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ANTI-CONSCRIPTION MEETING
AT TREALAW.

A meeting was held under the auspices of the Rhondda Socialist Societies at the Judge's Hall. Trea-

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Friday, Nov. 5th.
Robin Hood Lane, 4 p.m., Miss Lynch, Miss Manicom.
Beckton Road, 5 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier.
Poplar Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Drake.
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Debate "International Arbitration."
Saturday, Nov. 6th.
Morning Lane, 5 p.m., Mrs. Davies, Miss Beamish.
Vernon Rd., 5 p.m., Miss Lynch, Mr. Mackinlay.
Hague Street, 4 p.m., Miss Lynch, and others.
Morpeth Street, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch.
Sunday, Nov. 7th.
Hyde Park, 3 p.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Fraser Smith, Mrs. Bouvier.

Copenhagen Place, 11 a.m., Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Manicom. Osborne St., 11.30 a.m., Miss Lynch 124 Barking Rd., 3 p.m., Mrs. Davies,

Mrs. Parsons. Dock Gates, 6 p.m., Mrs. Drake, Miss

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Poplar Women's Hall, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Leigh Rothwell, Mr. Lawrence Houseman. Chair: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. Monday, Nov. 8th.

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Follett St., 6.30 p.m., Miss Manicom,

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Bow Women's Hall, 3 p.m., Miss Lynch and others. 175 Dalston Lane, 3 p.m., Miss Beamish and others. Outside Clarmico's, 1.30 p.m., Miss Manicom.

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Piggott Street, 5 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier Miss Manicom.
Beckton Rd., 5,30 p.m., Miss Lynch.
Poplar Women's Hall, 3 p.m. Miss Lynch, Mrs. Drake.
Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Debate.
Saturday, Nov. 13th.
Morning Lane, 5 p.m., Mr. Mackinlay, Miss Beamish.
Vernon Road. 3 p.m., Miss Lynch.

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Bloomsbury, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.
Red Lion Square, Dinner-hour.
Sunday, Oct. 14th.
Victoria Park, 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Drake,
Mrs. Bouvier.
Bow Women's Hall 8 p.m. Mrs.

Mrs. Bouvier. Bow Women's Hall, 8 p.m., Mrs. Walshe, Mrs. Drake.

Free Church League for Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE and Miss EVA GORE BOOTH

"Why women should have a voice in the future peace settlements,"

CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER,

On Friday, November 12th, 3 p.m.

nounced for commencing. The arms remarked that it was not an anti-war meeting, nor a recruiting meeting. He further said that no danager threatened the working-class more than Conscription. Afterwards a resolution of the N.A.C. was prosed by Councillor T. R. Davies, Tonypandy, seconded by Mr. David the two speakers. When put to the meeting, the resolution was carried warms.

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Mr. George Lansbury, speaking of Conscription, said that the Government would not get the same fighting qualities out of the Army under a Conscript system, as they were getting under the Voluntary system, and that no Government had the right to plunge a country into war without first consulting the people composing venence Sylvia

first consulting the people composing that country. He referred to the Dardanelles blunder as a proof of the Government's incapability to manage any big problem, and told theaudience that they should not trust themselves in the hands of such a blundering Government as ours to enforce Compulsory Service.

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Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was accorded a great ovation, which proves that she had endeared herself to the Rhondda miners on the occasion of her visit to Tonypandy a little time ago. Miss Pankhurst amused her audience by saying that we cannot make more men by Actof Parliament. When speaking of the high prices of food, she remarked that when Mr. Runciman was asked to do something in the matter of high freight charges, he said that he could not do anything as there was one great obstacle, and

he said that he could not do anything as there was one great obstacle, and that obstacle, added Miss Pankhurst, was Mr. Runciman himself.

Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Lewis, Trealaw, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Miss Violet Pike of America, also spoke a few words which comprised a message from the trade unionists of America to their fellow trade unionists of this country.

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said that there was a disturbance at the meeting. As a matter-of-fact there was one very persistent oppo-nent who tried to interrupt, and evoked excited protest from the audience, but after a few interrup-tions, when each speaker began, he agreed to wait until the close of the meeting, when he was invited to agreed to wait until the close of the meeting, when he was invited to address the audience from the plat-form. He then moved an amend-ment, which fell to the ground un-seconded. The resolution was then

seconded. The resolution was then carried with three dissentients.
The comrades of the local branch of the I.L.P., will be amply remunerated for the time, energy and money spent, and it is hoped that they will follow this meeting by a series of others, in order to enlighten the people.
The Woman's DREADNOUGHT was all sold out in a few moments, and there were calls for more.
A retiring collection, amounting to £2 1s. 3d., was sent home as a present for the E.L.F.S. babies.

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT.

ATTREALAW.

A meeting was held under the auspices of the Rhondda Socialist Societies, at the Judge's Hall, Trealaw, on Monday evening, November 1st, at 7.30, when Mr. George Lansbury and Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, both of London, delivered addresses on "The Dangerof Conscription from the Workers' point of view."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Chief page about his statement on the Workers' point of view."

The meeting was presided over by Mr. David Evans, Yhyshir (late of Blaen Clydach). The hall was crowded long before the time announced for commencing. The chairman remarked that it was not an anti-war meeting, nor a recruiting meeting. He further said that no danger threatened the working-class more than Conscription. Afterwards a resolution of the N A C. was pro-

conduct and judgment of policy.

In prefacing his remarks on the Dardanelles campaign, in which 100,000 lives have been lost, by the statement that: "Sometimes it is not statement that: "Sometimes it is not only expedient, but necessary to run risks and to encounter dangers which naval and military policy would warn you against," Mr. Asquith virtually admitted that the campaign has been ill-judged. He added that the plan had been approved by "the Admiral on the spot, the War Staff of the Admiralty here, the French Admiralty and the Russian Military commander, but that Lord Fisher had expressed doubts." doubts.

Mr. Asquith did not attempt to conceal that the Dardanelles campaign has been a disastrous failure hitherto, the War had brought him "no keener disappointment," but said no keener disappointment, but said that he thought it too soon to make a final judgment, and said that the Government had not yet made up its mind whether to abandon the campaign or not. Every day, every hour at the Dardanelles means loss of life.]

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Mr. Asquith also admitted "disappointment and failure" in the Balkans. Greece and Roumania remain neutral, Bulgaria is fighting against us and our allies. Mr. Asquith stated that in the diplomatic scramble to secure the support of the Balkan States, Germany has had the advantage because she has had no ally to consider save Austria, whom he dismissed as "a mere cipher." Having no one else to consider, Germany could make large promises of other nation's conquered territory, whilst we "could not barter away the property of our allies and friend behind their backs without their consent or without an assurance, at any rate, of adequate compensation."

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What a light these words throw on the morality of the Governments on both sides and on the customs of what is called diplomacy. Only the fact that a country belongs to an ally prevents it being bartered as so much merchandise, the desires of the humble people who live on its soil are considered not at all!

In regard to the ominous question of conscription, Mr. Asquith said that there have been differences of opinion in the Cabinet, but he had "no objection of any sort or kind to compulsion—in time of war."

But if conscription were introduced he thought it should be done with general assent, for otherwise it might cause harmful disunity in the nation. He clearly indicated the possibility of conscription being introduced after November 30th, when Lord Derby will conclude his recruiting campaign.

opposition to conscription is strong Mr. Asquith will shrink from taking the plunge.

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Poplar Women's Hall, Nov. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. "Speakers: Mrs. Leigh Rothwell, Mrs. Lawrence Housman. "Chair: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. Songs: Mr.Chappelow. Admission Free.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE Every Friday night, 8 p.m., 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, "International Arbitration," Friday, November, 5th.

WILLIAM MORRIS HALL,

Speaker: Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.

F.L.F.S. GENERAL MEET-ING, Monday, Nov. 8th, 8 p.m. 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

ALL SAINTS' INSTITUTE, Newby Place, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 5.30 p.m., MEETING for GROSVENOR BUILDINGS' TENANTS. . . Miss SYLVIA PANKHURST.

FACTORY WORKERS MEETING Tuesday, Nov. 9th, 8 p.m. Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

FRIENDS SHOULD VISIT THE E.L.F.S. TOY STALLS 55 and 56, at the :: :: ENGLISHWOMAN'S EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS, CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER. OPEN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th,

Also at the GREEN AND GOLD FAIR, CAXTON HALL, Nov. 26th and 27th.

NATIONAL REGISTER SEQUEL.

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On Monday, November 1st, at Hitchin Police Station, the Misses Aickin of Letchworth, attended a sale of their furniture, which was seized for non-payment of fines for refusing to sign their National Registration Forms. They were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Reeves, well-known in connection with the Burston School strike, Miss Smyth, E.L.F.S. and others. Before the sale Miss Smyth explained that the reason of the refusal to sign the register was a protest against the denial of Votes for Women, and against industrial and military coercion. The participators in the sale listened attentively, and were interested in what, to them, was a new point of view. A friend bought the furniture for £6 14s. 6d. The auctioneer at Letchworth is to be congratulated on his refusal to sell the goods.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., assistant

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., assistant secretary of the Railway Men's Union, said at a mass meeting of Teeside railway workers, at Middlesborough, on Sunday: "We do not object to the employment of women simply because they are women. What we object to is that women's labour should be exploited by any employer for his own personal ends."

Well done! This represents our own point of view.

Tickets 2/6, 1/- (including tea) and 6d.
ADMISSION FREE.
DISCUSSION BRYTED.
For Reserved Seats, apply at 13. Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, E.C.

A returing collection, amounting to £2 1s. 3d., was sent home as a present for the E.L.F.S. babies.

Thosewho are opposed to conscription must therefore devote their energies to crystalising the opposition to it whilst there is yet time. If the British Legation at Christiania.

LEAGUE OF RIGHTS
For Soldiers' and Sailors' Wives and Relatives.
Full particulars from 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

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LEAGUE OF RIGHTS for Soldiers' and Sailors' Wives and Relatives, Walthamstow Branch.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the William Morris Hall, Somers Road, Friday, Nov. 12th, at 8 m.m. Doors open 7.30.: Speakers: Miss SYLVIA PANKHURST, Mr. G. LANSBURY, Mr. A. A. WATTS. Chair: Miss Windson: n: Songs: Mrs. Whitehall: n: Admission Free.

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	Child-bearing			
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Dewsbury		8.54		131
Rochdale		7.21		106
Burnley		6.57		174
Blackburn		6.55		148
Bury		6.49		141
Halifax		6.23		83
Merthyr Tydfil		6.11		126
Huddersfield		6.07		104
Oldham		6.06		141

canty statistics leads us, as we should expect, to the conclusion that in the main the rate is highest, firstly, where the birth-rate is very high, where there is poverty and overcrowding, and where the married women are

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SCHEME FOR ALLOWANCES FROM "BORROW, BORROW," "BORROW, BORROW!" The Manchester Guardian for Nov. 2nd publishes an interview with Mr.

OF THE SUFFRAGETTES.

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BRANCH REPORTS.

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BOW.

400 OLD FORD ROAD.

Good meeting held at Vernon Road, on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon meetings have not been well attended lately. Members who are at home during the day, should make a point of attending these, as there is usually a good speaker. There was no debate on Friday owing to the fog. The debate on International Arbitration will be held next Friday at 8 p.m. This week we made 15 new members!

Members subscriptions 10s., per Mrs. Payne 3s. 4d.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Oct. 30th—818. Miss D'Brien 150, Miss Smyth 149, Mrs. Crabb 30, Mrs. Savoy 30, Mrs. Greer 24, Miss Eidelburg 20, Special Meeting 173. City and Districts—Mrs. Holloway 236. These sales have fallen this week. Let us try to keep them up.

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POPLAR.

THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RAILWAY ST.
Scretary: MRS. DRARE.

Excellent open-air meetings have been held at Follet Street, Crundy Street, Charles Street and Wells Street, on the Rent question; and on Friday, 3 p.m., we finished up with an indoor meeting at 20 Railway St., addressed by Mrs. Sourt. This was a very good meeting, and a resolution was passed, unanimously, calling upon the Government to deal with this question immediately. A number of those present joined the E.L.F.S. Mrs. Bouvier gave a very interesting address on Tuesday evening, and we were pleased to welcome some fresh people to the club on Wednesday, and hope to see them again.

Our Social was a great success; our Social was a great success; our learniest thanks to those who helped to make it so! As a members social it was well organised by the members, and we hope members will also help this branch of the L. of R. in their Social to be held on Saurday, Nov. 20th. Tickets on sale now Please get all your friends to conde to Surday evening meeting opened to the social of the self-of the self-of

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HACKNEY.

Offices: 175 DALSTON LANE
(Facing Hackney Downs Station).

Papers can be obtained at this address at any time.

It has now been decided to have our stall on Saturday afternoons, and it will be held for the first time next Saturday. Who will help with this? Volunteers are much wanted.

Members should try to come to Debates held at 400 Old Ford Rd, Bow on Fridays at 8 p.m. A very entertaining and instructive venning is passed.

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SOUTH WEST HAM.

Centre for Tidal Basin: 55 FIFE ROAD.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. DAISV PARSONS,
On Sunday there will be a meeting at 124
Barking Road at 3 p.m., and we would like to see those members who have no time during the week. Miss Beamish will discuss future plans. On Thursday, Miss Smyth spoke very seriously on "the business of the E.L.F.S." We must have more members at this afternoon meeting. Our Social in aid of the Milk Fund takes place the last Saturday in November. Who is going to promise cakes, fruit, or their services? There is to be a very good programme, and soon the tickets will be on sale. Instead of \$1 profit it must be £5 this time, like Bow. Mrs. Wardale bought four Dreadnoughts to give away. Who else will take one to a public meeting, as we can give permits? Dreadnoughts sold week ending Oct. 30th—206. Mrs. Millo 71, Mrs. Cook 18, Mrs. Holloway \$55, general sales 62. Dreadnought sales are going up, they must gostill higher? ENTRAL BRANCH,

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH,

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

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On Wednesday, October 27th, a large roomful of skilled women workers were dismissed without notice from Compton's Army Clothing Factory in the Old Ford Road. Compton's say that their Government contracts for soldiers' clothing have come to an end. Several other factories in the district are dismissing women and giving the same reason.

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American Toan must be spent in America.

It is noteworthy that the women and girls who have been dismissed from Comptons, have been earning wages that are considered exceedingly good in this district.

They are employed on piece-work, and by a series of strikes for higher rates, havesucceeded in forcing prices up so that they are now able to earn from £1 to 35s. a week. To earn these sums they have to work at a high rate of speed, which no woman can keep up for more than a few years.

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It is also noteworthy that Comptons have a notice pasted up on their wall asking for intelligent girls of 14 as learners at 8s. a week, that pieceworkers have been dismissed rather

workers have been dismissed rather than time workers, and that some of the piece-workers have been put on timework. Timeworkers cannot make as much as piece-workers.

We want to know whether the skilled workers have been turned off in order to break down the wage standards that they have built up, or whother the Government is really

standards that they have built up, or whether the Government is really leaving the East London clothing factories without contracts.

This may be due to the Government's irregular methods of placing orders, which cause great hardship to the workers. Or it may be due to the placing of orders in America, in which case we wish to enter an emphatic protest, as, when the Government places orders in America, these should be for food which cannot be produced in this country.

Last January an order million soldiers' suits was placed by the Government in America. Men viewers" at high wages were sent out to check the work, but when the garments were received in this country it was found that they were defective.

fective.
The Military Tailor and Tailor esses Trade Union went on a deputation to the War Office to protest against the work being sent abroad, and were told that it was a question and were told the

It is noticeable that in spite of the great cry that labour is scare, the displaced workers have tried in vain to find employment.

A deputation of the women went to the House of Commonson Tuesday afternoon, November 2nd, and were received by Mr. R. L. Outhwaite, who promised to bring their case to the notice of the Government.

In the House of Commons on October 28th, Sir John Barran drew October 28th, Sir John Barran drew Mr. Runciman's attention to the recent placing of an order for Army cloth in the United States by the Italian Government, whilst our mills complain of slackness of work.

Mr. Runciman stated that this order was made "without the knowledge of His Majesty's Government," but that now the Italian Government had been invited to make purchases of cloth in the United Kingdom.

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH,

S HART STREET, BLOOMSHUKY.

We are pleased to state that the Bloomsbury branch which is in its infancy, has made cloth in the United States by the Italian Government, whilst our mills complain of slackness of work.

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"DON'T LET YOUR DAUGHTER BE A SCAB."

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The Irish Workers' Co-operative Society, Liberty Hall, Dublin, has issued a very useful penny pamphlet, entitled "Women's Need of Women's Trade Unions," by M. E. In its 15 pages, this pamphlet gives a remarkably comprehensive survey of many phases of Trade or Industrial Unionism and Co-operation. It explains clearly that "women need Unions for exactly the same reasons as men need them," and that Trade Unions for Women" are exactly the same as Trade Unions must not be dominated by middle-class outsiders of vaguely reformative tendencies, but by the workers themselves.

Where women are engaged in separate women's industries it is necessary for them to have organisations to protect themselves, instead of merely asking the men's Unions to protect them because, "it is carrying chivalry rather too far to expect busy men to make themselves familiar

or merely asking the men's Grinols or protect them because, "it is carrying chivalry rather too far to expect busy men to make themselves familiar with the ins and outs of other trades, and to represent their interests as well as their own."

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Where women are in the same industries as men, it is urged that they should join the men's Unions. Women, it is said, came cheaply into the industrial market, and "men made the mistake of regarding women as natural blacklegs. They decided to keep them out of certain branches of various trades, and, as a necessary consequence, refused to admit them to their Unions. In this men were and consequence, retused to admit them to their Unions. In this men were and are supremely selfish. They guarded their own interests by excluding blacklegs, but did nothing to prevent women blacklegging. They never suggested that women should organise too, and share not only their fight

suggested that women should organise too, and share not only their fight for good wages and good conditions, but also the reward of victory."

The writer points out that just as men's labour is menaced by women's, women's labour is menaced by iuveniles', and says:—

"What can we do to the 'little girls' of 14 to 17 who replace women'? May we not find out whether their fathers are Trade Unionists and, if so, approach them through their Unions? 'Don't let your daughter be a scab must logically follow don't be a scab must logically follow don't be a scab yourself.'... This matter must be raised at future Trade Union Congresses."

A Trade Union is not an isolated thing. "It must fall in with the plans and aspirations of the other Unions. Take the case of Dublin. Here you have large numbers of poorly-paid women workers. What good can a Union do? Other women will always press in to do the work... Let

women workers. What good can good can you workers will always press in to do the work. . . . Let us suppose that the women are officially connected with the other Unions. The matter is discussed at the Trades' Council. A hundred girls are on strike at Messrs. Blank. Very well. Out of sympathy for them the men come out too. More than that, no carter will deliver goods at Messrs. Blank. No man will touch goods to be supplied to him. In short the sympathetic strike is declared, and Messrs. Blank think long and hard before facing the consequences of getting no male labour. . . . It is stupid for the workers of one factory to strike while their neighbours and friends continue placidly at work. In future men will organise in big groups and strike altogether," and women, it is urged must do the same.

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Women, says M. E., must vote and take their part in the workers' congresses that are to decide these matters. "When a great industry is thoroughly well organised it becomes its own Parliament. Its representatives can settle its affairs in congress without minding Parliament. When the two clash, Parliament yields."

This is very true, but in the happy day when every industry is organised and has its Parliament of enlightened workers, a central congress of all the

and has its Parlament or enfigitement workers, a central congress of all the Industrial Parliaments will still be needed, and though the Trades' Congress, if it were broadened and extended, could fulfil this function, so might our existing Parliament, if the workers would capture it.

Already the working men have the voting strength to do this—if they had but the knowledge and desire to do so. The question is: which is the do so. The question is: which is the speediest way to the same goal—to abolish Parliament and replace it by the Trade Union Congress, or to turn Parliament into a Trade Union

turn Parliament into a Trade Union Congress? • Even if it should prove easier to abolish Parliament than to alter it, we must remember that if we cannot capture Parliament the capitalists capture Parliament the capitalists will remain in possession there, and whilst they are there they will place perpetual handicaps in the path of the Trade Unions.

The pamphlet further briefly outlines a scheme by which a Trade Union may gradually take over the industry in which its members are

Union may gradually take over the industry in which its members are employed: "A Trade Union spends its money in taking a shop and selling clothes and other necessaries. All the members buy there..... As the business grows the Union produces its own supplies.... By and by, as the Union gets stronger, it will take over the whole industry, and see to it that no more work is done in private shops."

The North Staffordshire district is, The North Staffordshire district is, according to the Shop Assistant, "notorious for its smoke and sweated women." A woman shop assistant, aged 29, was charged with pilfering; her wages were 6s. a week, and 1d. in the £ commission, making about 8s. She was fined £10.

What effect this unjust sentence had we are not told, but we should like to point out that employers who pay such wages are really accomplices, and ought not to escape the law!

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League Meeting 1.2.74, per Mrs. Rintel 1.0.0,
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Robertson 15.0. Miss D. Birks Ward 12.6,
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(Dreadnought fund) 10.0, A Well-wisher
10.0, Collection Sunday Meeting Women's
Hall, 7.33, Miss Butler Bowden (Dreadnought
Fund) 5.0, R. W. Pyne, Esq 2.6, L. O. R.
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Victoria Park 0.7, Mr. Fairweather 0.6,
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Beamish 2.7, Canning Town Milk 1.7, Mrs. Brird 0.6).
Clothing, Etc.—Miss R. Johnson, The Misses Mann, Anon, Miss Keith, Mrs. Dongray. Miss Lilian Robertson, Mrs. Clough, Mrs. M. W. Wilson, Miss Barbara Gunn, Miss Ruth Hancock, Mrs. Peake, Miss Aleic Inkson, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lelacheur, Mrs. Gardiner Hamilton, Miss A. H. Scott Bell, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Evans. Scrappoor.—Miss Dorothy Henkel. Tovs.—Mrs. E. K. Lelacheur. SHAWLS.—Miss MacKenzie.
APPLES AND POTATOES—Miss Clayson.

The Sunday Meeting at 400 Old Old Ford Road, was a most enthusiastic one. Mr. M. V. Trofimov, Russian Lecturer at King's College, spoke on "Russian Ideals," Miss Vengerova being ill. His address was most interesting, and called forth an animated discussion.

Mrs. Bouvier and Mr. Scurr gave short speeches on questions of the day. Miss S. Pankhurst was in the chair.

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The East End Branch of the Women's International League was

women's International League was formed, and many members joined. Members should bring their friends and remember our Sunday Evening Meetings in Bow begin at 7 p.m. now.