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WORKSHOP NOTES by W. F. WATSON.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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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 edig a hole, and when this is done it is stamped ALD, 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 buy 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 onemen, women, and children—under military control. Our Lobby correspondent informs us that it is munoured that the lean M.P.s are drafting a Bill to conscript all stout people, solicitors, parsons bishops, dowager duchesses, bellicose 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 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 bellicose 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?

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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.

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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.I., every Wednesday 8 P.M. Every one should come along to Chandox 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.

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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 Dreannoucht 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' Dreannouchtr 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 wow re May Daycelobrations; 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.

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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. taken Sebastopol

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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 efficials 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 proferman 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.

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In the cotton industry men and women have long received equal pay, and it is not uncommon for a women 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 1) 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.

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The W.S.F. Executive asked the Home Secretary to receive a deputation in regard to the sentence upon Mr. W. H. Mainwaring of Tonypandy. 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!

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A deputation of the Exceutive 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 Soermus, 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.

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Our Remarks censured by the Printer!

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THE SITUATION. TRELAND.

Mr. Harold Spender in *The Manchester Guardian* of May 6th puts the Liberal position and displays a most amazing lack of understanding of the Irish standpoint. He recalls the establishment of the Irish Volunteers, who were formed in 1782. Quoting the resolution passed by the Volunteers,

he says:—
"They knew their loyalty to their sovereign, and they were loyal; they knew their duty to themselves, and they were resolved to be free." Surely here, in the words of that noble resolution, we have the clue to the present maze... Irish military aid to Great Britain must once more go forward step by step with the progress and development of Irish freedom. That is the only way—now as in 1782."

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Mr. Spender, accustomed to and satisfied with the position of a member of the dominant race and class, actually believes himself to be displaying here very great magnanimity. If he will consider the matter even Mr. Spender should be able to realise that his simile of the Gratton Parliament and the Napoleonic Wars is an unfortunate one. Mr. Spender overlooks the fact that genuine self-government must leave Ireland free to decide for herself the questions of Conscription and of participation in the War.

Sir Horace Plunkett, the Chairman of the Irish Convention, voices another view of the Irish situation. He declares that the British Government cannot achieve both Irish Conscription and Irish self-government: he believes that they would fail in both attempts. He urges that legislation, to establish a responsible Government in Ireland, be passed at once, and that immediately afterwards an Irish Executive should be appointed and given the task of setting up the Irish Parliament and "of promoting voluntary recruiting and generally carrying on."

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It is not for any newspaper published on this side of the water to advise the Irish in regard to the management of Irish affairs; but unless we greatly mistake the temper of the present-day Irish, those who undertake the difficult task of setting up an Irish Parliament will be ill-advised if they meddle with the business of procuring recruits for the war. If they do so, we think they will not secure the confidence of the mass of the Irish people, who certainly regard Ireland as an independent neutral nation which can only be involved in this or any other war by its own express decision. That this is the prevailing opinion in Ireland to-day is the explanation of the tremendous growth of Sinn Fein.

WAR AND PEACE.

WHO IS LYING ?

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The letter to the press by General Maurice (until recently Director of Military Operations on the Imperial General Staff) categorically accuses the Government of giving false information upon the following important points. Firstly, Mr. Bonar Law stated, in reply to Mr. Pringle in the House of Commons on April 23rd, that the question of extending the British line in France was decided by the military authorities and "was not dealt with at all by the Versailles War Council," as it would have been, had the military chiefs, Sir William Robertson and Sir Douglas Haig, failed to agree to the proposal. General Maurice says: "I was at Versailles when the question was decided by the Supreme War Council to whom it had been referred." Secondly, on April 9th Mr. Lloyd George, discussing in the House of Commons the battle which began on March 21st said:—

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"What was the position at the beginning of the ttle? Notwithstanding the heavy casualties in 17 the army in France was considerably stronger January 1st, 1918, than on January 1st, 1917."

as not correct."
Thirdly, in the same speech, the Prime Minister said that in Mesopotamia there was only one white infantry division, and in Egypt and Palestine only three; the other divisions were either wholly Indian or mixed, with "a very small proportion

of British tropes." Again General Maurice says:
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no affair of theirs. So senious is the present disaffection that the Austrian Parliament has been adjourned on account of it.

THE NEWEST PEACE OFFENSIVE.

Now it appears there is another peace, opportunity; a peace "offensive" by Germany, directed principally against Britain, as Lord Robert Cecil has said. In what his colleagues may perhaps tell him was a moment of indiscretion, he disclosed the matter to the American press representatives, to whom he gives a weekly reception. He told them that the "more favourable" atmosphere towards England created in Germany by the Lichnowsky memorandum would be "exploited" by the German Government, which would make offers expected to be "particularly tempting to this country." These offers Lord Robert Cecil, The Times, Mr. Roberts (the Labour M.P. for Norwich) assure us to be dangerous traps and intrigues against which "the Allied Governments are likely to present as firm a front." as they have "presented to German military attacks." Lord Robert Cecil having begun the disclosure, the press added other information stating that the peace emissaries were already in London, that one of them was Mr. Colyn, the former Dutch War Minister. A Central News telegram from the Hague gave the following terms as being brought by Mr. Colyn from the German Government:—

1. Germany will renounce all claims in the West.

Wine is rigorously limited to one-fifth of a litre less than half a pint) for each meal, and cannot be

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1. Germany will renounce all claims in the West.

2. Belgium will be restored as an independent fully autonomous State.

3. Alsace-Lorraine will receive full autonomy within the German Federation.

4. The status in the East will remain as at present.

5. Austria will make concessions to Italy in the Trentino.

6. Balkan questions will be solved by an International Conference.

7. All Colonial questions affecting Africa and Asia Minor will be solved by a conference of all the belligerents.

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(Delegate to the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference in London.)

KARL MARX IN FLEET STREET: By SILVIO CORIO.

Continued from May 4th).

Let us now look rapidly through the weeldy owners of Europe can do.

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There are various spicy items in that paper. We find, for instance, that amongst others who have been considered from the argument of the Lord or the Times, £15,000; J. Redout of the Moring Post, £6,000.

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On November 18th, 1865, the transfer of the paper seem plote. Addressing themselves to the impers, the Directors say:—

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self-erected monument, the manuscript of the first part of the 'Capital,' that he is taking over to the printer, jealously.

"TOO MUCH MONEY."

Mr. Zangwill's new farce, 'Too Much Money,' is a brilliant, bewildering whirl. It rushes on like a non-stop electric train, and everything fits so perfectly that one never feels the motion or hears

the engine.
What is it all about? What does Mr. Zangwill

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., Mrss

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SATURDAY, MAY 11th.
Great Push for Peace, Socialism, and Votes for All
in Poplar and Caminig 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.—I1.45 A.M., Mrs.
Walker.

"Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green.—I1.45 A.M.
Mr. Kings-Lynne.
Finsbury Park.—3 P.M., Miss Price.
FRIDAY, MAY 17th.
Rathbone Street, Canning Town.—I1.30 A.M., Miss
Price.
Pretoria Road. Walthametow.—5.20.

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Cressall.

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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 18th.

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,

Letytonstone).—7 P.M., Miss N. Smyth, Miss

Horsfall.

Leytonstone).—7 P.M., Miss N. Smyth, Miss Horstall.

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., DERADNOUGHT At Home. Short speeches by contributors. Songs: Madame Florence Clarens. Violin: Ed. Soermus. 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.

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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?

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THE AIR FORCE.

Discussion was brought to bear on the recent changes in the Air Department. Mr. Pringle (L. state of the content of the

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.

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

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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.).

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'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!!

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. Ponsonby, 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!

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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.

TEDEKATION NOTES.

LEEDS.—Hon. Secretary: Miss Lewis, 23 Blundell Street. On April 28th Mr. Edward Soermus, 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 artistes. On May 1st at the Branch Meeting in the Clarion Café it was decided to get up a meeting for Miss Murich Matters as soon as she had a free date. Members are asked to order their DREADNOUGHTS from their newsagents.

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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 interest address on 'Peace, Socialism, and Votes for to the members of the Portobello Branch of Workers Union in the B.S.P. Rooms. Good sale DREADNOUGHT and W.S.F. literature at the Lai 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.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

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