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#### Periodicals received during the week ending Wednesday July 20.

Justice	ENGLAND	Denver (Col.)—Labor Enquirer	SPAIN
Jus		FRANCE	Madrid—El Socialista
Londoner Arbeiter-Zeitung		Paris—Cri du Peuple (daily)	PORTUGAL
Norwich—Daylight		Le Socialiste	Lisbon—O Protesto Operario
Die Autonomie		L'Autonomie Individuelle	AUSTRIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Guise—Le Devoir	Vienna—Gleichheit
Adelaide—Our Commonwealth		Lille—Le Travailleur	Brunn—Volksfreund
UNITED STATES		Belgium	Villach—Arbeit
New York—Der Sozialist		Liege—L'Avenir	HUNGARY
Boston—Woman's Journal		Brussels—L'Avant-Garde	Arbeiter-Wochen-Chronik
Liberty		Ghent—Voruit	ROUMANIA
Chicago (Ill.)—Labor Enquirer	HOLLAND	Hague—Recht voor Allen	Jassy—Lupta
Fort Worth (Tex.)—South West	ITALY	Milan—Il Fascio Operaio	DENMARK
Hammonton (NJ)—Credit Foncier		Marsala—La Nuova Eta	Social-Demokraten
New Haven (Conn.)—Workmen's Advocate	SWITZERLAND	Geneva—Bulletin Continental	NORWAY
Albina (Oreg.)—Weekly Courier			Kristiania—Social-Democraten

### NOTES ON NEWS.

The Government Land Bill does not need much comment from a Socialist; it is all that might be expected of it, and is in fact so bad that it will at least injure the Tory party, and may turn out a bigish nail in the coffin of the Government, though perhaps hardly so big a one as the Cass case, because the average English politician will not take the trouble to go into its details; nor indeed has he any occasion to do so: it simply means trying to do nothing under the guise of doing something.

The mountains are now in labour with a new (!) National Party, which, if it ever comes to the birth will, as a novelty, be a ridiculous mouse indeed. But setting aside the novelty, and the absurdity of making that which is already made, the party is a formidable one, and Joe Chamberlain and Co. are wise in their generation to take care to belong to it. It has long governed England under various names, and for convenience sake one must call it by the one under which it has hitherto been most respectable, the Whig Party. It may after all be worth the while of the reactionists to sacrifice such an empty thing as a name to it, and to admit, what is obvious, that the whole of the Tory party that has any power or capacity belongs to it. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

The charge against our comrade Williams has been quashed at the appeal, a fact of which every honest person, Socialist or not, will be glad; but it is doubtful, if it had not been for Mr. Newton's good deed in the guise of a bad one, and his rashness in meddling with a person who had the shop-keeping class behind her, whether the bench would have considered the evidence so carefully. I must also call attention to the fact (and all papers that do not aim at being considered supporters of injustice should do the same) that there are still two men in prison working out their sentence who were convicted on similar evidence to that on which the "learned" magistrate convicted our friend Williams. And lastly, I must once more call attention to the EQUAL LAWS under which we free people live, which condemn these innocent men to a cruel punishment simply because they have no friends rich enough to be responsible for paying the expenses of the appeal if it chances to fail. Nor must we forget even if these poor men are released now, they will have been in prison for many weeks; the injustice remains in any case. Well, it is but what must be looked for; for a society founded on robbery must be sustained by violence and wrong.

W. M.

Another piece of Jubilee tomfoolery has been combined with as bold a piece of mendacity as can very readily be found. An Address to the Queen has been presented, signed on behalf of Welsh mineowners by Sir W. T. Lewis, and "on behalf of the miners" by Mr. W. Abrahams, Labour M.P. for Rhondda Valley. Among other "jubilations," one is indulged in on account of the improved position of the men!

"There was never any other period in the history of this country in which your workmen were so much taken care of, nor more prosperous. They never had better housing; they never had such good clothing, nor such good food; and the past has never shown such an example of pleasure and happiness. We are indebted for these blessings to the reign of your Most Gracious Majesty!"

These lies, for they are nothing less, are signed by a man supposed to "represent" the miners and who was an honest man before he went into parliament. How they are viewed by his constituents may be judged by one meeting out of many that have considered them.

A meeting of the house-coal colliers of Rhondda and other districts of Glamorgan was held at the Nelson Inn, on Saturday 9th, Mr. Joan Llwyd, chairman, Mr. Isaac Evans, secretary. There were present 37 delegates, representing between 5000 and 6000 miners. A motion was passed *nem. con.* utterly repudiating that portion of the loyal address which is given above and strongly condemning the misuse of their names to it.

As for the "care" taken of them, the annual average of accidents will show that; for their "prosperity" twenty-five years ago they could wear broadcloth on a Sunday and now put up with shoddy. Their houses have stood unchanged for over fifty years except in the matter of rent, which has advanced. "Her Majesty's" reign may therefore have caused them to be "indebted," but not in a way to increase "pleasure and happiness."

"Good food"! In 1878, when they were even better off than at this present happy time, it was not uncommon for a miner to go down to ten hours' work on a lump of dry bread, with perhaps another for supper, and a meat dinner Sundays!

A good workman thinks himself lucky to get 18s. every third or fourth week, and 10s. or 12s. meanwhile. These wages are *nett* and rent, coals, and all else must be paid for.

These men who toil unremittingly, are maimed and bruised, and cast aside to die unrewarded, must be made by a time-serving sycophant his catspaw in pandering to a silly superstition! Verily, so long as they are content with "labour representation," who can wonder?

The *Pall Mall* has had another attack of hysteria; no uncommon event, but this time it is a bad one. A clerk in a department of the Metropolitan Board of Works is said to have used his position to help his relatives in their competition with other traders. Of course, if this has been done it is an abuse of trust and should be punished, but it savours of dishonesty to have on one page an interview with the accused, in which he promises proofs of innocence, and on another page an article full of virulent attack and damaging insinuation—"New Journalism"?

We all know that this kind of thing is done. The *Pall Mall*, when it was booming J. G. Blaine the other day, knew that he was the most renowned lobbyist of modern times, and that he lost the last presidential election *on that account*. There is a "lack of cohesion" somewhere.

Herr Krupp is dead. Not a bad man in himself, but the biggest maker of murder-machines of his time. He was very free from national prejudice and sold his wares to any government with cash to pay for them. So long as the workers allow themselves to be used as pawns in the imperial game, such a trade as Krupp's will prosper. So long as they allow it their lives will be spent in paying for his game. Whoever will take the cost of one of his big man-smashers, and reckon how many workers its price would support for a year, will be surprised.

S.

### LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE.

THERE are so many men to-day in the political arena that are looked on as the champions of the people, that one is puzzled at times to discover what claim, judging them by their acts, they have to be so regarded. Many of these leaders of the people are leaders, not because they are the chosen of the workers, but because they have asserted themselves to be so.

The utterances of some of these self-styled leaders are of a character that can only be designated as humbug. Although associated with and professedly belonging to the most advanced school of political thought, they are, despite their protestations to the contrary, really the disguised friends of the workers' enemies. Here is a typical specimen of the blatant orator. Just listen to him.

"Fellow-workers,—No one will charge me with sympathy with and regard for the rights of monopolists; all my life I have fought on the side of the people. I have been instrumental in bringing about much improvement in their condition. (Oh, oh!) The persons who cry oh, oh! are no doubt in the pay of the Tories. (Cheers.) Beware