bloodsucker and a lazy brute." What a dirty awkward liar the dean is. He, of course is a hard worker. My yes, but the writer could find him a cleaner, sweeter, and far more useful job, than vilifying a hardworking section of the community. Let HIM go down the mine, work eight hour at the coal face. When he comes to the surface his sweetscented epidermis will be very dirty, but even then it would look clean in comparison with his dirtyness of his soul. Fancy HE daring to call anyone a bloodsucker. What useful service does the Dean perform for the benefit of the community, in return for the good education (so woefully misused) fine raiments and easy living, that the community has bestowed upon him. A follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, forsooth! How the atheists must relish the Dean. What fine chances he gives them to point out the hypocrisy of the Church.

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SPEEDING UP PRODUCTION

The King and Queen left the palace for Balmoral Castle,

Lady Alastair Innes Kerr left town for Scotland,

The Duke of York has gone shooting

Prince Henry left for Aldershot.

Princess Mary performed the opening ceremony at the Royal Horticultural Society,

The Editor of the WORKER and his wife dined at Tom Sanderson's Noted Tripe Shop.

SOME HOUSE

Councillor H. E. Stevenson said he had looked at the Sandiacre houses, and if they went in for any housing scheme for Stapleford he hoped the authorities would not make them build such "shows" as those. He would like the houses to be decent and nice. He did not know whether it was true, but he heard of a bath 2ft. something by 1ft. something being too large to go in the bath room.

ATTENTION

Two newspaper posters posted side by side.

WORK FOR	EX-SERVICE
ALL	MEN
EX-SERVICE	BEWARE
MEN	

SOME REPORTS

From reports appearing from time to time in the press, one would think that going down a coal mine to get coal was as pleasant as going to the Riviera.

Even if the miners do get all that some of his opponents say he is getting, £10 per shift, don't laugh: you can make it £20 if you like, but try and think of the risk he takes.

SOME RISK

From 1910 to 1914 the average pit casualties were 165,021 every year: 517 every day: 1 every 3 minutes,

DEATHS

The average for nine years is 1,407 deaths per year.

A EXAMPLE FOR BRITISH WORKERS.

A week ago the Italian metal-workers entered upon an astonishing experiment of the first importance. For nearly a month they had been engaged in an obstinate struggle with the employers for increased wages. The employers refused to concede the increased demand, and the men refused to abate their demands, the situation seemed hopeless. Then suddenly the workers executed their coup de force. With an astonishing spontaneity they seized practically the whole of the machine shop iron foundries, and steel works in Italy, including the famous 'Fiat' works at Turin.

ITALIAN SOVIET

The directors were thrust outside the gates, and the gates locked, with armed workers to guard them—Red Guards, as they were at once called. Then, most astonishing thing of all work was calmly resumed as if nothing had happened.

A Shop Committee or soviet, was elected in each establishment in the captured industry by a full assembly of all the workers employed in it, even including the engineers, skilled workers, and clerks, who have never before in the history of industrial Italy been known to co-operate with the mass of less-skilled employers. These Soviets immediately took over the functions of the banished directors and managers, and up to the present have worked admirably.

Production is proceeding normally and even super-normally. for in some shops and foundries it is claimed that the output under the Soviets is 10% higher than before, owing to the new eager spirit of co-operation shown by men who feel that for the first time they are working for themselves.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Nottingham and District Offices

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