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## THE IMPOSTURES OF PATRIOTISM.

Beware of the impostures of patriotism, said that great patriot, George Washington. The Municipal Elections are drawing near, and Mr. R. H. Henderson, a Property Candidate, has issued an appeal through the Rand Daily Mail, to all employers to combine to draw up and adopt a uniform scheme "to release employees who wish to volunteer for active service." We are informed by a shop assistant in a vain search for work that he finds all departments of his calling more than fully supplied with "hands." That was before the elections. It would relieve employers considerably, after the 10th of November, if a scheme were started which would enable them to "release" their employees in the manner suggested by Mr. R. H. Henderson. A Let-the-other-fellow-go League composed of members of the Citizens Ticket will be formed, who will assert their preparedness to fight to the last drop of their employees' blood.

It is time to draw attention to the evils of economic conscription in our midst. It is said that batches of men have already been given notice on the mines. The hopeless feature of the Jingo been given notice on the mines. The hopeless feature of the Jingo Mania is the absolutely smug self-satisfaction of those who buy a badge at a street corner, get their employees to enlist careless of the fate of those they leave behind, and flatter themselves that they are heroes in the fight.

Here we have Percival Smith devoting pages of the "Evening Chronicle" in an account of the "People's Legion" which he was instrumental in sending to Europe. Most of them are now missing. An account is given of a starving mother whose son went with the Legion, and who fails to get relief either from the Imperial or the Union authorities. The awful responsibility resting Imperial or the Union authorities. The awful recruiting sergeant. They wallow in the glory of vicarious heroism.

A friend of ours the other day was appealed to in the streets by a well dressed young woman for money for a meal. She was

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As a rule we have the profoundest respect for the men who have sufficient courage of their convictions to go and "|see it through" at the only place to do so, namely in Flanders. But it has become necessary to point out in the most emphatic manner that a man's first duty is to those who depend upon him. Further reflection might make a man ask whether a country which leaves his mother and sisters to the tender mercies of the rack renter, and the sharks of property, and the tardy relief of the Bumble of charity, deserves fighting for. Later he might find that under high sounding calls of patriotism the real object of the war is the Defence of the property of those who so mercilessly eject his mother and sisters into the streets.

In the case in point, the Young Women's Christian Association was resorted to. It was only after urgent appeals and even threats, that food was sent to the helpless women. This is typical of the charitable organisations of capitalist society. The women in the streets are the pillars of Parktown. The Women's Municipal Association, that Modestine of the propertied class, sees nothing wrong with Tea Rooms except some mal-arrangement of kitchens. As for the hundreds of young women that are driven to that employment by economic stress at wages far below subsistence level, and pass these institutions as through the Change Houses of lower levels,—for these it has no word of appeal or of indignation. Patriotism—the last refuge of scoundrels.

## Mow War News are made.

The Glasgow "Forward" gives us a delightful instance of how our able Capita-list scribes earn their pay tickets:—

The Kolnische Zeitung (Germany)—
"The news of the capture of Antwerp was hailed in this city (Cologne) by the ringing of church bells."

Le Matin (Paris)—"According to the Kolnisdehe Zeitung, when the Germans entered Antwerp they compelled the priests to ring the church bells."

The Times (London)—"According to an account sent to Le Matin from Cologne, the Belgian priests in Antwerp were expelled from their churches because they refused to ring the bells on the capture of the city by the Germans."

Corriere de la Sera (Italy)—"According to an account sent to the Times from Cologne through Paris, the poor Belgian

priests who would not ring the church bells in Antwerp on the capture of that city by the Germans, have been condemned to penal servitude."

Le Matin (Paris)—"According to an account in the Corrière de la Sera from Cologne, via London, it is now proved that the barbarous conquerors of Antwerp hanged the poor Belgian priests because they refused to ring their church bells. They were hanged head down inside the bells in their sacred vestments."

"A day will come when a cannon will be exhibited in the public museums just as an instrument of torture is now, and people will be astonished how such a thing could have been."

Victa Hugo.

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Some bleed for their country—others bleed their country. Guard against the imposters of patriotism. Geo Washington.

# Labour has no country.

 $By J.^{n}C.$ 

A Rand constituency proletarian ultra-Jingo S.A.L.P. candidate, speaking to a member of the League, after the elections. stated that as soon as he could manage it he would leave this country for America. This person, who, having failed in his recent attempt to gain a place of power and £400 a year for himself, and thereby gaining working class endorsement for Capitalist-Imperial issues, now intends to forsake his dupes and go to a foreign country, thus proving in practice what the wide awake Socialist has always contended. —that the workers move above and beyond territorial frontiers and political boundary lines. The workers have no country. Thus is the class struggle vindicated.

"War seldom enters but where wealth allures." Dryden.

## League Literature.

THE WAR OF STEEL AND GOLD. 2/by H. N. Brailsford.

A study of European militarism in time of peace.

TEN YEARS OF SECRET DIPLO-MACY. 2/

by E. D. Morel, author of "Red Rubber."

This marvellous book written prior to the outbreak of war foretold the events of the past eighteen months, pointing out the inevitable consequences of the intrigues of British, French and Spanish diplomats in Morocco.

DISARM. Baroness von Suttner's great war novel. 1/6.

PATRIOTISM & CHRISTIANITY. 1/by Leo Tolstoy.

An exposure in the great Russian's best style of the hollowness and hypocrisy of the former.

HOW THE WAR CAME. 3d.

Cold, hard facts adduced from official documents, distributing the blame for the war impartially among the Powers responsible. This has caused a great stir in England, and is among the list of I.L.P. pamphlets confiscated by the police.

THE WAR TRUST EXPOSED. 3d.

by Walter Newbold.

Showing how dividends are made in human slaughter. No patriotism in profits. British capital turns out torpedos in all countries to sink British mercantile marine.

THE PRUSSIAN IN OUR MIDST. 3d., by Norman Angell.

IS BRITAIN BLAMELESS. 3d.

by Fenner Brockway.

MOROCCO AND ARMAGEDDON. 3d.

How the scramble for markets in

Morocco made war inevitable.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SER-VICE. 3d.

The two sides of the question expounded in debate by the Socialist, W. Paul and the Conscriptionist, G. Coulton.

WARS AND CAPITALISM. 3d.

by Peter Kropotkin.

How both are materially dependent one on the other.

ANTI-PATRIOTISM. 3d.

Gustav Herve's defence on a charge of anti-militarism.

Johannesburg comrades are requested to hand in their names as volunteers for the Municipal Elections.

### Bravo Benoni.

Comrades Weinstock and Clark visited the Benoni Branch last Monday, and came back, but in a mood bordering on the ecstatic. Comrade Weinstock hereby tenders his report:—

It brightens one up like a tonic. You should have been along with us last night, and you would have rejoiced to meet some thirty-five International stalwarts determined to stand by the League against all comers, called the Benoni Branch of the International League.

One comrade moved as a recommendation that the future propaganda of the League embrace the "human side of Socialism. (Carried)" Next motion came like a demand, that it be a recommendation that the League make arrangement for the engagement of Comrade Andrews as organiser to tour South Africa. I tried to impress the necessity in our movement to develop social intercourse, tolerance and generosity towards our late comrades (still friends). We finished with the Red Flag, leaving the meeting place for the station in company with all comrades, as in the good old times. We promised to be there again soon at their Social. "Well James," I said, as the train steamed away. "how did you like it"? "Good, it shows me once more we are on the right."

G. WEINSTOCK.

(His mark.)

## The Boilermakers and Mr. Clark.

We have received a letter from the Secretary of the Boilermakers Society in reference to a note which appeared in a recent issue of 'The International' anent Mr. J. A. Clark's dismissal from the post of Organiser of that society. Our limited space prevents our inserting in full letters other than those bearing on our propaganda. In this case, moreover, aspersions are cast on Mr. Clark which need further investigation. The letter purports to be an instruction of the South African Council of the Boilermakers. But we understand from Mr. Clark that no such instruction was given by the Council to its Secretary. and in fairness to Mr. Clark therefore we withhold the contents of the letter. Sufficient to say that the arguments and excuses contained therein are just-such as those one. hears from a mine manager or a Minister of Railways, when they are charged with victimization.

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The first and final liquidation account in the ESTATE of the late JULIUS BUXDORF GOLD (No. 25978) will lie for inspection at the Office of the Master, Supreme Court, Pretoria, and at the Office of the Magistrate, Johannesburg, for a period of 21 days from 5th Nevember, 1915.

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#### BENONI BRANCH

Benoni Branch has drawn up the following syllabus for meetings in November in addition to the ordinary business.

Nov. 8:— J. Den Bakker, Socialism and Anarchism.

Nov. 15:— Edgar Davies, Religion and Socialism.

Nov. 22:— T.C. Davies. Why we are Anti-War.

Nov. 29:— B. Fanaroff.

The "Maoriland Worker" has the following in its issue of 22nd September.

"We have received a manifesto signed by 20 members of the South African Labour Party. It is headed, "The Labour Party's Duty in the War," and constitutes a reply to the "See it through" policy of Mr. Creswell and others. It rings true, and it ought to be placed in the hands of every Labour member in Australasia because of its unswerving adherence to the principles of international working class solidarity."

The Trade Union Conference of New Zealand has expressed its opinion that international working class solidarity is the only solution. New Zealand Labour has a healthy tone on the war issue, to which the propaganda of such a paper as the "Maoriland Worker" must contribute largely. We would urge upon our New Zealand comrades to join with us in doing something tangible towards re-solidifying the International Movement in Europe. A call from the colonies would not go unheeded in Britain. Our League has already sent such a call to the British section of the International Socialist Bureau.