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## MUNICIPAL TOPICS.

By COUNCILLOR T. H. WATKINS.

### Municipal Milk Undertaking.

The final step has been taken by the opponents of this branch of our municipal undertakings to dispose of it by sale to a "private company."

What a strange anomaly that representatives elected to control and extend municipal undertakings and enterprises should surrender so important a branch of our undertakings as the purveying of milk!

### "Competition."

It will also be observed that the business is to be disposed of under conditions that practically constitute a bias of "heads I win" and "tails you lose" in favour of the purchasers. Such is the faith of the Citizens or Coalition municipal representatives, as exponents of the principles of competition in trade, with private ownership and control for profit, that they have actually consented to bind the Corporation by agreement that if the Corporation decide in the future to carry on a milk supply undertaking, the present private company purchasers may require the Corporation to repurchase the business at a price to be agreed upon.

The subject is of such importance as to warrant the widest publicity to the terms, as contained in the City Council minutes of August 9th, to enable rate-payers to judge fully the action of their representatives upon the City Council.

The following is the full extract from the minutes:—

"MILK UNDERTAKING.—The Town Clerk reported that a conditional agreement had been entered into with Messrs. W. D. Jeffery and three others for the sale of the milk supply undertaking on the terms set forth in the agreement."

"The purchasers are milk producers, and are acting on behalf of a company which is about to be formed, to be known as 'The Derbyshire Pure Milk Company Limited.' It is understood the shareholders of the proposed company are to be milk producers, particularly those at present supplying the Corporation."

"The condition of the agreement, so far as the Corporation are concerned, is the adoption of the agreement by the Council on or before August 17th next. So far as the purchasers are concerned, the conditions are the formation of the company, the subscription of the capital—£10,000—and the adoption of the agreement by the company on or before September 1st next."

"If the agreement becomes absolute, the transfer of the undertaking is to be deemed to have taken place on April 1st last, and the company are to pay the Corporation the sum of £57,500, ad. for the stock-in-trade on March 31st, 1922; £3,623 10s. 11d. (subject to adjustment) for the book debts; and £3,000 for the undertaking. The Corporation are to pay to the company the sum of £2,571 10s. 10d. in respect of the debts and liabilities outstanding on March 31st last, and to carry on the undertaking as agents of the company until September 1st next, accounting to the company for profits and being indemnified against losses."

"The purchase of the undertaking is to be completed on October 1st next. Where assigning the undertaking to

the company, the Corporation are to covenant that in the event of their deciding hereafter to exercise their statutory powers to carry on a milk supply undertaking, they will give notice thereof to the company, and the company may thereupon require the Corporation to repurchase the milk supply undertaking at a price to be agreed upon, or, failing agreement, to be determined by arbitration. If any such repurchase is made before October 1st, 1923, the purchase money is to be not less than £7,000.

"Resolved.—That the Council be recommended to confirm the conditional agreement for the sale of the milk supply undertaking to Mr. W. D. Jeffery and others, and that the Corporation Common Seal be affixed to the same, and to any other documents necessary

to carry out this resolution.—Mr. Peck, Mr. Bolton."

### Unemployment.

Schemes for the provision of employment by the Corporation are again under consideration.

The limitations in dealing only with the problem by providing half the costs from the rates may be judged from the fact that the expenditure of £300,000 is equivalent to a rate of 1s. 6d. in the pound to raise half the amount.

With the remainder provided as grant from the Government, the total sum will only provide employment for one thousand men for twelve months!

### Devastated Areas.

The Prime Minister has vividly portrayed the problem as being national in character by comparing it to be equivalent to the devastated areas on the Continent, as both being direct results of the war. It will, however, be more difficult to "re-build" the manhood, womanhood, and childhood of

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## PRIME MINISTER'S COSTLY LIFE.

It is announced that Mr. Lloyd George is to receive £50,000 for writing his life of quick changes. Some of the ex-servicemen still searching for "homes for heroes" could supply a candid review of his career in picturesque language at a very much lower figure.

### THE CRUMBLING COALITION.

Nos. 10 and 11, Downing-street, the official residences respectively of the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, are in the builders' hands, owing to the defective foundations. This seems to be typical of the Coalition Government. Unless the present Coalition is strengthened, the "Die Hard" party will bring the structure to the ground. Lloyd George will then pass to its grave, "unwept, unhonoured, unmissed."

### THE HONOURS SCANDAL.

After all, the Royal Commission on Honours is to be a mere white-washing affair. Royal Commissions have been properly described as an expensive means of finding out what everybody already knows. The Commission will not throw the searchlight on the past scandals of pouring out honours to profiteers and politicians who find fat cheques for the party coffers. Nothing so disastrous to the present party system will be risked. The inquiry will be limited to the consideration of the procedure to be adopted in future to assist the Prime Minister in recommending names of persons deserving of special honour. The secrets of the bartering of titles recently exposed in the House of Lords, which would furnish some piquant information, are to remain a closed book.

In referring to advertisements mention the "Sheffield Co-operator."

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this country if the policy of drift and the promise of something being done "to-morrow" but never "to-day," is allowed to continue.

### Comparisons are (Always).

Whilst it is the lot of the working class to be unemployed, under-employed, and to suffer reductions in subsistence allowances and wages, also to spend their time under demoralising and deteriorating conditions, without hope or prospect of improved circumstances during the forthcoming winter. In contrast there is a class of the community who are in no wise affected by the present "devastating" circumstances, but are provided with all the means to ensure every drop of waste and luxury.

The picture papers depict daily the joys of fashionable French watering places, the pleasures and delights of Ascot, Cowes, Henley, together with an annual round of race meetings.

In the riot of waste and luxury the unemployed leaders of wealth and fashion are ever in attendance.

Housing, Slum Areas, Privy Missions, Schemes of Reconstruction, Electrification, Development of Home Markets.

These are awaiting issues of credits within this country for their extension and development, all being practically at a standstill.

## THE GROUSING SEASON.



According to a press report, grouse shot on the Yorkshire moors in the afternoon were carried by aeroplane to London and served up for lunch in the large hotels the following day.

According to the "Labour Gazette" for August, the total number of workpeople registered at the employment exchanges as unemployed on July 31st approximates to 1,400,000. In addition to this the reduction in the rates of wages reported on the same date amounted to £490,000 per week.

## GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THINGS.

By "PIONEER."

It is some time since co-operative business has shown a decreased value, but, in the main, an increased volume. So that the co-operative movement is weathering the prevailing storms with confidence. Not only are members loyal to their stores; but they are recognizing the necessity for making co-operative stores the avenue for the disposal of the products of co-operative workshops. Slack times in co-operative factories is due to the neglect of individual co-operatives to ask for C.W.S. goods.

We want that to be realised. If every reader ceased to take such notes, the mills would quickly close down. Co-operative problems are dependent upon the insistence of the demand from co-operatives.

Apart from the main lines of trade, there are a few suggestions that can be put into practice. We make these in the hope that everyone will co-operate in helping the C.W.S. to keep busy during September and October. The Agricultural Department is introducing a

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### "WHEATSHEAF" FOOTBALL BOOTS,

made in the C.W.S. Factory, should be displayed.

And finally, we would like a word for the C.W.S. Paint Works of Rotherham. They are stocking in liquid and other paints, but there is a big demand for their

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## CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY NOTES.

THE Co-operative Party, along with the two management committees of the two Sheffield Co-operative Societies and the educational committee, were arranging a demonstration to be held on September 2nd. Owing to the shortness of time, however, the arrangements have had to be cancelled. At a meeting of the Joint Committee the other evening it was decided that the demonstration should be held in the spring, as this would be a better opportunity to make it a success.

Recently a conference was held between the directors of the two co-operative societies and the co-operative representatives on the various public bodies, to discuss matters of particular interest to co-operators as such. It appeared from the discussion and reports that the advent of Co-operative and Labour representatives on the Board of Guardians has had a very good effect on the treatment meted out to applicants for relief.

At a recent meeting of the Co-operative Party, the question was raised of a letter which had been sent to a certain Board of Guardians from the Ministry of Health, suggesting that they should claim dividend on the goods supplied by the co-operative society to applicants for relief!

The Hallam Co-operative Party is making rapid progress in its organising and social work. Whist drives, dances, open-air meetings, and meetings for captives and workers are being held practically every week.

Recently a deputation of the Co-operative Party visited the Hallam Labour Party with regard to the next Municipal Election. An amicable arrangement was arrived at.

### ECCLESIAL GUARDIANS.

The Co-operative and Labour members of the Ecclesial Board recently made a tour of the Casual Wards. They report that everything was quite clean, and in fact comfortable; one member asserting that there are thousands of poor people in Sheffield who have not as good accommodation as is provided, particularly for the women, in the Casual Wards.

The wages of the temporary staff reduction of 10 per cent. came up for discussion by the Ecclesial Guardians, this matter having been referred back at a previous board meeting on account of it only being decided by a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee, and the recommendations were to be put into operation at once. Councillor Sivil moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. C. Smith. Mr. Miller moved the amendment, seconded by Mrs. Cavill, and called attention to the Clerk-in-charge who is to receive £4 3s. 6d. per week and is responsible for approximately £5,000 per week. The Labour members suggested that it was not much incentive to honesty.

The Clerk stated that there was £286,000 owing from the Overseers for the current half-year, a total call of £436,000, and whilst he estimated expenditure for the remainder of this half-year at £7,000 per week, the Board, after paying the first half-yearly interest £10,000 on the £50,000 Loan, would have £100,000 balance at the half-year end.

### SHEFFIELD GUARDIANS.

Very little business was the feature at the last meeting of the Sheffield Board of Guardians, due, no doubt, to many holiday. The Labour group, being in the majority, had no difficulty in carrying a couple of amendments, one in workman, and the other granting back pay to a late employee.

Another matter that need be mentioned is that before the ordinary business of the Board commenced, members of the Labour Group made a spirited protest against the inadequacy of relief granted to certain cases. The Chairman promised that the matter would receive attention.

### ROTHERHAM GUARDIANS.

It will be remembered that two Co-operative representatives secured election on the Rotherham Board of Guardians to represent the Tinsley district, and it is interesting to note that these members are very active in the interests of the poor.

In addition to endeavouring to get the loan system abolished, they have succeeded in pushing another scheme under which all new applicants for emergency relief have to come before their respective Relief Committees. These committees have to give them the opportunity of working at trade union rates, otherwise they cannot be charged for repayment of relief granted on loan.

It would appear that the reactionaries on the Rotherham Board are now on the horns of a dilemma, that is they must either find work at trade union rates for all new applicants, or they must grant them relief without the condition of repayment. Well done, Tinsley!

### I. L. P.

We understand that when Mr. A. Posenby visited Sheffield in connection with the "No-More-War" Demonstration, an advantage was taken of his presence to have two successful propaganda meetings in Brightside. Also a special meeting of the Labour Party members was held, which Mr. Posenby addressed.

We understand that arrangements for a huge National I.L.P. Revival Campaign were discussed. The meeting agreed that though the work of the I.L.P. in the past in its demand for independent working-class representation was now achieved, it was essential that a strong Socialist movement inside the Labour Party should work to ensure that when the party is returned to power, it does not attempt useless reforms in the capitalist system, but sets about the work of bringing about essential, far-reaching changes in our social and economic system.

We note that a special Reorganising Committee has been appointed, and is now at work considering the best means to be adopted in building up a strong branch of the I.L.P. in Sheffield. We understand that one of the difficulties is the lack of suitable central premises for social activities, but their E.C. is making strenuous efforts to secure premises for an I.L.P. Club.

### ATTEKLIFFE LABOUR PARTY.

"It is not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more, we'll deserve it," is the motto of the Attercliffe Labour Party Social Committee. On two occasions were full arrangements made in vain for a grand field-day to be held under the auspices of the party, on August 8th Bank Holiday Tuesday, and later on the following Saturday, these being postponed, needless to say, on account of the weather. However, by the weather clerk, and the function will probably have taken place by the time these lines are printed.

Following the August City Council meeting, reports were given to large audiences in Attercliffe by the Labour councillors P. Marshall, C. H. Wilson, and W. A. Byrne.

We understand that 302 claims for inclusion on the Voters' Lists have been made by the members. Well done, Attercliffe!

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The recent magnificent success of Labour at Pontypriidd is a further significant sign of the march of Labour towards political power. A majority of 13,775 in favour of Coalition-Liberalism in 1918 was turned into a majority of 1280 for Labour, in consequence of which Mr. T. I. Marly Jones proceeds to the distinctly working-class section of the Legislature. We must look at the triumph in its proper light. Whatever be our political learning, it is now time to ignore the advancing cause of Labour in the affairs of the nations.

It is remarkable, yet astonishing, that there are men and women in the ranks of working-class co-operation who may not be particularly pleased with this progress. Perhaps some day they, or the rising generation, will plainly realise where or how they should stand in relation to the rights and claims of Labour to political administration, nationally or internationally.

Co-operation will have to be careful with regard to its expressed political aims in the future, or advancing Labour may come to regard it as a reactionary force. But we are living in hope that the political enlightenment will subsequently fall upon the movement.

Straws are showing clearly which way the wind is blowing. Let us look at the changes since the general election of December, 1918. The Coalitionists have lost twenty seats. Of these Labour has gained fifteen. Liberals have captured five of the places, and Independents six. Labour has thus secured four more than the other two types of candidates together.

Obviously, a change is coming over the country. The successes of Labour since 1918 doubtlessly indicate a growing working-class opinion in favour of men selected from its own ranks. There are on the eve of a new ruling party the State, consisting of men who know the daily lives of the workers, and do not merely view them through coloured glasses from a high pedestal.

The most encouraging feature about the advance since 1918 is that it cleaves into the two clearly defined wings of working-class homes through the ballot box. To what has been achieved, more can be achieved. We have now reached the stage from which we may see the most easily rise to prominence. The hearts of pioneers that used to droop with despair over twenty years ago may now be dated with the rightness of the outlook. The march of progress that ever it was: more persistent and forward.

Is this to be wondered at? Should we be wondered at? From December of 1918 to the middle of 1920, there could be no more mistake about the greed of the money-making class. There can be no mistake about the falling economic standard of the working class during the last two years. We shall be beaten at to further depths of poverty. And we do not look alive we shall be robbed of what political rights we possess through trade union organisations. But it would appear from the gradual access at the election polls we are alive to the dangers of the political enemy. We must to make every wage-earner free to it. We want to make every wage-earner realise that it needs only a slightly harder pull together to make Labour the master of the political situation, backed up by a group of direct co-operative members of Parliament. Forty politicians who are scared about this prospect repeat that politics will be a co-operation. Has it never struck them that now we have gone so far, to withdraw from politics would most probably set back the co-operative movement in the intellectual advancement of working-class organisations. We are expected to run so great a thing of co-operation, there can be surely nothing extraordinary about taking our proper place in governing the nation.

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Man can't be poor if he be good.  
But, strike, it gave my heart a rip,  
And caused my hope in Heaven to slip  
To read how folk in London Town  
Were knocking English honours down  
At unpeeped thousand pounds a Peer  
(The Knights are down a bit this year).

Hawking our honours at the mart  
To make their party eagles start  
To buy new "lecturing" tales,  
And touch the mountains up in Wales.  
To get new ropes for German necks:  
More homes for heroes; & gospel texts.  
More glorious claims, more setting suns,  
More reconstructed kingdom comes,  
More peace for all, and peace for ever,  
Mashed with Imperialistic blither;  
Some blood red tales of Labour treason  
To loose man's passion, bind his reason.  
A hope to make the toiling masses  
Content to trudge like ally asses  
Through destitution's foul morasses  
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**CO-OPERATION AND PARLIAMENT.**

"No more effective method of securing the triumph of any cause has yet been found than a straightforward, vigorous campaign by a party that means business. Abstract resolutions at anti-party gatherings have their interest, but they get no forwarder." — "Sheffield Independent" Leader, April 25th, 1922.

In above quotation the editor of the "Sheffield Independent" unwittingly states the case for the Co-operative Party.

During the Parliamentary session just closed, the need for direct representation of the consumer in Parliament has been manifest more than ever. Time after time legislation has been under discussion which has a direct bearing upon the prices of commodities.

For example, the Parliamentary Committee's activities in forwarding the Bill to provide for the sale of tea by net weight will save the consumer a sum estimated at £3,575,000 per annum, this being the amount of paper sold as tea under the late conditions!

Again, the twenty years' agitation of the co-operative movement for the removal of the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle has at last come to fruition, with the result that this Protectionist law, retained by both Liberal and Tory Governments, is to be lifted in favour of the most purchaser.

In this latter connection Protectionists persisted in the camouflage of the peril of disease, whilst Free Traders promised amendment, but never took action until public opinion, largely organised by co-operative propagandists, became too much for even the present reactionary Government.

The effect of the victory will be (1) that more cattle will be sent to Britain than before, (2) that British beef will be stimulated, (3) beef will be cheaper, and (4) agriculture will be assisted both through British cattle feeders and the increased fertilisation of the soil.

Another example is the co-operative agitation for the retention of the sale of bread by weight. Although the Sale of Food Order expires at August 31st this year, so much pressure has been put upon the Government in connection with this matter that an amendment has been accepted to retain this legislation until the measure is re-introduced in November.

Another matter taken up by the Parliamentary Committee has been for the purpose of retaining the Milk and Dairies Act of 1915, the purpose being to secure the provision of a pure milk supply, and for protecting the consumers' interests. Several amendments in this connection have been accepted by the Government.

Furthermore, the co-operative political work, both in the constituencies and in the House, has been effective in preventing the imposition of the corporation profits tax upon the workers' movement.

Scores of other examples could be given, all of which prove the truth of the statement at the head of this column—that "abstract resolutions at non-party gatherings have their interest, but they get no forwarder."

Hence the necessity for, the co-operative movement—a consumers' organisation—of the Co-operative Party.



By "PATRICIA."

To those of our readers who were inconvenienced by the recent rain storm, I offer my sympathy. It must have been very distressing to see one's household goods and chattels being damaged by the water. A comfortable home, however small, contains so many little items which cannot be replaced by money which even when money is plentiful. It must even have been doubly painful to the thrifty housewife to see the damage being done, especially when money is scarce, as it is in so many working-class homes to-day.

Fortunately the thrifty type is not afraid of work, and it is wonderful how soon the muddle and chaos was straightened up when once the water subsided and willing hands and guiding brains were available.

It is an ill wind that blows no one any good, and certainly the good storm has shown up some of the weak spots in certain houses, and if it were only possible to remove them: would be numerous fittings, alas there is no choice, for the new houses are so few that tenants have to grin and bear conditions that are little short of disgraceful.

What a tangle it all seems, everyone admits that more and better houses are wanted, yet when the houses are built the rents are so high that it will end in just a favoured few having decent houses or else overcrowding in order to make up the rent.

At the same time the bill of health falls heavy on the rates, for the city has to bear large expenses through sickness, much of which is preventable.

One of the most useful contributions to the debates of the British Medical Association, held at Glasgow recently, came from one of our own University men, Professor Wynne, who pointed out that our present methods of dealing with disease from the individual standpoint was wasteful, as the cases were too numerous to deal with all, and therefore it was better to deal with causes, as it was more economical in the end. He instanced the treatment of consumption, venereal disease, &c. "Hear, hear!" I say to the professor, and in no case would money be better spent to improve health and morality than in improving the housing of the people, for although there are many women who have no decent instincts towards keeping their homes clean, there are many who are always trying to build up a real comfortable home in crowded, ill-built and ill-decorated houses. Small wonder that they want to get out of such homes and crowd into stuffy places of amusement. All this leads to waste, as poor health or morals costs the city much; in this turn is a burden, and causes poverty, which again causes ill-health.

THREE DON'T'S.

Don't take some other person's medicine because you are similarly afflicted. Don't start a day's work without eating a good breakfast.

Don't wear thin stockings or light-soled shoes in cold or wet weather unless you want to cultivate a red nose.

Letters to "Patricia" to be addressed c/o Editor.

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**Labour Party's Splendid Fight.**  
The Finance Bill, which has now passed its third reading, has been a real bone of contention between the Labour Party and every other section of the House. The vigorous protests of the Labour Party against the favouritism shown by Sir Robert Horne for the rich has been emphasized again and again during the debates.

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**Labour Amendments.**  
Some of the Labour Party amendments would have done much to relieve not only the workers, but the middle classes; most of them were, however, rejected. For example, it was moved that the allowance for earned incomes should be increased. This was very decisively rejected by 254 votes to 61. Yet the amendment which deferred for one year the new assessments against the evasion of the super-tax was carried by 244 votes to 59. It is estimated that this will mean a loss to the Revenue of £400,000! In short, the super-tax dodgers are to be allowed to "wangle" these matters for another twelve months.

Again, the Labour Party moved that pensions received by widows on account of husbands killed in the war should be exempted from taxation. The Government rejected this by 231 votes to 122. It was moved that the exemption allowed for children should be increased. This was rejected by 283 votes to 56.

Tom Myers moved that widowed mothers should be exempted. This was also rejected.

**False Economy.**  
The Government's disgraceful Economy Bill has received a severe trouncing by the Labour Members. Introduced by Sir Robert Horne as though it was a matter of no importance, the Labour Party soon detected the reactionary nature of the measure. Tom Myers' description was: "This is not economy; it is callous neglect of national responsibilities, and will levy a heavy toll of stunted lives."

**Where Economy Ought to be Practised.**  
Jack Jones was even more vigorous than Myers. "Some of the Hon. Members can economise," said he, "but they did not. They began with the children in the matter of education." There was a so-called economy in housing, but he would like to see some economy in the picture papers at Wimbledon, Ascot, Henley, and the Royal Garden Party. This protest was met with loud cries of "Order." But Jones proceeded: "I have a right to say it, and I am going to say it. Who pays for all these royal functions?" he asked. "Who pays for the joy rides round the world that great people are allowed to have, whilst you are trying to rob our people of education? You have paid £500,000 to a young gentleman to have a trip round the Empire." This latter called angry shouts of "Order" and "Sir down." The

Speaker intervened, but Mr. Jones resumed: "I protest most emphatically against this class legislation," he said. "This House can always find money for their own class, and they can never find money for the common people of this country."

**Where Economy is Being Practised.**  
The effect of the Bill will be (1) to limit the Government's liability in respect to housing schemes; (2) to levy the further provision of houses at the public expense to the localities; (3) to drastically economise in certain education provisions by making continuation schools non-compulsory, by raising the school age from five to six, and by giving the Board of Education discretionary powers with regard to education grants to local authorities.

Mr. Bridgeman (of the Mines Department) rejected these suggestions on the ground (1) of economy, and (2) of the necessity not to interfere with the powers of supervision and control vested in the management. Should we say vested interests?

**Work versus Dole.**  
The Government's Bill to reduce the gap in unemployment pay from five weeks to one week called forth a well-reasoned protest from J. R. Clynes. Clynes pointed out that the Government's purpose was not to help the unemployed, but merely to side over a difficulty of the Board of Guardians. He argued against the whole system of giving benefits during idleness.

Ex-Colonel Malone also dealt very effectively with the subject, and advocated a rating system which would equalize the burden of unemployment throughout the country.

The Bill is of a purely temporary character, as in any case there must be fresh legislation on the subject in the autumn, when the existing emergency provisions for payment of benefit expire. Moreover, it is, of course, quite inadequate, both from the view-point of the unemployed and the local authorities. The Labour Party, therefore, opposed the reduction to even one week without benefit.

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We discussed the welfare of women and children, and found that, though we were divided by race and speech, our fundamental needs and the causes of our sufferings are the same.

Women representatives from America—that host of millions—told us of what they were doing in maternity and child welfare centres. Then came the great confession, "We find that, although we are spending millions of dollars on this welfare work, we are only able to help a tenth of the women who need us."

THE TRUTH FROM GERMANY.

A German doctor had a very different story to tell than is given us by the capitalist press. It was a story of the children who walked like Cain with the brand of war on their foreheads; of women struggling in an unequal battle to feed their children; of conditions of general ill-health. German women are learning many things, but at a great cost," he said. I knew he told the truth, and that the press which glorifies in Germany's wealth and her ability to pay reparations lies to deceive us. There are people with surplus wealth in Germany, as in all countries, but the great mass lacks the essentials of life, and knows that war is a weapon which destroys life and liberty.

A WOMAN PIONEER FROM JAPAN.

The Baroness Ishimoto (of Japan) was an example of what we women can do when we are determined to triumph over the restrictions and inequalities that are upon us by bad Governments, and that know that their power lies in put and possess. A little truth she uttered will always remain in my memory. "Japan," she said, "has a capitalist Government, pledged to the capitalist system and interests; therefore, it keeps prices high and life low. The cost of living remains a crushing burden on the community, and must remain while the interest of the Government is so divorced from that of the people; but women are being taught, and soon the truth will make them free." What of England?

What was the story we had to tell that international assembly?

A story of a Government which still manufactures poison gas, paid for by you and me. Gas which will destroy horribly the whole of a township. Watch the Government! Watch its supporters! Let experience teach us, and then out of the travail of our souls, and the knowledge we have gained, let us use votes and influence for the common good of the common people, the greatest happiness for the greatest number.

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And though I have been such a rover,  
You're still the best weapon I know  
The chaplain he wants to convert me,  
"Sir, my rifle converted," says I,  
"Shoots better, so if don't hurt me,  
You're perfectly welcome to try."

But I fear he'll find it a puzzle  
To do it, however he may say;  
For I always shall lead at the muzzle  
(If I can, at least) three times a day.  
So here's luck to your bayonet and barrel,  
Here's luck to your sights and your stock;

When I fight in His Majesty's quarrel,  
May I hold you as firm as a rock.

My dear children, I have lately been  
looking through a book of war songs,  
and the above is a sample (a horrible  
sample, I think—don't you?)

The introduction to the book was  
written by General Sir Ian Hamilton,  
and what do you think he says?

Well, he says that it is all that so-called  
songs should be published to help  
those who wish to keep alive such sentiments,  
and also that posterity—that  
means you children, and your children—  
should have something whereby they may  
learn how their ancestors "were a people  
that jeopardized their lives unto death in  
the high places of the field," and found  
more reason for rejoicing than sorrow!

Now, my dears, I want you to dis-  
believe all such-like rubbish as that  
contained in the last few words.

When I was a soldier, and when going  
up to and from the trenches, I used to  
sing, with as much gusto as the rest, such  
songs as "Keep the Home Fires Burning,"  
"It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," &c.  
I did it because, under the  
circumstances, it seemed more sensible  
to laugh and sing than to mope and cry.

War in any place, and at any time, is  
always cause for sorrow and lamentation.  
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There is nothing glorious about war.  
I want you to get that simple little truth  
deeply planted in your little brains.

Do you know, I am very fond of reading  
those old stories of the days when,  
according to the Greeks and Romans,  
the gods and goddesses were supposed  
to govern the world from the heights of  
Mount Olympus.

One of these gods, whom the Greeks  
called Ares, was the god of war. It is  
said of him that he took a savage delight  
in the din and roar of battle, the strife,  
slaughter, and other terrible conse-  
quences of war. Because of this he was  
hated by other gods, and I want you to  
notice this: "He was especially hated by  
Athena, the goddess of wisdom."

A poet named Homer, who was sup-  
posed to have lived several hundred  
years before Jesus, and wrote a poem  
on the Trojan war, makes Athena say

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to Ares. "Thou base of mortals, blood-stained lord, razer of cities."  
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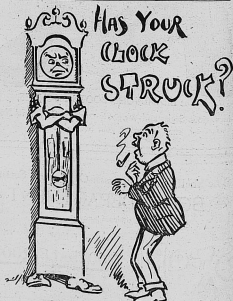
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