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WORKSHOP NOTES by W. F. WATSON.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A correspondent, evidently not conversant with the intricacies of Statecraft, writes from Portsmouth. He protests against the enormous number of Government Departments and Committees that have been set up during the past two or three years, and he wants to know what use they all are. Why it is as simple as buying furniture at Drage's!! Let me explain. It is the business of A Department to dig a hole, and when this is done it is stamped A.I.D., which everybody knows means Always In Distress. It is then passed on to B Department, which immediately proceeds to fill up the hole. Upon finding that it cannot get all the earth back again it holds a court of inquiry. At the inquiry the evidence of mathematicians, scientists, and experts is taken and one of the workers is blamed for not making the hole big enough.

After numerous sittings—at 3 guineas per member per diem and 10 guineas for the chairman—it is decided to hand the matter over to Department C, with instructions to dig another hole to bury the surplus earth.

CONSCRIPTION.

We understand that Sir William Bull is introducing a Bill to conscript women. It seems that these people will not be satisfied until Prussianism is firmly established in Britain, and every one—men, women, and children—under military control. Our Lobby correspondent informs us that it is rumoured that the lean M.P.s are drafting a Bill to conscript all stout people, solicitors, parsons bishops, dowager duchesses, hellicose editors, 87 guinea orators, &c. It is thought that by scientific treatment an enormous quantity of fats can be extracted from these people without injury to the patient.

The anxiety of these patriots to conscript everybody else would lead one to believe that they would willingly submit; but as a matter of fact since this rumour has been prevalent there has been

such an enormous demand for anti-fat remedies that the Government are contemplating appointing a Director of Anti-Fat Preparations, with Horatio at the head.

For our part we wonder this has not been thought of before. And why is no effort made to conserve the oil that oozes from the skin of war aims speakers when they talk of poor little Belgium? and hellicose editors when they talk of having found God in this war? and the politicians when they tell us the Allies are fighting to make the world free for Democracy? * * *

A correspondent writing from Liverpool says the movement is rather flat in that district. "Do not think I am pessimistic," he concludes. "I am not, for I know that economic conditions will arise in the very near future that will compel the worker to think, and thinking will make him move."

When he does move I should advise some people I know in this neighbourhood to take to the woods as it will be more healthy for them there than in the Labour Movement in Liverpool.

LONDON WORKERS' COMMITTEE.

Still enrolling members and selling plenty of literature. The educational classes are very instructive and well attended. Intending students please note that the classes are held at 7 Featherstone Buildings, Holborn, W.C.1., every Wednesday 8 P.M. Every one should come along to Chandos Hall on Sunday, May 12th, 11 A.M., to hear W. F. Watson lecture on the Workers' Committee Movement. Tickets, 6d. Chairman: Sam Brodley, London District Secretary A.S.E.—T. KNIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

The West London Engineering Workers' Committee is making headway. They have secured Tom Mann, who is speaking at the Lyric on Sunday, May 12th, 7.30 P.M. All workers are invited.

News is to hand from Glasgow that David Kirkwood intends to run for chairmanship of the A.S.E. We wish him luck.

FORTH AREA.

Business is flourishing; our Speakers' Class is in full swing, Comrade McEwan being our lecturer, and all are at one in voting him a real trump. He is at present fully occupied in brushing the webs off our thinking apparatus, strengthening our first line with Marxian economics, and I have a feeling that it won't be long before the mental bombs begin to take effect. Our Organising Committee is getting in some good work locally and is about to extend its field of operations. As to its progress more anon. Several items on agenda at last meeting were crowded out owing to local troubles being so pressing, but hope to deal this week with DREADNOUGHT Printing Fund (Workshop Collections). We have succeeded in obtaining the services of an official note-taker for the Forth Workers' Committee. Referring to the action taken by the police on April 19th against THE WORKERS' DREADNOUGHT and National Labour Press, all Northern centres seem to be on the alert, for many and bitter are the opinions I hear expressed regarding it, and now in addition to this comes the information of another attempt to make the world safe for democracy—I mean the arrest of J. McLean of Glasgow and W. H. Mainwaring of Wales. Well, a special Conference of East Coast delegates has already met and discussed these questions, but I cannot here give decisions arrived at. Time reveals everything. We are busy at present holding a pow woy re May Day celebrations; you may expect a report later. DREADNOUGHT sales exceedingly good; send same number, increased price will make no difference. Pleased to note London Workers' Committee is making such rapid progress; it is very encouraging to our Northern centres. By the way, has the Coventry Secretary entered for the Rip van Winkle stakes?—E. A. BARTLETT.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

GERMANS VIOLATE BREST PEACE.

Lord Robert Cecil declares that the Germans hope to carry on the war by securing food and raw materials from Russia. Of course this is so, and, since her military necessity knows neither law nor kindness, Germany would have pursued this end as ruthlessly as she dared even if Russia had not been, as she is, a Socialist Republic. Hence it is not surprising to learn that the Germans have violated the Peace Treaty which they forced upon the Russians at Brest Litovsk and that they have seized the Black Sea fleet, invaded the Crimea, and taken Sebastopol.

THE UKRAINE.

The news that comes from the Ukraine is confused and contradictory, but we gather from it that the Rada has not been subservient enough for the Germans, and consequently a number of officials and Cabinet Ministers and the wife of a Cabinet Minister have been imprisoned by the German military. The people of the Ukraine appear to have set their faces against the transport of food to Germany. Arthur Ransome, in *The Daily News*, declares that bands of Revolutionaries sometimes actually take away whole trains of food already on the way to Germany and have made it unsafe for the Germans to move except in considerable companies. The German Field Marshal von Eichom issued an order to the peasantry to return immediately all property and effects taken from landowners and to begin as quickly as possible the cultivation of the great estates. The order protects both the interests of the German invaders and of the landlords, who are chiefly Poles and Russians. A new reactionary and pro-German Government is said to have been established, but it is probable that its life will be short.

ADVICE TO THE DEAN.

Dean Inge says: "If only useful and beautiful things were made nearly every artisan should be able to feel something of an artist." His ideal can only be realised through Socialism. Let him work for it!

EQUAL PAY FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

In the cotton industry men and women have long received equal pay, and it is not uncommon for a woman weaver to make more on piece rates than her husband or father. The cotton workers are now unemployed one week in three owing to war shortage. During the third the Control Board, we understand, pays the men 25s. (a paltry dole!) and the women only 15s. The women should urgently protest against any such violation of the principle of equal pay!

CANADIAN WOMEN TO VOTE AT 21 YEARS.

In spite of the bad example set by the Mother Country, Canadian women are to vote at 21 years of age. An amendment to make the qualifying age 30, as in Britain, was defeated by a large majority.

MR. MAINWARING.

The W.S.F. Executive asked the Home Secretary to receive a deputation in regard to the sentence upon Mr. W. H. Mainwaring of Tonypanyd. Sir George Cave replied that he does not receive deputations on criminal cases. A deputation from the W.S.F. and other societies appeared in the Lobby of the House of Commons on Thursday, May 2nd, and interviewed Mr. Jowett, Mr. W. C. Anderson, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Sir John Bethel, and others, who promised to do what they could to get the sentence quashed. The deputation retired in high disgust with the entire Parliamentary machine!

DEPUTATION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A deputation of the Executive Committee which arranged the usual May Day Labour Celebration in Finsbury Park, attended the House of Commons Monday afternoon to raise the question there why, at the eleventh hour, the Home Office had prohibited the holding of the Celebration. The deputation was received by three members and the case was sympathetically heard. Mr. F. W. Jowett also listened to a statement of the facts and promised to convey them also to Mr. Snowden. Finally, it was decided that a written statement be addressed to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Wiles who will make it known to other members. The important point being "that after six weeks' notice of the meeting no action was taken until 9 o'clock Friday, May 3rd. And whether the Press acted on the instigation of the Government or vice versa." A further deputa-

tion will wait upon the Home Office to ascertain if they intend absolutely to forbid the holding of the Celebration as a great protest meeting is being arranged to take place immediately.

TO SOCIALISTS.

Mr. Edward Soeremus, the famous Russian violinist, has kindly consented to give a number of concerts for the W.S.F. and other Socialist organisations in London and the provinces. Those wishing to arrange dates should write to Mrs. Bouvier, 400 Old Ford Road, London, E.3.

Of Special Interest This Week!

KARL MARX IN FLEET STREET

Continued from May 4th.

THE AWFUL SITUATION.

MARRIED LOVE.

A new contribution to the solution of sex difficulties by Marie Carmichael Stopes, Doctor of Science, London; Doctor of Philosophy, Munich; Fellow of University College, London; Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, and the Linnean Society, London, London, A. C. Fifield, 13 Clifford's Inn, E.C.4., 1918.

This remarkable work should be widely read. Its most important contribution is the assertion made after long and careful research that there is "a rhythmic sex-tide" in women, and a "Lag Periodicity or Recurrence of desire." The curve of this tide Dr. Stopes tells us become flattened out through disregard of the law, city life, bad feeding and fatigue, but under proper conditions, they re-assert themselves.

FINSBURY PARK.

Our Remarks censored by the Printer!

WHATS' ON? W.S.F. FIXTURES OUT DOOR

FRIDAY, MAY 10th.
Hague Street.—6 p.m., Miss Price.
Queen's Crescent.—Kentish Town, 6 p.m., Mrs. Cressall.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th.
Great Push for Peace, Socialism, and Votes for All in Poplar and Canning Town.—Meet at 2.45 p.m. and at 5 p.m. at 20 Railway Street. Speakers: Miss Price, Miss P. Rickards, and Mrs. Walker.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th.
Osborn Street, Whitechapel.—11.45 a.m., Mrs. Walker.
"Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green.—11.45 a.m. Mr. Kings-Lynne.
Finsbury Park.—3 p.m., Miss Price.

FRIDAY, MAY 17th.
Rathbone Street, Canning Town.—11.30 a.m., Miss Price.
Pretoria Road, Walthamstow.—5.30 p.m., Mrs. Cressall.

INDOOR

SUNDAY, MAY 12th.
400 Old Ford Road.—7 p.m., Mr. Ph. Frankford, 'The Importance of Organising the Young.' The Lady Margaret Sackville will read her 'War Plays.' Chair: Miss N. Smyth. Admission, 1d.

MONDAY, MAY 13th.
44 Malden Road, St. Pancras, W.S.F.—2.30 p.m., Mr. Ph. Frankford, 'The Importance of Organising the Young.'

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th.
Leonard's Academy near St. John's Church, Leytonstone.—7 p.m., Miss N. Smyth, Miss Horsfall.

THURSDAY, MAY 16th.
29b Lincoln's Inn Fields.—7.30 p.m., Mr. F. Seymour Cocks, 'The Secret Treaties.' Miss M. O'Callaghan, 'The Present Outlook.'

SATURDAY, MAY 18th.
Chandos Hall, 21a Maiden Lane, W.C. (off Bedford Street, Strand).—6.30 p.m., DREADNOUGHT At Home. Short speeches by contributors. Songs: Madame Florence Clarens. Violin: Ed. Soernus. Tickets—1s., including light refreshments—can be obtained at 400 Old Ford Road, E.3.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th.
400 Old Ford Road.—Annual Conference.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

WALTHAMSTOW LEAGUE OF RIGHTS.
William Morris Hall.—2.30 p.m., Mrs. Sizer, and others.

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CLINICS AND SOCIAL WORK.—Miss Tew, £2 2s.; per Miss Weir (monthly), £1; Mrs. Richmond (fortnightly), 10s.; Miss C. H. Newcomb, 10s.; Nurse Hobbes (weekly), 10s. COLLECTIONS: L.S.A. Toolroom, £1 8s. 6d.; Misses E. Lagsding and J. Watts (Green's Yard), 9s. 4d.; Bow, 3s. 11d.; Miss H. Lagsding and Mrs. Bertram (Cubitt Town), 6s. 8d.

FLOWERS: Mrs. Sudd Brown, Mrs. F. S. Clark, DOLLS, &c.: Mrs. Crosland Taylor. CLOTHES: Miss Hardy, Anon. TOYS: Miss Welch.

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The fact of a married man becoming automatically POORER at the birth of each child constitutes a cruel wrong to all children, and until each child has 7s. a week in its own individual right, as an infant citizen, suffering, war, disease, and poverty can never be abolished. Let us all demand this from our different Governments now, before it may be too late.

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On SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 1918, at 6 p.m.
Mr. TOM MANN will give a Short Address

THE MOVEMENT THAT MATTERS. LONDON WORKERS' COMMITTEE.

A LECTURE
on the "The Growth and Development of the Workers' Committee Movement, its Aims and Objects," by

W. F. WATSON,
CHANDOS HALL, MAIDEN LANE, STRAND, W.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1918.

Chair to be taken at 11 a.m. sharp by S. C. BRADLEY, A.S.E. Dist. Sec.

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PARLIAMENT AS WE SEE IT.

April 29th.—Col. W. Thorne (Lab.) asked the Minister of Munitions if he was aware that the firm of Messrs. Ackroyd & Best of Morley, near Leeds, Government contractors, is paying their women less than they paid men for the same work? That girls receive 17s. 6d. for a sixty-hour week? How do women expect to be remunerated when their services are not all-important, as at the moment?

THE AIR FORCE.

Discussion was brought to bear on the recent changes in the Air Department. Mr. Pringle (L.) alleged that these changes had led to unrest. Lord Hugh Cecil (U.) made a panegyric on the merits of General Trenchard, to whom the British must thank their aerial superiority. Lord Hugh observed that of course he may not always listen to the ideas of "every amateur strategist" in the Cabinet "quite as sympathetically as that strategist might desire." This brought about a passage of arms between Lord Hugh and the Prime Minister, who possibly took the reference to himself! Lord Hugh went on to remark that Mr. Lloyd George was too sensitive, and became angry at criticism or discussion of resignations, and said: "The right hon. gentleman really seems to care about nothing except his own retention in office—himself, personally!" In referring to the Prime Minister's letter on the occasion of Lord Rothermere's resignation, Lord Hugh remarked: "It is the effort of a strong Celtic imagination. It was not a statement of fact, but an essay in hagiology..." The Prime Minister made a poor effort to wipe away the effect of these attacks, for his theme was that of defending what he must have long realised to have been a blunder. Sir John Simon (L.) told the House that General Trenchard was the "idol and inspiration" of the Air Service. And yet this horrible struggle goes on, conducted by a "Business" Government, accused by the House and the people of the grossest mistakes!!

INCREASE OF RENT BILL.

April 30th.—After several efforts being made to widen the scope of the Increase of Rent Bill it was read a third time and passed.

The Bill to control Food Profits was read a third time and passed.

RUSSIA.

May 1st.—Mr. Balfour stated that both France and the United States had representatives in Russia, though "not accredited to any Russian Government." Why the British Government does not follow suit he failed to explain to Mr. Lees-Smith (L.).

THE TRIBUNAL.

Mr. Anderson (Lab.) drew attention to the treatment meted out to the printer of *The Tribunal*. His machines, he said, were dismantled and a press worth between £40 and £50 injured "beyond repair." The police who performed this task produced no warrant for these proceedings!!! Sir G. Cave denied serious damage and said there was "no necessity for an order from a justice of the peace." The Land of Liberty—once more!!

BUDGET.

The Budget resolutions were discussed. Much comment was made on the injustice of the increase in the duty on sugar. The Financial Secretary did not appear to be convinced that it is the poorest who are made to suffer by this increase.

WAR MADNESS.

May 2nd.—The subject of the letter of Emperor Charles was referred to by Mr. Ponsoby, Mr. Lees-Smith, and Mr. Outhwaite, Mr. Lees-Smith (L.) pointed out that this letter was "the latest indication that a year ago the Government had the basis of a just and an honourable peace, and that millions of men are dying." Mr. Outhwaite (L.) asked whether the Prime Minister, without referring to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had "settled the matter of peace or war without reference to him, at the cost of a million of lives." We shall be interested to learn what answer will be forthcoming!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Mr. Fisher drew up a plan of the intentions of the Local Government Board in regard to housing. After the war great building schemes are to be set on foot, and about 300,000 houses (working class) are expected to be built in the first year of peace. The maintenance of "peace and contentment" Mr. Fisher hinted, depended largely on the "excellence of the housing of the working classes." It is a serious matter that we notice no mention of a bathroom is made for these "excellent" houses! We hope that the architects will insist on building up-to-date sanitary houses! Mr. Fisher spoke very much about the work of the health visitors and others; surely he must know that a big percentage of the disease and mortality amongst the poor is caused by bad housing! The workers must have a say in the houses that are to be built, for how can the well-to-do know what they think necessary!

FEDERATION NOTES.

LEEDS.—Hon. Secretary: Miss Lewis, 23 Blundell Street. On April 28th Mr. Edward Soernus, the celebrated Russian violinist, gave a most interesting recital of Russian and other revolutionary music in the Jewish Trades Hall. Mrs. Briggs sang and Mrs. Bouvier spoke on Bolshevism. The audience was most appreciative and hoped to have another opportunity of hearing the artist. On May 1st at the Branch Meeting in the Clarion Café it was decided to get up a meeting for Miss Muriel Matters as soon as she had a free date. Members are asked to order their DREADNOUGHTS from their newagents.

SHEFFIELD.—Hon. Secretary: Mr. Newman, 87 Montague Street. At the Branch Meeting in the B.S.P. Rooms, West Street, on May 2nd, a Literature Committee was elected, consisting of Mr. Carford, Mrs. Haigh, Mr. and Mrs. Manoin, Mr. Rodgers, and Mrs. Welsh. Delegates to the Annual Conference: Mr. Newman and Mr. Carford. A Social and Dance will be held on Whit Monday in the B.S.P. Rooms, West Street.

On May 6th Miss Smyth gave an interesting address on "Peace, Socialism, and Votes for All" to the members of the Portobello Branch of the Workers' Union in the B.S.P. Rooms. Good sales of DREADNOUGHT and W.S.F. literature at the Labour Demonstration on May 5th.

TO KARL MARX FROM THE BOLSHEVIKS.
M. Litvinoff, the Russian Ambassador in London on Sunday laid a wreath on the grave of Karl Marx in Highgate Cemetery in the name of the first Socialist Republic.