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Father Yorke Backs Bolsheviki Police Pogrom

Pointed Talk to Lloyd George and Wilson.

Telling an audience of 2,000 wrapt listeners that "There is more truth in the Bolsheviki crowd than in all the politicians of all the earth," flaying the morning newspapers of the land in words of biting and scathing scorn, and referring to David Lloyd George as "that damned little Welsh attorney," Father Peter C. Yorke delivered a stirring address at the St. Patrick's Day gathering at the Victory theatre, San Jose, California, that contained more of the old Yorkeian fervour, flayour, and fire than any address that he has delivered since he first bethat he has delivered since he first be-came noted as a speaker of power and convictions.

The theme of the Rev. Father Yorke's address was: "What Does Language Mean?" And he answered his own question in a vehement, impassioned pleathat roused his hearers to a pitch of

frenzy.
"What does language mean?" asked Father Yorke.

"Does language mean anything?" he asked.

"Does Bolsheviki mean anything?

Well, let me tell you, there is more truth in the Bolsheviki crowd than there is in all the politicians you have in all the world."

Then Father Yorke paid his verbal respects to President Wilson, Lloyd George, George Creel (American Press Censor), and other worthies, and he

handled them without mittens.

Father Yorke's address follows:—
"What does language mean? I really wonder if language means anything?
"Our President has deluged us with words. He told us all kinds of things about what he was going to do. Now the great question is: Does he mean anything by what he says?

great question is: Does he mean anything by what he says?

"I know it is an awful thing to say anything against the President. I know that only too well.

"Now you Irish have been voting the Democratic ticket for 150 years, and what have we got out of it? Nothing.
"We have been talking five months.

"We have been talking five months, applause).

talking about making the world safe for democracy. Now, what does democracy and tush, and likewise don't wake the mean? It means the rule of the people. baby (laughter). Well, let me tell you,

We are supposed to be the democrats. If this is so, what knowledge did we have. What knowledge have we now?
"Please excuse the language, but I

am saying it in the worst way I can. We didn't have knowledge of a damned thing. (Wild applause).

Hot Plate for Creel.

"George Creel has seen to it that we didn't get any knowledge. Now, who is George Creel? He is a (censored). You are welcome to him. The griddle is too hot for George Creel. A man can sit on a griddle when it is comfortable. He can even enjoy sitting on it, when it is comfortable, but when it gets too hot to sit on, he has to get off it. The griddle is too hot for George Creel. Do you get me? He's leaving it.

They have been filling you up for the last four years with foolishness. Did you ever hear of the Wild Ass of the Desert, who filleth his belly with the East Wind, and when he brayeth, no man

regardeth.
"A human is supposed to be an intellectual animal. You men and women of San Jose, are you intellectual animals or

"In California, in San Francisco, in San Jose, I am afraid you are not intel-

lectual animals. "What do you get for breakfast? Oh, know you get breakfast food, mush and

the like, but what do you get for your mind for breakfast?

You get the morning newspaper. What is the morning newspaper for you? The morning paper is filling you up with the East wind. The morning paper is filling you up with propaganda. The morning paper is the Wild Ass of the Desert.

"You take your morning paper and you take what you see in it for granted. It's not always true when you see it in the morning paper. It's rarely true. If you people would say I am going to do this thing regardless of the morning newspaper and then go and do it, you would knock the devil out of all the morning newspapers in the world, and there's a good deal of the devil in the morning newspapers.

to vote for yourselves.
"'No response?, pondered the speaker.
"You don't respond because you don't understand.

"What does government exist for? Does it exist that this man or that man may eat of gold plates in Europe? Does it exist that we may have fools showing off in Sacramento?

"There used to be in the old times of San Francisco on the corner of O'Ferrell and Market streets, an old fellow with a telescope. 'Come and see Mars for five cents,' he used to say. That's the trouble with you folks. You want to see Mars, but you do not want to see selves. But you must see yourselves.

" Now, I want to tell you people that you are just as well able to govern yourselves as all the politicians and all the statesmen and all the hoi pollo on the top of the earth.

"And coming back to the morning newspaper, let me ask you what is a morning newspaper? Why are you so afraid of a morning newspaper? Why is it that you fall down before the morning

newspaper?

"If it were not that some good doctors are opposed to my opinion, I would say that your ordinary morning daily newspaper is a hygienic apparatus. That's what I think of the morning newspapers.

Wake Up the Baby,

"Why is it that while we have been making the world safe for democracy, we don't say a word about Ireland? (Great

hat's what it means.

I we are not only going to wake the baby,

"We are supposed to be the rulers. but we are going to wake up the whole

orphan asylum.
"They'll tell you that the Irish question is a domestic question between Mr Ireland and Miss Britain, and they'll advise you to let them have their family quarrel out between themselves. we're going to have it out, and it's go. ing to be a regular family affair, not a mere domestic spat between Mr. Ireland and Miss Britain.

"I have one last thing to say, and I have been coming around to it.

"What About Ireland?"

From the gallery-"Ireland is all right."

"You bet your life, you Bolsheviki,
Ireland is all right," smilingly responded

the speaker.
"I want to tell you that the Irish in America have no effect. You are the wind whistling through the trees.

The Irish in Ireland are the ones that will settle their own question.

"One thing I ask you is that you keep the flag flying.

"Who are we, who are gathered here? We are the scattered remnants of the

(From the gallery-"We are the

Irish.")
"Who is that Bolsheviki that is interrupting me?" asked the speaker, with a laugh. Then continuing, "We are the ravelings. We have left Ireland. We have no right to say a word to them.

"Let us say that in Ireland's fights we of California have never been backward. You of San Jose have never been backward. Wherever there was a fight for Ireland we have been in it, in spirit at least, and God speed, we'll be in it to the end.

"Who is Lloyd George, a damned little Welsh attorney, that he can tell twenty million Irishmen what they must do, and how they must be governed."

-" The Truth," Duluth, Minn., U.S.A.

YOUNG SOCIALIST, not a true-blue A Briton, would like to spend week-ends in Dublin with Irish or Foreign Socialist family. Write B.I., c/o the "Voice."

Plan Defeated.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL BANNED AS SEDITIOUS.

FOUR PEELERS SHOT.

GIRL CONCERT-GOER WOUNDED

The Connolly Birthday celebration planned by the Socialist Party of Ireland has been made memorable by the interference of Col. Edgeworth Johnson and James Ian Macpherson.

There was nothing hidden about the concert project. The Dublin Saturday evening papers, the Irish Ireland weeklies, the "Daily Herald" carried announcements of it for the past six weeks. It was placarded on Dublin hoardings for fourteen days before the date.

Yet no official intimation of its prohibition was given until at 7.45 p.m. on

Thursday last.

Then the cordons of police were drawn across Dawson street cutting off the people who were flocking towards the Mansion House. The chairman and others were left inside. The committee in charge, of the affair, warned by sundry rumours circulated the previous night, had already obtained, with the co-operation of the Irish Citizen Army, possession of the Trades Hall, which the late secretary had refused to hire to them.

Members of the Fianna and the Citizen Army directed the crowd to the new venue, and the mass of people that the secret prohibition had encouraged to assemble in the vicinity was being rapidly cleared away, when the

STARTLING EXCHANGE OF SHOTS took place at Stephen's Green. Full publicity has been accorded to the police version of the affray, but the testimony of several eye-witnesses, visitors from abroad, including several soldiers, differs from it in essential particulars. Four policemen and two civilians, one a young girl who was proceeding to the authorities to prevent its being held, were wounded, and for a time, the police cleared off Stephen's Green.

AT THE TRADES HALL.

Meantime the dingy structure in Capel street was packed with ticket-In the absence of Wm holders. O'Brien, detained at the Mansion House, Countess Markievicz, T.D.E., was called to the chair. Casey prefaced his programme with humorous comment on his exclusion from the Mansion House, and performed wonders on the violin, accompanied by Dolly Pickard, who by some miracle extracted music from the ruin of a piano, the condition of which is a sufficient explanation of the Trades Council discords. J. J. Hughes, Liam Power, Frank Robins, Sean Rogan, and the S.P.I. choir contributed to a successful entertainment.

Cathal O'Shannon abandoned his intention of lecturing on 'James Con-nolly—Educationalist,' and chose the more relevant subject of James Connolly, anti-imperialist. * He can write or speak with comparative freedom on the former aspect of Connolly's work at any time, so he chose to say things that cannot be printed under present circumstances.

THE COUNTESS

made a vigorous appeal for funds to forward the project of a Connolly Memorial Workers College, and was rewarded by a substantial collection from the audience. The net proceeds of the concert were to be devoted to this fund, but owing to the Government's interference a serious loss will be involved.

In these circumstances the Socialist Party will be glad to receive subscriptions in aid of the College scheme. Remittances should be made payable to the Socialist Party of Ireland, cheques and P.O.O. crossed I.A.W.S. Bank, and forwarded to the Secretary, 42 N. Great George's Street, Dublin.

The Connolly souvenir commanded a large sale, and was highly appreciated by all purchasers. The section, "Essen- version of his teaching.

LAWLESSNESS IN ENGLAND.

Compiled from the "Sunday Chronicle." Liverpool.—Thirteen men charged with attempted murder of three policemen.

Many persons injured. Negro drowned.

Newport (Mon.)—Serious riots, thirty wounded, 28 arrests.

Rhyl.—Bank held up by armed soldiers and £70 stolen. Gambridge.—Man and wife shot. Mary-port.—J.P.'s teeth knocked out. Westminster.-Woman commits suicide. Bethnal Green.—2 children murdered with ham knife. London, N.W.—Woman murdered in flat. Aldershot.—Civilian shot. Fulbeck.—Girl murdered. Staines

Vicar fined for pouring hot water on dog. These are simply examples of brutality and violence. There are also recorded in last Sunday's "Chronicle" several divorce and bigamy cases and

others more nauseous.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

FRENCH REBELS ARE WATCHING IRELAND.

Everywhere the people who do things

are talking and writing about Ireland.
In its issue of June 4 "La Vie Ouvière," the famous fighting organ of the revolutionary French trade unionists now on strike in Paris, gives a column to a review of the Labour and Republican movements in Ireland. The article is too long to quote in full, but the following passages will interest our readers:

"The situation in Ireland which the Peace Conference refuses to examine for fear of displeasing Lloyd George, the champion of the small nations, right, justice, etc., is a great cause of uneasiness just now for governmental and capitalist England. From the political point of view it is clear to-day the Irish want English domination no longer. They demand their absolute independence and a republican regime. From the economic point of view the Trish workers want a social organisation based upon a Soviet regime analogous to that which the Russian Communists have established, but adapted, of course, to the special conditions of Ireland."

"Even before the war there was a strong trade union current in Ireland which made itself felt in the great strike concert in ignorance of the carefully in Dublin, and its best known repreconcealed determination of the Castle sentatives were Jim Larkin and James Connolly. It had its own organ 'The Workers' Republic,' founded by James Connolly in 1898, and this was at the same time the official organ of the Transport Workers' Union. At the time of the Easter Rising, 1916, James Connolly was shot by the English, and the paper was suppressed. But the movement continued, and the paper has re-appeared under the title of 'The Voice of Labour.',

The Belfast and Limerick strikes are reviewed and explained.

In the course of a summary of the Unionist Alliance plot and delegation to Westminster "with the object of getting the Government to undertake still more violent repression than any in these later years," our militant contemporary cites the Alliance's reference to the Republican conquest of 73 seats out of 105, democracy? What about the rule of the majority?" and asks significantly: "What about

The demand of the Alliance for "firm government," it concludes, means more deportation, more imprisonment, more shooting. "This regime is not dictatorship. It is the 'liberty' which England the Great, victorious in the war for right and justice and the freedom of the little peoples has to offer the work-

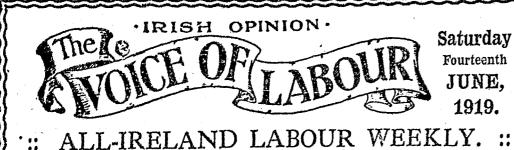
ers of Ireland."

IRISH COAL MINES.

Irish Coal Mines Commission visited Wolfhill and Castlecomer Coal Mines last week-end and inspected the working of the mines, the pithead and underground. The three Labour representatives, Michael Gilmartin, Thomas Foran and Wm. O'Brien, were present.

Next Week:
A NEW PROGRAMME FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF IRELAND. By SEAN MacLOUGHLIN.

tial Truth from Connolly," consisting of extracts from his writings, has been admirably compiled and affords a tabloid



BRITISH LABOUR'S LAST CHANCE.

lies of Russia and Hungary and the have any real power in the big organpeace violence to be imposed upon Ger- isations which after all are the forces man and Austria are putting the de- that count. And there can be no suc-mocracies of the Allied and Associated cessful move made in Great Britain Governments to a severe test.

courage, and look like passing it with do; the transport workers could co. honour. Since we wrote the Italian sea- All three together would be irresistible. men have delivered their ultimatum. But will they act? Can the activists They have refused to carry munitions to either persuade or compel them to act? Russia for use against their fellow- That is the cruicial point. workers. They will sink with their ships to the bottom of the sea before believe they will act, and whoever is dethey will allow themselves to be used to crush the Soviet Republics.

Again let us say plainly that we do not believe they will act, and whoever is depending upon them to act is depending upon dreams. They may indeed talk a to crush the Soviet Republics.

kicked against their masters. In spite but we fear they will be satisfied with of both the French and British censor-ships news has leaked out that in Tou-louse French soldiers have paraded the out his principles. But they need not streets carrying the Red Flag, singing put the blame on Wilson's shoulders. the "Internationale" and calling for The fault is their own, and it is more the downfall of Clemenceau and peace than a fault, it is a crime, with Soviet Russia. The mutiny in the Let us turn now to some French Fleet has been more effective promises something more substantial. and more widespread than was at first At Sheffield at Easter we told some of reported or believed. And on top of all our English comrades that the Socialthat came the great strikes involving ists and the workers generally in Irenearly half a million workers in Paris land were anxious to see an alliance of and vicinity. These strikes are not all the elements and organisations of merely industrial. These strikes have a the Left in these countries for the political aim as well, and that aim is a purpose of fighting reaction, militarism fair peace and no outside interference and imperialism. That was at the with Russia or Hungary.

C. R. Buxton have been consulting the tionary alliance in Great Britain. So Italian Socialist Party on the differdid the S.L.P. Then there are shopences between the Second and Third Instewards and workers' committees. We ternationals. From the meagre reports believe that a combination of these with to hand it would seem that the Italians the W.S.F. and the I.L.P. could bring have elaborated their plans for joint about such an alliance as would move action in Italy, France and England in the mass in these countries. And we order to save the Revolutions. A one- have no shadow of doubt whatever that day or two-day general strike is sug- Ireland would take its place in such an gested. It seems that this has been alliance, provided only that the alliance agreed to subject to the consent of the meant business. Not only that but we

The consent of the Italian workers is auxiliaries for such an alliance in Great not in any doubt, nor that of the Britain itself.

French workers. But what are the The proposal has come up again in a British workers going to do?

threats and declarations into deeds.

in England is working hard to arouse the individual organisations. the working class in Great Britain. We do not know that these brave comrades the proposal is big with possibilities, and are having much success. We admire that it is absolutely essential if any their courage, but frankly we do not action is to be taken in these countries envy them their job. They have a great we have no hesitation in commending

they are only a handful. But above all ready.

The war against the Workers' Repub- we doubt it because few if any of them unless it is a mass movement of one As we noted last week the French and kind or another. The miners could de-Italian workers are facing the test with liver the goods; the railwaymen could

With something of their old magni- little and shout a little more, they may ficent spirit the French workers have compel Churchill to change his tone,

Let us turn now to something that

The B.S.P. con-B.S.P. conference. At Milan Longuet and Macdonald and ference declared in favour of a revoluorganisations in the different countries. believe Trish Labour can find allies and

still more concrete form in the Open Manifesto after manifesto, declara- Letter appealing for a united effort pubresolution have come from the leaders Murphy. In brief Murphy proposes a of Labour in Great Britain. They all conference of all these parties for the denounce the wars against Russia and purpose of founding a Federation inside Hungary. They all condemn the peace of which each party would be free to reterms of the Big Four at Paris. They tain its identity, but in which all all oppose militarism and conscription parties would unite their resources and at home and abroad. But none of them their strength in furtherance of the as much as hint at action of any kind. aims which are common to all. They The Triple Alliance has spoken indeed, would unite upon their points of agreeand some of its leaders, we believe, ment, they would agree to differ on mean what they say. But nowhere is their points of disagreement. With there the least sign of translating Murphy we believe that agreement can be secured on the bigger issues and Here and there indeed the Left wing that the lesser issues may be left to

Believing this, and believing too that battle to fight, and they are fighting this course to the workers in Ireland, well. Can they succeed? We doubt it. and assuring our friends in other or-We doubt it because in the first place ganisations that we in Ireland are

A CRATEFUL EMPIRE, Patience and Fenance,

Lord French, speaking to the ex-soldiers from Achill said ("Irish Times" report): "He impressed them with the importance of having a little further patience."

Judge Todd, at Derry, dismissed an action for £50 for breach of contract by a demobilised soldier named Archibald Ball against Samuel Morrison and Co., coal merchants. Plaintiff joined the army on seeing a placard in defendant's office that anyone who did so would get his job back after the war, but when he applied he was refused. The defence was that as soon as a job was vacant plaintiff would get it.

Judge Todd sentenced an ex-soldier who had also served in the Navy during the war, and who had no previous convictions, to three months imprisonment for an assault alleged to have been committed in connection with a trade dispute.

Wine, Red Wine!

An important meeting of all men engaged in the wholesale wine, tea and spirit trade will be held in Liberty Hall on Friday, 13th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp, when a full attendance is expected. WM. KEARNEY, Sec.

THE LEAGUE OF YOUTH Against Union Scabbery.

The rivet boys strike at Dublin Dockyard, which has continued since 27th ult., has brought out the Boilmakers Society as an organiser of scab labour for the employers' benefit.

The apprentices refused to heat rivets in place of the strikers and abstained from work, until the Boilermakers' Society threatened to bar them from future employment in the trade.

Against their will the lads have had to resume work. Like all other apprentices they possess no weight in their own trade union, even if the union is live enough to enroll them, and in wages claims their interests are always neglec-

Elsewhere the apprentices of all crafts have their own organisations, and the neglect shown by the unions in Dublin gives the youth ample reason for taking their affairs into their own hands.

At movement is already on foot and further intimation of its progress will appear in the "Voice."

Capitalism Dostroys Food.

At St. Ives, Cornwall on May 16 the fishermen threw away 50,000 mackerel, las dealers refused to buy.

The Workers' Republic.

The great only appear great because we are on our knees: LET US RISE.

A Call From Russia.

Through a comrade in London we are informed that a special message has been sent out from Moscow asking the workers in all countries to demonstrate on the last Sunday in June in protest against continued intervention against the Workers' Republic. We gladly give this request publicity, and we hope our readers will take steps immediately to organise demonstrations all over Ireland for this purpose. We need say nothing further upon intervention in Russia, because we have said our say again and again. It is now for the general body of organised workers throughout Ireland to voice, their feelings on the matter. In your branch, union or trades council raise the question at once. Demonstrations can be held in most places that are not under martial law. If any difficulty is found in securing speakers for that date a card to "The Voice" will bring someone to fill the gap.

An irate correspondent writes to say that he searched in vain in our columns for the Hungarian workers' appeal referred to in our editorial last week, He need not wonder at such omissions even at this time of the day. appeal did not appear for reasons over which we have no control, but those passages which we had been set up for "The Voice" were the same as those published in last week's "Socialist."

Peace Terms of the Bolsheviki,

The People's Russian Information Bureau (London) is doing invaluable work by circulating practically the only authentic information about Russia available in these countries. In the Bureau's latest circular the peace terms which would be acceptable to the Bolsheviki were published as printed officially in "Isvestia," the organ of the All-Russian Executive Committee. These terms were those which the American Government arranged were to be submitted by the Allies to all the existing Russian governments. In March last through Bullitt, one of the members of the American delegation, r_{n} who has since resigned in protest against President Wilson's failure, the Soviet Government made known its willingness to accept the terms as follows: (I) An armistice to be signed; (2) a Conference to be summoned to sign such peace terms as would permit each Government to remain in power as at present, and all attempts to overthrow the other Governments to be abandoned; (3) the Allies to raise the present blockade of Russia, and re-establish commercial and diplomatic relations with her; (4) all Sexton and Connolly. political offenders to be pardoned; (5) all Governments of the former Russian Empire to acknowledge their financial obligations, and the Russian gold seized by Czechs in Kazan and that confiscated by the Allies from Germany to be devoted to the payment of debts; (6) Allied and foreign troops to be recalled from Russia, and all support of the anti-Soviet Governments to cease.

No attempt has been made by the American Government to honour its own original proposal. But is not President Wilson quite satisfied that all his points have been duly observed?

Railwaymen, Beware.

On Labour Day as in the general strike against conscription there was nothing more splendid and nothing more manly than the manner in which all but the Northern groups of the Irish railwaymen answered the call. Their courageous defiance of the opposition of the General Secretary enhanced this fine fighting spirit. At the time we noted that the railwaymen were threatened with a rather low down form of retaliation on the part of some of their own officials. This threat evidently had its desired effect upon some of the railway bosses. We have before us a document which we believe is partly the outcome of this threat. It reads:-

The following statement to be signed by all men claiming payment above date (May 1):-

I hereby declare that I was prepared to work on May 1st, and was only prevented from doing so by reason of the general stoppage.

Signature of claimant..... Grade

Date On the surface this document looks innocent enough, but in reality it is an attempt upon the part of certain of the railway managements—the M.G.W. and G.S.W. in particular—to ascertain if there were enough weaklings in the union to make it worth while to victimise. A few men, some through thoughtlessness, some through selfishness, did apply for wages for May Day, and a and in Labour James Sexton is one of handful may have been caught in the them.

snare. But the complete failure of this little dodge has, it is to be hoped, taught a lesson to the managements. Even the few who were caught napping this year will not be caught again. The railwaymen are too solid for that.

The Postmen and Labour Day.

What he calls "some ill-tempered references in an Irish Labour paper" have driven Mr. G. H. Stuart Bunning to attempt to defend his Executive's decision that the Post Office service should not be suspended on Labour Day. We can well believe that many like Mr. Bunning "never contemplated a state of things in which on May Day it would be impossible to get a newspaper, a meal, a drink, or any letters," and that "such a complete cessation would cause immense inconvenience." But neither of these excuses , is any justification either for working on Labour Day or for Mr. Bunning's apparent desire to run counter to the decision of Labour in Ireland. It is quite true that the Berne Conference did not specify what particular services should be stopped on Labour Day. That was the business of the national parties and not of the International Conference. The Irish Labour Party and Trade Union Conference is the interpreter of international decisions so far as their application to Ireland is concerned, and if its interpretation is different from that of Mr. Bunning's Executive that is because Labour in Ireland luckily was not reared in the same school of timidity as Mr. Bunning. But we should have thought the postmen in Ireland were not such jellyfish as their acquiescence in their Executive's faint-hearted attitude would imply. Next year we hope they will be

The Red Army and the Nuncio.

The anti-Labour Press has been making a great deal of noise over the alleged attack by the Red Army upon the Papal Nuncio in Munich during the regime of the Bavarian Soviet Government. As usual it tells only the halftruth. It does not complete the story as does the Rome correspondent of "The Catholic Times." Our frightened friends might well take note of this paragraph published in the issue of June 7: "A diplomat who has been absent from Italy these four years . . . in a interview with a journalist explains that the assault on the Nunciature was made by the Red Army, and that, though they threatened the Nuncio at the point of the revolver, their acts were due to the want of motor cars, not to hostility to religion."

In Galway the week before last James Sexton remembered the Republicans, and thought they might read his speech. So to placate them he delivered himself

They might shoot James Connolly -and personally he did not agree with his actions—but as long as the Government carried on as they were carrying on now, in the words of the grand old American song, "James Connolly's body may be mouldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on."

Connolly's body would turn in "ts grave after that if the Government which James Sexton upheld throughout the war had not burned it in quick-lime. Ay, Connolly's soul goes marching on, but no thanks to James Sexton. Jim Larkin's work goes on; but no thanks to James Sexton either. Sexton attempted and failed to down these men and destroy their work, but in spite of all his efforts the organisation they built up has grown to almost ten times the strength, and a hundred times the honour, of Sexton's own. This brazen impudence was only equalled by the cheek he had when he followed his hypocritical reference to Connolly by an open attack on that very Labour movement in Ireland which is largely the handiwork of Connolly himself. But Irish workers have long since ceased to take the cowardly and treacherous advice the Sextons proffer them. They are only sorry that here and there a few of their members still permit Sexton to desert them in the hour of danger as he did his handful of Cork members in 1917. He advises us to be international. We are more international than he. Our internationalism would not permit us to join in the capitalist attack upon the workers of Russia and Hungary, and if any man in the Irish Labour movement were to offer transport facilities free to Churchill to fight the Russian workers, as Sexton and Wilson have done, Irish Labour would east him out as a thing unclean.

There are things too unclean to touch

Concert rohibited

and we have a large quantity of the Connolly Souvenir, 1919, which includes the concert programme, left on our hands.

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CELEBRATION OF EASTER IN

5,000 IRISH WORKERS PARADE IN

OVER 3,500 ATTEND MASS MEETING.

On Easter Sunday the members of the Pearse-Connolly Club held a cele-bration of Easter Week, 1916. The parade before the meeting was an inspiring one. It was led by 300 American soldiers, headed by the Pearse-Connolly band, dressed in splendid costumes of Orange and Green.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the biggest auditorium in the city of Butte. Over 3,500 people crowded into the hall, and hundreds more were unable to secure admission. more were unable to secure admission. Stirring speeches were made by James Fisher, of the Soldiers' and Workers' Council; W. F. Dunn, Editor of the "Butte Daily Bulletin," and Jack Carney, Editor of "Truth."

Jack Carney stated that the spirit of Ireland to-day was the spirit of Connolly yesterday. That Sinn Feinism must ally itself with the labour movement before it could hope for success, was the message of the speaker. He proved that political power is but the reflex of economic power, and urged upon the Irish workers in Butte and America to follow out the ideas laid down by Connolly. It was not by the passing of resolutions or mere lip-service to the cause of Irish freedom that Ireland would be free, it would be by men and women organising in industry, so that Ireland could really be free. Freedom must come from out of the workshop. It must come through the organised workers.

The Pearse-Connolly Club is to be congratulated upon its fine gathering. Two hundred dollars' worth of Connolly's literature was sold at the meet-

An opposition meeting was arranged by the local "shoneens." The attendance was 40 men and 20 women.

The Limerick movement has lifted up the Irish labour movement. Many in America who were heart and soul in through the Union instead of through with the Sein Fein movement now realize that the future of Ireland lies with as much as £1 and £2 for a job. the labour movement ..

The visit of the American delegates to Ireland is being very much advertised by the Press. Of course it is no use my telling you of what they did in Ireland. Och no!

Winnipeg is held up by a general strike. Over 26,000 workers downing their tools.

Eugene V. Debs the first week in prison received four sacks of mail. "Though jailed he speaketh."

Sylvia Pankhurst's mess "Truth" readers is being quoted. Good luck to Sylvia! message to being widely

We learn from Paris that President Wilson is in favour of free speech. We await his return so as to have it put into practice.

One big union means power-10,000 small unions mean slavery. •

Gompers insists that the A.F. of L. should not enter into politics. Up to date there are about 50 labour parties springing up. "Coming events cast springing up. "Com their shadows before!"

Numerous strikes prove the truth of the old saying, "If you have any profi-teers be prepared to shed them

Germany refuses to sign the peace terms.

Limerick talks Soviet.

"Voice of Labour" widely quoted "Arise ye prisoners of starvation." JACK CARNEY.

THE NEW WORLD.

The soldiers and sailors of Glasgow have brought out a weekly paper of their own called the "New World." This is their programme:

"We are out for the overthrow of Capitalism, which treats men as it treats inanimate things—merely as material for profit-making, and would substitute the Co-operative Commonwealth in which all children. men will stand upright free from want, Carson and his money-bags. It's ill to and enjoying the good things of life. part them.

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HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

Since Easter between six and seven hundred workers in the Dublin hotels and restaurants have been locked out by the Hotel and Tourist Association of Ireland.

The locked-out workers include all grades, chefs, women cooks, porters, waiters, waitresses, page-boys, house-maids, carvers, confectioners, bookkeepers, scullery-maids, etc. A big proportion of the workers are women and

The dispute arose out of a demand on the part of the workers for shorter hours, better conditions, complete recognition of the Union, and changes in the methods of employment, and increases in wages were only a secondary consideration.

Several conferences between representatives of both sides have been held, but up to the time of writing no general set-tlement has been arrived at Within the last week or two the Ministry of Labour has attempted to bring about a settlement, but without success.

Last week negotiations were re-opened, and after a long discussion the employers made an offer which, for sheer impudence, beats everything in the recent his-

tory of Dublin.

The employers' offer was: A working week of 72 hours in hotels and 62 in restaurants, exclusive of meal hours, the legal half-holiday and a short half-holiday every second Sunday; a 10 per cent. increase outside the tipping zone, and a 5 per cent. increase within the tipping zone. This would work out at a 12 hours day for a seven-day week, and in the majority of cases the percentage increase would mean the magnificent advance of 3d. and 6d. to 1s. and 1s. 6d. per week. When it is remembered that all kinds of people, from the Catholic Bishop of Galway down, are included in the share-holders of the Dublin hotels, and that in many cases wages fall as low as 7s. and 8s. per week, the humanity of this offer will be understood in its true light, and yet when this offer was being made, it was admitted by the employers that the I.T. & G.W. Union had never made unreasonable demands upon employers, and that other hotels in Dublin were able to work short hours and pay increased wages, as well as employ all their staff

At the conference, too, it was charged against the Union that not more than a handful of employees had ever been consulted about a return to work, and that there had never been a ballot. challenge was accepted, and the employers were invited to witness the ballot on their latest offer. They did. The ballot resulted in a vote of 482 against and 14 for, with 8 abstentions and 1

spoiled vote. The workers have put up a magnificent fight over a long period, and their spirits are rising instead of sinking every week. They regret the inconvenience and loss the lock-out is causing, but it is not their fault. They are not on strike, they are locked out. They realise what exactly the bosses are after. It isn't wages, nor shorter hours, nor even all-Union labour that is troubling them. It is the combination of the hotel and restaurant workers they want to smash. But they're

not going to do it.

From "Forward."

Liverpool Town Council last year made a profit on their municipal farm of

No fewer than 290 members of the last British Parliament received either titles or jobs.

Glasgow "Daily Record and Mail" poster, Friday last:-

"BIG BRITISH MOVE IN RUSSIA. SIX MILLION MORE BARRELS OF BEER."

When Sir Edward Carson stood up in the House of Commons last Wednesday week to oppose a levy upon Capital, the "Glasgow Herald" correspondent saw

"beating the air with a clenched fist

and trembling with emotion." Just the same emotion as exhibited when opposing the feeding of hungry school The lioness and her cubs;

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ORGANISED LABOUR IN IRELAND AND ULSTER UNIONISM.

During the past few months Unionist journals in Ireland, more especially in Belfast, have been exercised with regard to the political activities of organised Labour in Iroland, and have been prolific in advice and warnings to the workers in the Northern province of the evil fate likely to attend organi-ed Labour as a whole, should such adbe unheeded, and such warnings not taken to heart.

More particularly have the workers in Belfast and elsewhere been advised and warned against the sinister influences of the organisation known as the Irish Transport Workers' Union; the objects of this Union being described as being nothing less than to capture the whole Labour movement in Ireland, in order to use it politically as a vehicle to advance the views and extend the strength of Sinn Fein.

Without being at all ardent in the cause of Sinn Foin, one can yet readily grasp the ridiculous presumptuousness of such journals in their anxiety to proteet organised Labour in Ireland against itself. It can, at the same time, be quite easily understood that these newspapers and the politicians who control them, fail to see the ridiculousness of their assumption of a right to adopt a tone of fatherly advice and so-called friendly warning to trade and labour organisations in Ireland.

That party which has failed to realise

the laughable absurdity of what is called "The Labour-Unionist Organisation" with the Marquis of Londonderry and Sir Edward Carson "topping the bill" as its chief promoters and patrons, is surely, bereft, if not of a sense of humour, of an incapability of appreciating the ridiculous. The charge made in such a horrified tone against the I.T.W. Union of desiring to capture the whole Labour movement in Ireland for political purposes is on a par with other horrifying discoveries duly related from time to time in these papers.

Granted that the I.T.W. Union were striving towards "capturing the whole Labour movement in Ireland for politi-

cal purposes," what then?

Has not that political party in Ireland which is composed of and controlled by political lawyers, sweating employers, rack-renting slum property owners, titled coal owners and others of a like kidney, been striving with their might and with all the power given to them by the possession of a grossly servile Press and a wealthy and powerful political organisation, for years to do the same thing!

And not, mark you, for purely political purposes only, but that they may still further increase their already too great power for evil, worsening the social and industrial position of the workers. The intelligent worker of today quite realises that it is necessary that through his organisation he shall grasp political power in order to exercise control over his industrial and social conditions, and who shall argue that if political power is to be achieved by the workers, the organisations controlled and officered by themselves are not the proper bodies to lead and guide them into possession of such, rather than the organisations officered and controlled by those who have always acted and shown themselves as the most bitter enemies of the industrial workers?

The present outcry from the journals representing these enemies of the people merely means (if it means anything) that these newspapers and their controllers continue to count on the lack of intelligence so often displayed by the workers in the past, and in this same lack (largely due to the many obstacles placed in way of enlightenment of the workers by their enemies) lies the chief hopes, now as always of the enemies of progress.

Fortunately for the workers themselves, many changes in this respect have been brought about (chiefly if not wholly through the efforts of the workers own organisations) in addition to which the war and its results, up to the present, has not been without its lessons to the worker lessons which have been taken to heart by the workers's organisations in Ireland, as elsewhere, and lessons which may prove to have a very wide-reaching effect in shaping the future lives of the toilers all over the world.

Meanwhile with regard to the sinister (?) efforts of the I.T.W.U., which has so seriously troubled Sir Edward Carson and the journalists who act as his fuglemen, let us wish those efforts every success, furthermore let us hope that this particular Labour organisation may not be singular in this respect, but rather that real sound Labour organisations the world over, may put forth every effort and succeed in capturing the whole peoples (their own class) for political purposes as well as for industrial organsiation.

JOHN FLANAGAN.

Belfast, 3rd June, 1919.

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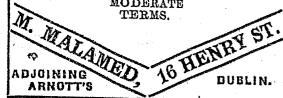


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Transport Union Notes.

Saw Milling Industry (Official.)
In ronnection with the District Industrial Council for Ireland set up last week in this industry, each branch secretary, in whose area a Saw Mill exists, must send to H.O. before 18th inst. full particulars of wages, hours, and conditions of each class of employees, and also information as to pending demands, dis-

putes, strikes, &c. The Union Census (Official.)

Arrangements are being made to take a census of Union members and their occupations as at the end of the half-year 30th June, 1919.

As extreme difficulty was found in get-ting forms completed last year, secretaries and committees are urged to make early preparations. Woollen Mills.

Kilkenny's case is going to arbitration; Ballymore Eustace workers have offered arbitration, and demands pend in Tralee

and Riverstown, Co. Cork.

Application has just been made for the extension to Union members working on Irish canals of the English recommendations, which include a 48-hour week and substantial increases.

Another Labour Day Locker-Out.

One Shackleton is one too many for Ireland, but he has found a confrere in Hollymount, Ballinrobe, where the saw mill workers have been victimised for making holiday on May 1st. The boss is being attended to.

"As a Man Sows, So—," Etc.

The Department Bulletin doesn't state it but it's nevertheless true, that harvesting prospects in Co. Kildare will be brighter if the big bull-moose, with the Anglo-Norman name, of the Farmers' Association, evinces less intractability than heretofore when the renewed county demand for farm workers is being considered this week-end.

Cratloe Men Win Out. Saw Miller O'Regan, the Sixmilebridge Czar, and his brother-in-arms, Woollen Miller O'Flynn, who locked out their men immediately they joined the Union, have slung the towel into the ring after a two months' fight, and will now take back all the men who wish to return. Some of them don't. The welkin is ringing in the district over the Union's first

big fight and win in Co. Clare. Knocklong's Bulldog Whining,

The creamery workers' Strike Bulletin while lacking the equipment of a Fleet street publication, has much more kick, and its pungent journalese gives the Manager considerable unquiet. Inchicore.

good and membership better, the members "handing it" to Secretary Mat Kavanagh for his big share in the Branch's success. In the G.S.W.R. works, holders-up, smiths' helpers, etc., have claimed English conditions. Tipperary.

The Union has no pluckier members in the county than the Gloving School girls, whose schooling is far in advance of their wages. They have just demanded long-due increases.

Edgeworthstown.

baby branch has secured 36s. and an 8-hour day for town labourers and a 7s. increase, on 45s., for bakers. Connacht.

Less than one-fourth of the Boyle strikers now remain unemployed, and work will be found for them shortly.. The Castlebar bakers on strike have taken the practical step of running a bakery of their own. Roscommon and Ballygar will be visited soon by an Organiser to take general demands in hand.

Has undergone revivification, and a town move is in progress for 45s. and a weekly half-day for vanmen and shop Kilkenny.

Fitters, plumbers, smiths, and iron-oulders are out for £3, smiths' helpers and labourers for 36s. and a 48-hour

Waterford. Over 300 members are concerned in recent demands, some of which have al-

ready been won. Slane. Flax Mill and contractors' men want

10d. per hour instead of 71d.

Health Insurance.

Tullamore. Bodymakers, wheelers, painters, carpenters, and smiths have asked 1/6 per hour, and masons, slaters, plasterers and bakers 1/9 for their 48-hour week.

The annual delegate meeting of the Irish Transport Approved Society was held on Whit Sunday, representatives being present from Wexford, Waterford, Sligo, Belfast, Kingstown and Dublin.

The financial statement for the year ending December, 1918, was read and approved. The secretary (Mr. P. T. Daly) failed to produce a report of the year's work and, at the request of the meeting, Mr. McGrath read a short report which showed an increase of £1,400 on the Sickness Benefits over the previous year: this was due to the influenza epidemic.

He pointed out that there was a deficiency on the society's administration account at the end of 1917 amounting to £890, and that the society was in debt to the Trades Union Section to the extent of £503.

The result of the election was as follows President, Mr. M. Connolly; Vice-President Michael MacCarthy; Treasurer, John O'Neill Trustees, Messrs. P. Farrell, J. Fox, and T. Murphy; Secretary, Mr. Tom Foran.

Mr. Foran thanked the delegates for their

confidence, and pointed out that although his new position would mean more work he would not accept any salary.

A Lovely Bunch. The Transport Union Organiser (despite his personal sufferings to save their sons from conscription) is not beloved by the public misrepresentatives of the Mallow Guardians, who would not give him the courtesy of a hearing as representing the staff. The following combination of Sinn Feiners, B.O.E. and landlords show the workers of the Mallow district that they must secure workers' representatives at the next election: Dan O'Connor (Copstown), H. Longfield (Longview), Mrs. Burke (West End), Mrs. O'Connor (Main St.), Maurice O'Brien (vice-chairman), L. McCarthy (Kilavullen), M. Lenihan, J.P. (Buttevant), Langley, Brasier, Creagh (Streamhill). Mr. Hegarty, Sinn Feiner also voted against the Transport Union demands at the Urban Council. Kanturk.

Though the principal officers of the Kanturk Branch I.T. and G.W.U. are in gaol on on the run, the branch is booming, and the surrounding districts are flocking in.

Clara.

The I.T. and G.W.U. Branch has obtained a 3s. rise for the 24 Garden workers in Goodbody's employment, with a 2 p.m. stop on Saturdays. Clara workers therefore add £187 4s. to their spending power through this victory.

Irish Workers on Tyneside,

The Irish workers on the Tyneside are finding their natural place in the ranks of organised Labour, and we are glad to see that they are keeping up the direct connection with the movement at home. The Irish Labour Party on Tyneside is now organised in three branches, Tyne Dock, Newcastle and Gateshead. The Tyne Dock and Gateshead branches are already affiliated to the Local Labour Parties in their respective districts. Gateshead has a membership of 300, and has been able to contribute a sum of £21 out of the total amount forwarded front Newcastle for the Limerick Strike Fund. Arrangements have already been made for putting forward candidates at elections under Labour Party auspices. Gateshead has issued an appeal to the Irish workers in the locality to join up, and this appeal is being responded to right heartily. The objects the branch has before it are: Self-Determination for Last quarterly report shows finances Ireland, affiliation to the British Labour Party for work in common with British workers, for better conditions; and the election of Irish workers, men and women, on the public bodies so that Irish workers in Great Great Britain may play their proper partoin local government. Irish workers at home in Ireland will wish the best of luck to their countrymen and women on Tyneside, and they hope to see this movement taking root and flourishing wherever Irish workers are to be found in Great Britain.

SHOP ASSISTANTS' PROGRESS.

The N.A.U. Shop Assistants reports an amicable settlement with Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd., in respect of the counting house, stationery, news and book departments at the Belfast headquarers of that firm. The annual increases total £500.

Drapers, wholesale and retail, are organising rapidly, and negotiations are being opened with employers.

Hours and Wages.

The tonsorial artists of Belfast have re-arranged their hours of work. new hours, which come into force on 16th inst., are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on four days each week; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the half-holiday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

In three or four highest class saloons the minimum wage is now £2 13s. 9d., with 1d. on the shilling on all takings. In the central shops generally the wage is £2 10s.

These figures include an advance of 10s., a week, payable from 30th inst. A week's holiday on full pay, and pay-

ment of wages on Friday nights are included in the new agreement. Price Lower Than Dublin's.

While the Dublin hairdressing employer mulcts his customers in 1s. for a hair-cut and 6d. per shave, his Belfast confrere is content with 8d. for hair-cutting and 4d. for shaving. Prices will be advanced shortly, but there will be no change for shaving, and haircutting will be 10d.

A TYPICAL LETTER.

The Secretary of the S.P.I. has received the following among many other letters :--

Mon., June 2, 1919.

Dear Comrade,—Poverty prevents me being at your concert held in honour of Brave Jim Connolly, but if you can, will you send me one of the programmes just for a keepsake in his memory?-for which I enclose P.O. for 1/-. May the event be a great success is the wish of yours in your cause, T. B. TAYLOR,

20 Oxford St., Darwen.

I.C.W.U.

. Miscellaneous Branch, Dublin, Comrade Hughes presided over the monthly meeting on June 2, when Sec. retary Colgan's report showed great growth in membership, and that six disputes had been satisfactorily settled,

The strike at Crow Wilson and Co.'s was the first in Dublin against that form of the truck system which gives food as part of the employees salary. Buyers and heads of departments stood solid with their fellow-workers in this case. The settlement made by D. Logue is eminently satisfactory and will doubtless re-establish harmony in this wellknown house on a more satisfactory basis than before.

BELFAST BARMEN.

Two years ago the Licensed Trades assistants in Belfast waged a long and bitter fight for mere recognition by the employers. They brought some financial benefit out of that struggle, but now the employers having learned the stuff. of which the men are made are offering arbitration on their new claims.

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turned. READERS: PLEASE NOTE. Owing to Whitmonday holiday many articles and several advertisements cannot

all blocks and unsold tickets to be re-

be inserted this week. NEXT WEEK We shall publish an account of The Women's International, by LOUIE BENNETT.

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