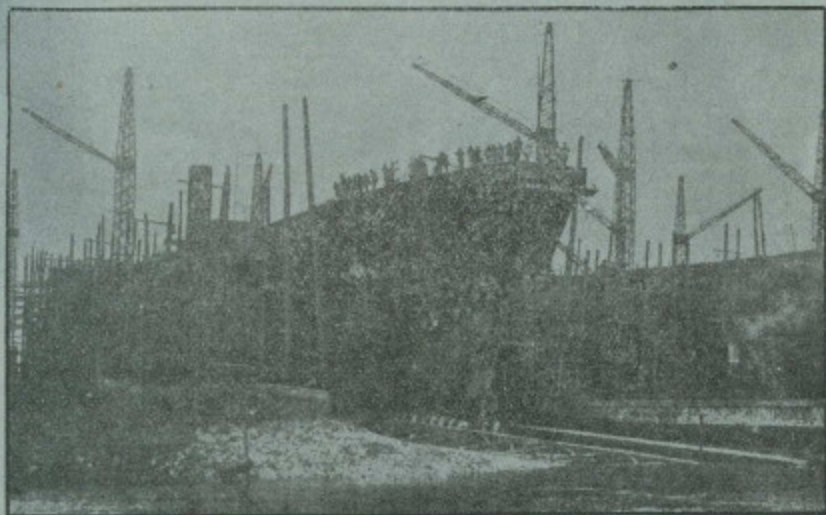


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11, Wootton Bassett Road, Swindon, Wilts., June 28th, 1919.

Worthy General Secretary,—I desire, through the medium of our Monthly Report, to express my many thanks to the brothers who so kindly supported my candidature in the recent election for E.C. representative for No. 5 District. I may say that I was much gratified by their support. Though unsuccessful I shall at all times do my best for the interest of the society.

I remain, yours in unity and trade,

JOHN WHITE.

62, Croft Terrace, Jarrow, June 27th, 1919.

Worthy General Secretary,—Please permit me, through the medium of our Monthly Report, to ask the members to accept my sincere thanks for the support they have given me in the recent election for the Executive Council.

Yours faithfully,

T. ROBSON.

31, Buston Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, June 28th, 1919.

Worthy Officers and Brothers,—I beg to tender my sincere thanks to my committee and all those who have again placed their confidence in me as their representative on the E.C. for No. 4 District for the eighth term. I fully appreciate the large number of votes given in my favour, which alone goes to prove that I still have the confidence of my members which I shall always endeavour to retain.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. LINDSAY.

43, Willowholme Street, Belfast, June 28th, 1919.

Worthy General Secretary,—Permit me through the medium of our Monthly Report to heartily thank those branches which honoured me by nomination, and also the members who voted for me in the recent E.C. election (District No. 2). Our members have proved conclusively that they are thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which Bro. Bell has carried out his duties in the past, and I warmly congratulate him on his decisive victory.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES BAIRD.

TECHNICAL PAGES.

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HANDS OFF RUSSIA.

No apology is needed for introducing this subject in the Report as it is so important and serious to every lover of national freedom and liberty that one can only stand amazed that the British Labour Movement has stood idly by so long, while the Government have proceeded with their policy of military intervention in Russia, and by this action are assisting the intolerable reactionary capitalists and landlords of Russia to revive the old regime of Czardom, which (previous to the Revolution) represented all that was known the world over as the most bloody and tyrannical reign, so that there stretched from Moscow to the remote icy regions of Siberia one long damning trail of red, the blood trail of the exiles upon the snow. The trail of the pioneers of Russian trade unionism and Russian Socialism, and to-day, after the working men of Russia have overthrown their age-long tyrants, the Government of England are sending soldiers, shells and aeroplanes to defeat the Bolsheviks who have succeeded in establishing the first Socialist republic in the world.

That Republic stands in danger of being overthrown because British trade unionists are manning the engines and ships that are to carry the soldiers and munitions to Russia. Here in London British trade unionists are working every possible hour on barges that are being fitted out to carry munitions of war to defeat their Russian comrades. Aye, and by some ironic circumstance, as if possessed by the bloody imp of capitalist greed, are working at a speed that they never exerted when it was thought necessary to have ships to beat the Germans. Ye God, how the Gods of War and Greed must now be smiling in fiendish delight.

And all this effort, all this loss of comradeship, all this prostitution of idealism and manhood, to assist the capitalists of all countries to restore the reign of the Czars.

Bolshevik atrocities? Why, even if they were true (and all independent eye-witnesses who have returned from Russia declare that they have not witnessed any of them), they would pale into insignificance beside the ghastly executions and pogroms of the late Czar, who in one year caused 26,000 of his subjects to be executed; the majority of whom belonged to your own class. Your Government never intervened them.

Therefore, I would appeal to all of you who still have a heart that beats in sympathy with our comrades abroad, to get busy in your branches, and get our members to refuse to touch any ship that is to carry munitions to Russia. Only by such action can the British Labour Movement wipe out the stain that now tarnishes its ideals, and if it means personal sacrifices, what of it! On the continent men and women are dying every hour to defend working class Russia. Shall we fail them in their hour of need, or rather, shall we not exhibit a little of that international solidarity that we love to cheer about, but have now such a magnificent opportunity to demonstrate?

In conclusion, I will quote the closing passage of Arthur Ransome's (*Daily News* Special Correspondent) "Truth about Russian," 3d. :—"These men who have made the Soviet Government in Russia, if they must fail, will fail with clean shields and clean hearts, having striven for an ideal which will live beyond them. Even if they fail, they will none the less have a page of history more daring than any other which I can remember in the story of the human race. They are writing it amid showers of mud from all the meaner spirits in their country, in yours, and in my own. But when the thing is over, and their enemies have triumphed, the mud will vanish like black magical noon, and that page will be as white as the snows of Russia, and the writing on it as bright as the gold domes that I used to see glittering in the sun when I looked from my windows in Petrograd."

HARRY POLLITT, London No. 11.

MUDDLING THROUGH BY GROPING ALONG.

(Continued from last Month.)

There would be reason for our apathy and lack of interest in matters relating to the well-being of human life were we living in the darkness of the remote past. But print and brains are at our disposal, and they cost little more than application of the mind. It would be false to say the workers are destitute of education, but it is of a kind that serve the capitalistic system. We are in a sense "cogs in the wheel of capitalism." The study of industrial development, the study of economic science, and the study of sociology should make the earnest thinker invincible as a leader.

What is to prevent our society from making use of our halls for such purposes? Lecture and discussion classes could be made interesting. There are local lecturers who would be pleased to serve such a useful purpose. We have the material in the plastic stage. Why not mould its character?

It ought to be clear to all, whether favouring direct action or Parliamentary methods, or both, that we must have men capable to conduct the complicated work that a Labour Committee of Parliament would be called upon to do.