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## THE TERRIBLE COURT-MARTIAL: By an American Journalist

I have always wanted to see a court-martial. I have, I must confess, always stood in some awe of a court-martial. It may come from childish recollections of the Dreyfus affair, or from the smothered reports of the Ferrer trial, but somehow I have always pictured a court-martial as something tremendous. I imagined it as resembling the doctor's examination at the Sorbonne, a row of very severe-looking officers sitting around a high bench, and firing withering questions at the unfortunate criminal. But my dreams have been shattered. Now, when I think of a court-martial, I shall always think of Mill Hill, its small and dingy, corridor, its dinky court-room, and its empty dignity. dingy corridor empty dignity.

when I heard that numbers of conscientious bigectors were to be tried, I went to Mill Hill with reat expectations. I had visions of a violent ash between two powerful ideals, between the tength of the State and the strength of the indidual. There was no clash, there was no excitent; there was only monotony and a most efficient so of time. The few interesting moments were attrely incidental; they were in no way the fault the system. The accused and the soldier-witesses were responsible for all of them.

arrived just as the proceedings were about to mence. The prisoners, a few of their friends, a guards, and the soldiers who were to testify inst them were all crowded into a little corridor ast them were all crowded into a little corridor de the court-room, or what served as court. They were talking and laughing, and not least properly impressed by the solemnity of ecasion. It was the second offence for one em; but, although certain of two years away his wife and two boys, he seemed to enjoy ituation immensely. On the whole, it was more like a happy family waiting for a picnic than a group of desperate individuals, dans to the safety of the State, awaiting militrial.

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It is his name was called out, each man was ched between two soldiers into a very small ordinary-looking room. Nothing could have farther from what I had imagined. Three ears sat around an insignificant table, and ead of looking down from the height of an osing bench, looked up at the prisoner standbefore them. They did not keep up a string eithering questions, but carefully followed the codure as outlined on the forms before them. act, they did not speak to the accused except mrequired to. The accusation was read. The secutor testified, judiciously stopping to give fellow-officer time to write out in longhand the had to say. Witnesses were then called o prove that the accused actually "refused and not obey the order" to undress for medical mination—or perhaps to put on khaki—when to do so by some portly N.C.O. As he was rn in, each repeated with terrified sincerity, help me God," and kissed the Bible with a smack, as if the truth of his statement deded upon the amount of noise he could make, statement itself was invariably well research, with irrelevant but convenient pauses the recorder. During his presence in the room, stically every witness stood at exaggerated nition, and shook from head to feet, lest he ald make a slip that would displease his superarement or one especially. I wanted to him to calm down, or he would surely shake khaki off—and it wouldn't be for medical mination.

samination.

The next relief came when the prisoner was llowed to say whatever he chose in his own efence. Of those I heard, all but one was read, hey were very simple statements of the men's elief in God, and their abhorrence of War. The econd-offender alone enlarged a little. He not ally told the court what he thought of the whole illitary system, but what he thought of the court self. He even predicted what his sentence ould be; and no doubt his prediction has proven by this time. The proceedings then respect into formalities that continued until the disoner was led away to the guard-room. Another han was brought in, and the whole business gone wer again. Exceedingly monotonous!

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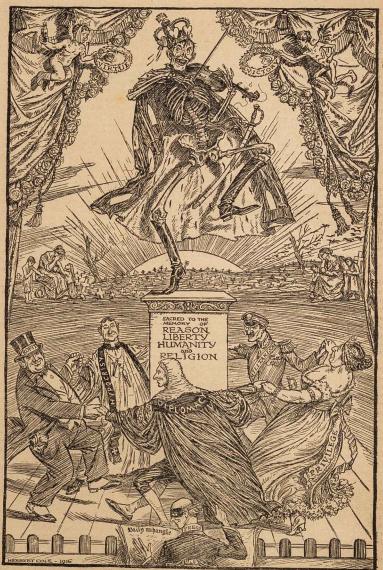
If a court-martial were staged in the settings I at one time imagined it to be, or if a shooting squad were waiting at the door, it would be really

imposing. But it is at present far from that. There is a certain amount of unimpressive dignity; the soldiers stand at attention, the court takes itself very seriously (or is extremely bored), everything is very formal. But one cannot help smiling when a number of men get together in a small room, and in a very dignified way publicly discuss another's refusal to undress at the bidding of a fat corporal as if it were the most serious of crimes—especially when the accused insists on remaining unconcerned. Personally, the only time I was impressed was when the man who had not prepared his declaration of faith stated his belief

in Christ and in the brotherhood of man in a simple, homely way, searching for words he could not find.

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As I think it over, I wonder why the whole thing is not done entirely away with. It would be much more simple to put the men in prison without formalities; and that would not waste the time of the officers, of the privates, and of the men themselves. Of course, if they all have plenty of time to lose, that is a different matter. But, even so, if it no longer existed it could not spoil people's dreams about the terrible impressiveness of a military court.



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# "PEACE, VOTES, AND FOOD"

Down in the low crypt of beautiful York Minster they looked curiously at the barbaric capitals and vaulting, remains of the Norman church which once stood on that site, and the great piers hewn down to make way for the present Gothic building. Where the Norman masonry had been broken through the group of visitors could see the rough, herring-boned walls of the still earlier Saxon edifice. "And here," said the guide, pointing to an ugly

must be back to the ideals and achievements of a more brutal age.

In the invaded countries the accumulated result of centuries of effort by architects, painters, sculptors, craftsmen of every sort is being swept away; but all over Europe humanity is suffering a greater loss in the destruction of what has been gained by ages of effort in human character-building. The self-discipline of the student and the artist which has found expression in his inner self and, through him, in that of his descendants, as well as in the work of his hands; the love of mothers for their children that has been growing from generation to generation, has passed with its sweetening influence into the race, the refining influence of civilised surroundings some measure of comfort—too little always for the poor—these things are being stamped out by the horror and hate of war and by the intensified struggle to live and the bitterness of starvation which is falling on large sections of people.

be Negotiated Now?"

From Roumania comes news of awful food scarcity—eggs at sixpence each and chickens at 15 francs—this in an agricultural country where wages are very low. Cattle are said to be dying by hundreds for lack of fodder; alarming epidemics of cholera and typhus have fallen upon the people. The neutral nations have not escaped the general food shortage. In Sweden the people have long suffered serious privations, great food demonstrated and solid properties of the local properties of the country where wages are very low. Cattle are said to be dying by hundreds for lack of fodder; alarming epidemics of cholera and typhus have fallen upon the people. The neutral nations have not escaped the general food shortage. In Sweden the people have long suffered serious privations, great food demonstrated to mit the strikes of the caucin. But still there was no apology."

CHINESE LABOUR

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The Food Reform Restaurant, Furnival St., Holborn, W.C.

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In Germany British gold is said to be at the back of the strikes!

strations have taken place and 20,000 people have marched to Parliament demanding food. The Government has determined to spend large sums of money on buying food for the people; nevertheless, grave popular unrest continues. "Peace, Votes, and Food" are the popular cries heard with growing volume in every country. In Germany strikes of miners, munition workers and others continue. The strikers of Berlin have secured promises that profiteering in food shall cease and that a committee of workmen of the strikes continue. The german Socialists of the Minority have endeavoured to secure the adoption by the masses of a programme demanding that the Government shall declare its readiness to accept peace without annexations, the abolition of compulsory military service, the liberation of political prisoners, and complete adult suffrage. The writer of the "Manchester Guardian's "London Letter announces that the Prime Minister has changed his mind, and though he began by assying that the Government shall declare its readiness to accept peace without annexations, the abolition of compulsory military service, the liberation of political prisoners, and complete adult suffrage. We been accepted by the general body of workers, but their acceptance is probably not far distant.

We regret that at present there seems to be no inclination to adopt this charter on the part of the British Labour Party, which appears to be the most backward amongst those of the six great beligerent nations. But too much importance the British Labour Party, which appears to be the most backward amongst those of the six great beligerent nations. But too much importance the British Labour Party, which appears to be the most backward amongst those of the six great beligerent nations. But too much importance will be introduced into Parliament below the most backward amongst those of the six great beligerent nations are apt to make such declarations whilst War continues, but if, having secured a victory, they find themselves able to wing from their vanquish

secured a victory, they find themselves able to wring from their vanquished opponents either teapitals and vaulting, remains of the Norman church which once stood on that site, and the great piers hewn down to make way for the present Gothic building. Where the Norman masonry had been broken through the group of visitors could see the rough, herring-boned walls of the still earlier Saxon edifice.

"And here," said the guide, pointing to an ugly mass of dusty crumbling stones right in the centre of the place, "is the altar of the pagan temple to Bellona, the Goddess of War."

"They ought to heave it up into the church and keep it there till the War is over," said a pretty lady.

The guide was silent—perhaps he was shocked by her flippant words.

But above in the Minster are many emblems of savage warfare. Tattered flags that have been through this or that engagement, a wreath of faded roses to commemorate a battle, and numerous tablets carved with the sword and scabbard and all the accountements of militarism placed there in memory of men who died in Britain's wars of conquest. Funy descertations, they are scarcely seen in the spacious vastness.

The great shafts soar above us, the cool, sweet colours of the jewel-glass look down.

"As the rose is the flower of flowers, so is this He House of flowers," runs the old inscription. It is a house built by careful craftsmen who toiled with patient pleasure to make the glass and the hard, intractable grey stone picture the visions of their minds. Apostles of construction in a rude age of war, such as they, are the true men of peace, who all through time have sought to study and build, whilst men of war seek only by violence to destroy.

Outside the Minster soldiers, ill-clad in hideous khaki, are marching past, like dull automata, wasting their youth in the pursuit of savagery and preparing to burrow in the earth to hide from violent death as the far-off cave-man did. These men are but tools. The cave-man did. These men are but tools. The cave-man did. These men are bu

# be Negotiated Now?'

An Irish correspondent writes:—
"I wish to draw your special attention to the action of the Irish National Conference at the Mansion House on Thursday, 19th inst. A woman, Countess Plunkett, was appointed on the committee then formed for the purpose of organising the country to uphold the principles of the Republican Proclamation of April 24th, 1916. This committee represents, temporarily, the executive of the Republic, and is, for the time being, the supreme authority of independent Ireland, therefore, having a woman to act on it signifies the recognition of Irish Republicans of the political equality of men and women."

## ARE WOMEN INFERIOR?

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ANTI VIEWS ON BOTH SIDES.

In refusing the petition of Miss Georgina Frost, claimed to have been elected Clerk to the Petty Sess of Six-mile-bridge, County Clare, and who for five y had done the work for her father, the former clerk, Justice Barton, in the Dublin Chancery Division, sald disqualification of women rested "not upon any presu inferiority of intellect or discretion," but upon "consistence of the construction of the property of the control of the con

In the "Woman's Journal," Mrs. Carrie Chap-man Catt and Mrs. Laidlaw both declare that Miss Rankin did not weep or faint when giving her vote against War. They say that, though not agreeing with Miss Rankin's vote, it showed that she possessed both conscience and courage, for the pressure to vote the other way was enround MISS RANKIN

INJUSTICE TO WOMEN

# FOOD CONTROL AND THE W.S.F. munal Kitchens. The Ministry of Food says: 'It is realised that these are absolutely necessary in order to save waste in cooking, and to produce the food that is available well and wholesomely cooked.' It is hoped that within a reasonably short time one of these will be opened in the borough, and if proved to meet a real need, others will follow as soon as possible. The Food Control Committee trust it may have behind it the full force and influence of the Borough Council. There are other important questions to consider, and suggested developments to take place as occasion serves, and for the purpose of information I enclose a copy of the Committee's suggestions. In the meantime, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., I received a deputation at the Council Offices of representatives of women's organisations\* in respect of Food Control. I was accompanied by the Town Clerk and two of the hon secretaries of the Food Control Committee, Messrs. K. G. Hobday and W. E. Nicholls. The deputation laid before us in a quiet, orderly, and

The Food Problem

e War." We believe that if the women would by unite, they could do it. Even the nationa-ation of food, though a useful piece of Social-n, which should be continued after the War, huld but stave off the ultimate certainty of star-tion, for even this would fail to perform the racle of the loaves and fishes.

The Food Question in East London

As a result of the food meeting held by the

C.S.F. in Bow Baths on March 23rd, a deputation
om the meeting waited on the Mayor. Following
e deputation, the W.S.F. received an invitation
om the Mayor to send delegates to a meeting to
rm a Food Control Committee, and Mrs.
ressall, Miss Smyth, and Mrs. Walker attended
the Federation's behalf. Miss Smyth and Mrs.
falker were elected to the Executive. The folwing letter has now been received from the
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o the Chairman and Members of the General Purposes
Committee.

"Good Control Campaiga.

"Gentlemen.—In connection with the question of Food
nitrol, the National War Savings Associations to
ext now their attention to the important matter of Food
onomy. The Borough of Poplar War Savings Associations
has been eminently successful in its operations, about
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"'(3) County Councils to control flour milling, food preserving, etc., to be carried on on a wholesale scale,

with every Department of State.

Human Milk

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY Popular Government
Parliamentary Control of the Purse
Some Members of Parliament at last show
gns of protesting that whilst "the foundation of
the House of Commons is control of expenditure,
ne necessary knowledge is deliberately withheld,
the hundred and sixty Members, representative of
the right and left wing of all parties, have tabled a
solution demanding the appointment of a Comittee of the House to review all national expenditre, examine Ministers and officials, and report to
the House. In a letter signed Gershom Stewart

The Fight for Humanity

is thus thrown away. On April 18th a deputation from the London Insurance Committee waited upon its chairman, Sir E. Cyrnwall, to urge these points upon him. He replied that the Local Government Board is considering whether the hutments now used by the Army can be converted into sanatoria for consumptives after the War. It is sad that the nation is only prepared to give to the fight for humanity what is left over from the fight against a section of humanity.

Renublicanism

Mr. H. G. Wells has been weiting

mittee of the House to review all national expenditure, examine Ministers and officials, and report to the House. In a letter signed Gershom Stewart (U.), Chas. S. Henry (L.), F. S. Banbury (U.), Percy A. Harris (U.), John Gretton (U.), Leif Jones (L.), Henry Craik (U.), G. J. Wardle (L.), F. W. Goldstone (Lab.), Godfrey P. Collins (L.), they point out that the present War expenditure is: £7,000,000 day, and declare that "the new huxury of Government State Departments will, if it continues, smother the State."

We entirely agree with the stand which is being made by this Committee for Parliamentary control of the purse, though on most other questions we are diametrically opposed to some of the signatories to this letter. Since the outbreak of Warwe have been opposed to the growing practice of creating irresponsible Committees to manage this and that important matter. If the work of the State has outgrown the existing Department, we submit that any new Department's Committees which it was necessary to create should have been formed by and from Parliament. At the present time the popularly elected members of Parliament are treated as mere outsiders in the government of the country. Such Parliamentary Committees as that suggested for finance should be established in connection with every Department of State. Republicanism

Mr. H. G. Wells has been writing to "The Times" to suggest the formation of an organisation in this country to encourage a Republican movement in Central Europe. Some people are always worrying about liberty abroad and ignoring the need for it at home!

But though Mr. Wells has expressly stated that his republican views are not to apply to this country, the "Times," the "Telegraph," the "Yorkshire Post" and the other Tory organs which are opposed to freedom for the people, whether at home or abroad, have given him a severe trouncing, and in spite of his protestations of loyalty to the British throne, have insisted that his proposal, in the words of the "Yorkshire Post," "must necessarily be regarded as an insult to our King and Queen."

The Fortunes of War

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The Committee of Delegates of the Russian Socialist Groups deeply regrets to have to announce the death of two late members of the same Committee, Comrades Jan Janson (Brown) and Peter Karpovitch. Their invaluable work on the Committee helped us to realise the immense loss to international Socialism, occasioned by their tragic

The Secret Session

There is to be another Secret Session of Parliament. In eace time we should seriously condemn the proposal: in Var time it may be the only opportunity Members can and of forcing the Government to give to Parliament the information to which the elected representatives of the cople are entitled. But at the last Secret Session the lowernment gave no information.

paying millers and manufacturers a salary for managing the business and paying the workers at Trade Union rates. County Councils to be empowered to open mills, etc., on their own account where necessary.

by the tickets for which they exchange it. Municipalities should also have the power to open shops, bakeries, restaurants, etc., on their own account."

I promised them that the Borough Council would take their application into consideration at the earliest moment, that we were not unmindful of the present difficulties, but that our powers were exceedingly limited.

In submitting their resolutions and suggestions, I fully appreciate how difficult some would be and how impracticable others. I do, however, venture to express the hope that the fullest consideration be given to them and to the present situation, and that to allay any feeling that may exist and to assure the people of our whole-hearted desire to help them to the full of our powers, we make recommendations to the authorities in the direction of that which we conceive practicable.—I am, Gentlemen, faithfully yours,

\*\*This was the W.S.F. deputation." (\* This was the W.S.F. deputation.

The Food Controller's Powers

Not Christ, but Barabbas

The Plymouth correspondent of "The Times" ays it does not like the conscientious objectors of rincetown in the Dartmoor prison, and "if it had Princetown in the Dartmoor prison, and "if it had the choice would probably prefer to have the convicts who until recently were confined in the prison." If it be true that any large section of people prefers the murderer to the man whose only offence is that he refuses to murder, the fact strikingly proves the deteriorating effect of War. It is as though the people of Princetown were offered the historic choice of Jerusalem. Do they answer—"Not Christ, but Barabbas"?

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It is said that, in deference to the Jingo agitation out-side, the Home Office held an inquiry at Princetown, which will result in more severe discipline for the con-scientious objectors and increased hardship.

### Stephen Hobhouse Sentenced

We regret to learn that Mr. Stephen Hobhouse has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment. His crime was refusing to obey military orders.

"God has given us to-day the most perfect of summer days to end our holiday (in military detention in an empty house in Teignmouth).

"When I think of my 'two years,' I remember that I have had in these five weeks more than my fair share of holidays for 'two years'; and I remember the soldiers who have to go through hell and (closer parallel than they) the millions of factory hands and munition workers, tolling in prison-like Hoxtons, with scarce a glimpse of woodland and meadow, from one end of the vear to the other."

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Their memory will live long among those for whom they sacrificed their lives.

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The Corn Production Bill demands a minimum wage of 25s. for "able-bodied men." We hope this unjust clause will meet with strong opposition. Equal pay for men and women must be established.

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH OF W.S.F.

"AT HOME"

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#### JUDGE NEIL

ommon action for peace.

POLAND'S RECONSTITUTION.

The Allied Governments of France, England, and Italy ave congratulated the Russian Provisional Government ith regard to their proclamation of a united and inde-endent Poland.

Socialists of all parts arrive in Stockholm to reorganise the International ... towards peace.

PRO CAUSA JUDAICA.

The Roumanian Government intends to grant to the Jews full political and civil rights. The Russian Revolution and the movement of American Jews in favour of the Allies found a strong echo in Roumania, and created the new policy.

policy.

THE ECHO OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IN
THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT.
The Prime Minister, entering the Parliament in Buda
Pest, was received by the Opposition with impetuous cries
of. "Long live universal, equal suffrage!" "Nothing else
but electoral reforms can be discussed now in this House."
The President suspended the meeting, and Parliament was
adiourned.

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ne "Neues Pester Journal" announces that Hungarian
alist-Pacifists held a secret congress in Buda Pest, and
passed a resolution declaring that the people of Hunhave no more rights than the Russian people before
Revolution, and that only the democracy of Hungary
enforce peace.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.
the Reichstag Commission in charge of the Revision
the Constitution began to work on April 24th.

of Hamburg suggests the abolition of class

Great troubles are reported from Bulgaria. In Sofia demonstrators are marching through the streets carrying uman skulls and bones on their forks. The infantry has riced into the crowd. There are many victims.

WHAT WILL CAUSE REVOLUTION?
Count Reventlow, one of the Northelifes of Germany, leclares that unless Germany wins the War the German donarchy will soon cease to exist. We believe that if the War continues much longer the Kings and Governments of all the belligerent countries will be given their marching riders, not because they have failed to win the War, but because they have failed to end it.

## NOTES FROM THE MIDLANDS

Sheffield has figured lately in the columns of the Prestroughout the country. The attitude of its organise boour towards the Munitions Act in general, and to Si villiam Clegg, Chairman of the Munitions Tribunal is, it to the least, unequivocal. Parliament, before it rester on its stupendous labours, heard but a faint echo of the office of discontent which Sir William Clegg, by his tectatorial and capitalistic methods has engendered amon, the workers of the city.

Now what in substance are the charges brought agains.

# LABOUR DAY A Mass Meeting

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On Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 o'clock; doors open at 7.30

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E. C. FAIRCHILD

D. CARMICHAEL

Dr. MARION PHILLIPS

## WORKERS DEMONSTRATE on MAY 1st!

1st of May Celebration Committee: CHAS. COOK, Secretar

Muriel Matters

### ECHOES OF VICTORIA PARK

COMMENTS OF WELL-WISHERS

Dear Editor,—Bravo; but keep it up. There were large numbers of sympathisers about in spite of the rough usage. It means to say several I know were hurt a bit. My husband got husband got have been supported by the say of the say of

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## AN APPEAL

We appeal to all pacifists who are in sympathy with the Peace Campaign in East London to send a donation towards the broken windows at 400 Old Ford Road, E. The children and youths had been incited to do this damage, and in one instance, at least, we know were paid to do it. The cost of putting in the windows is £5. Donations already received:—Mrs. Girdlestone, £1; Mrs. Despard, £1; Mr. Bracher, 1s.; Mrs. Crabb, 2s.; for which we tender our grateful thanks.

#### A BOW CHOIR

A Singing Class will be held on Wednesday evenings at eight p.m. in the Woman's Hall, 400 Old Ford Road. The services of a proficient teacher have been secured, and we ask all music lovers to help in whatever way they can to make the enterprise a success. We cordially invite girls and boys and men and women to join. First lesson, Wednesday, April 25th.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND

## PARLIAMENT AS WE SEE IT

From questions referring to work of National Im-ortance, we learn that out of the 163,161 volunteers dealt its by the Employment Exchanges, only 2,800 have se started at work.

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Mr. Ginnell (Irish) stated that the Censor in Ireland as stopped the advertisement in Irish newspapers of a cortrait of Roger Casement, and prohibited shopkeepers of a constant of the constant of the

oril 18th.—In reference to the sugar question, Captain nurst stated:—"If conditional sales of sugar are still g made it is contrary to the orders of the Food Con-er, and if the necessary information is given prosecu-will take place."

U.S. AN ALLY.

April 17/h.—Asked whether there was a shortage of food a this country. Captain Bathurst said: "No, sir ... , there a nothing of the sort. There is a prospective shortage of cod, and it is for us to recognise it, and act accordingly."

Mr. King (L.) recounted that the Tsarist Russian Government had sent conscientious objectors to military food.

Mr. King (L.) recounted that the Tsarist Russian Government, had sent conscientious objectors to military service to Siberian detention. These men were now liberated and doing work of national importance in their country. He asked whether the example of the Russian Government will be followed. Mr. Macpherson we learn that out of the 163,161 volunteers dealt and the start of the start

ment withdraw both Bills.

Dr. Addison introduced what he termed the Billeting of Civilians Bill. By this legislation a number of welfare Committees would be set up, whose duties would consist of procuring lists of prossible lodgings, arranging the amount to be paid for board, inspecting these houses from time to time, and similar pleasant tasks. The Bill, Dr. Addison seemed to think, was going to meet the shortage of accommodation in Barrow, where several Members said there were no houses to be commandeered in this way. Dr. Addison was spurred on to planning this unheard-of encroachment on the private life of citizens by the impression made by a deputation of Barrow munition workers—

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Bonner Lane, Old Ford Road, 11.30 a.m., Mg. Boyce.
SATURY, APRIL 37th

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Gray Street, 290 p.m., Miss Price.
Hototo Street, 230 p.m., Miss Price, Miss Beamish.

Armagh Road, Bow, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Boyce.

Hague Street, Bethnal Green, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Boyce.

Highbury Corner, 11.30 a.m., Miss Price.

Osborn Street, Whitechapel, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Boyce.

"Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Walker.

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Victoria Park, 4 p.m., Mrs. Boyce, Miss Price.
MONDAY, APRIL 30th.
Clock Tower, Burdett Road, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Boyce, MONDAY, APKILL 300.

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Hague Street, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m., Mrs. Boyce, Miss Price.

TUESDAY, MAY 1st. Piggott Street, Poplar, 12 (noon), Miss Price.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd.

Grundy Street, Poplar, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Boyce.

THURSDAY, MAY 3rd.

Cannon Street Road, Commercial Road, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Royce.

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Mrs. Boyce.
FRIDAY, MAY 4th.
Beckton Road, Canning Town, 7 p.m., Mrs. Boyce.
SATURDAY, MAY 5th.
Well Street and Morning Lane, Hackney, 11:30 a.m.,
Royce.
Royce.
Royce, Road, 11:30 a.m., Mis Mrs. Boyce.

Bonner Lane and Old Ford Road, 11.30 a.m., Miss Price.

Price. Fire Station, Hoxton, 2.30 p.m., Miss Price, Miss Beamish.

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CHANDOS HALL "At Home;" 21a Maiden Lane (off Bedford Street, Strand). "To-day (Saturday), 3,30 p.m., Mrs. Bauvier, "The Present Outlook"; Mr. Philip Frankford, "Socialist Bureaux." May 5th, Mr. G. P. Good, "The Future of Constantinople"; Miss M. O'Callaghan, "The Present Outlook."

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BOW WOMEN'S HALL, 400 Old Ford Road.—Tomorrow (Sunday, April 29th), 7 p.m. Mr. Maurice Gregory,
Secretary of the Society of Friends, "The Criminal Law
Amendment Bill." Chair: Mrs. Boyce. Singing Class
Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m., Speakers' Class,
Mrs. Boyce.

BROMLEY, 53, St. Leonard's Street.—Monday, Apristh, 2 p.m., Mrs. Drake.

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POPLAR, 20 Railway Street.—Wednesday, April 25th,
8.15 p.m., Mrs. Boyce.
OLD GRAVEL PIT HALL COMMITTEE ROOM,
Valette Street, Hackney.—Tuesday, May 1st, 7 p.m., Miss

Thomhinson.

CANNING TOWN, 124 Barking Road—Wednesday, May 2nd, 7:30 p.m., Branch meeting, Miss Smyth.

LEES HALL, Barking Road.—May 6th, 7 p.m., Judge Neil, "Mothers' Pensions": Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Mary Neal. Chair: Mrs. Drake.

#### OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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At Kingsley Hall, Bow, on Sunday next, April 29th, Mr. John Scurr will speak. Discussion 9, 300.
William Morris Hall, Somers Road, Walthamstow, May 1st, 230 p.m., Mrs. Bouvier.
May-Day Labour Demonstration, Finsbury Park, May 6th, 3,30 p.m. We understand the Committee is endeavouring to organise a children's contingent. All progressive Societies and Trade Unions are asked to bring their banners. All communications and subscriptions should be sent to L. S. Howard, 75b Grand Parade, Green Lanes, Harringay, N.
Tuesday, May 1st, at 7,30 p.m., Mr. Williams will speak on "Base Camp Life in France," in Emily Davison Lodge, 144 High Holborn, W.C. Refreshments till 8.15.
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MANCHESTER.
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The Conference on "Mothers' Pensions," held in the Priory Rooms on Saturday, April 21st, was attended by a large number of delegates. There was great disappointment and anxiety caused by Judge Neil's absence, but Mr. G. Lansbury, who spoke in his place, was given a very cordial welcome. The Chairman told the delegates by Judge Neil's works, and spoke of the great necessity her in England for a similar crusade.

Mr. Lansbury spoke at length on the conditions affecting children here—the Poor Law arrangements by which children are denied a mother's care, the awful existence of the widows who struggle to maintain their little ones, and the penalising of the illegitimate child and its mother. He recommended reform on the lines of the Scotch system, saying that the Health Committees should judge of cases and not the Poor Law Guardians.

Mrs. Henson, W.S.F., moved the following resolution:—"That this Conference of Women's Societies, Trade Unions, Women's Co-operative Guilds, Women's Adult Schools, Woman Suffrage Societies, Temperance Societies, Trades Council, Labour and Socialist organisations, calls upon the Government to follow the example of the American States, and introduce a scheme of Mothers' Pensions without delav."

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STIRCHLEY.

The evening meeting at Stirchley was very successful. Miss Margaret Haly took the chair, and Mr. Lansbury again spoke.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution against Clause II, of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill now before Parliament, and also the following:—

"This meeting calls on the Government to follow the example of the American States and introduce a scheme of 'Mothers' Pensions' without delay."

A. B.

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REPORT OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, 1917.
The First Annual Meeting of the Birmingham Branch of the Workers' Suffrage Federation was held by the courtesy of Mrs. Henson, at 85 Watford Road, Kings Norton, March 27th, 1917.
The Secretary's report and balance-sheet was read and approved by the meeting. The meeting decided unanimously that no delegates could be sent this year to the forthcoming W.S.F. Conference.
A resolution for Conference was passed, viz.:—"that this Conference strongly disapproves of the recommendations of the Speaker's Conference and demands Adult Suffrage as the only possible solution of the Suffrage problem."
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The following officers and members of committee were elected:—President, Mrs. Butler; Secretary, Mrs. Henson, Treasurer, Mrs. Durant; Committee, Miss A. F. Boden, Miss Manning, Mrs. Avery, Miss Shipley, Mrs. Death Mrs. Chamberlain, Mr. Morcombe.

The business meeting was followed by a social evening which was entirely arranged by Mrs. Henson. The meing passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Henson for the use of her room and for her efforts which made the evening such a great success. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mis Boden, in appreciation of her work in connection with the meetings.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT, MARCH, 1917.

The Birmingham Branch of the Workers' Suffrage Federation was formed in March, 1916, Mrs. Boyce coming from London to start the organisation. A large number of meetings have been held during this first year, chiefly in Stirchley Institute. Sixty-seven members have joined, but only 28 have continued their subscriptions all through the vear.

year.

During the summer months the work was mainly confined to selling the Dakanovount, but in September for nightly meetings were begun with a social evening. The fortnightly meetings have been continued throughout the winter, a number of them being devoted to the making orgaments for the sale in London, and at others Mis Margaret Haly has given a series of educational lecture on "Internationalism." A large meeting was held of Saturday, March 17th, in the Priory Rooms, Birmingham at which Miss Pankhurst spoke, and at which Miss M Haly kindly took the chair. The amount in hand from the year's activities is 18s. 13d.

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