

# BRITISH LABOR SHEDS NO BLOOD STATES RUSSELL

Writer Declares That Aristocracy and Middle Class Are Doing the Fighting, While Wage-Earners Are Not Interested—Apathy Among the Tolders.

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LONDON, England, April 30.—This nightmare of horrors that is called the European war has already upset more theories, hopes and pet fancies than any other event in civilized history and threatens to upset many more.

For instance, we always used to say that wars are fought by the workers and wage earners, that the workers not only pay the bills of war but furnish the cannon fodder. I have said so myself many times and always believed it.

But now we learn that so far as Great Britain is concerned, anyway, this is an illusion to go out with the rest.

The army now enrolled under the British colors contains, of course, a great many workmen; but the bulk of it has been recruited from other classes.

Aristocracy Gives Its Blood  
To the appeal that the nation is in peril, the aristocracy has marvelously responded; few families among the old English nobility have been untouched by the casualty lists.

The landed families and the well-to-do have responded; thousands of their sons lie dead in Flanders.

Professional men and what are called the clerical classes, salesmen, bookkeepers, clerks, secretaries and the like, have responded; hundreds of thousands of them are now under arms.

The wage earners have not similarly responded; where they are enrolled they have for the most part taken up arms for other motives than an overmastering enthusiasm for their country's quarrel.

This fact is never printed or publicly referred to. For the first time it now finds its way into type. And yet it is most significant, it exists exactly as I have stated it, and privately any well-informed Englishman will admit it.

The Poor Not Much Interested  
This is one great reason why nine months of this war have passed and Britain's army is still incomplete. This is why enlistments lag and the totals must be kept secret. This is that "calm and untroubled demeanor" of the populace that many writers have mentioned. This is the "apathy" that at the enlistment meetings the unreported orators are scolding about.

"Apathy" is the euphemistic word for it.

The wealthy and comfortable classes are deeply and terribly wrought up by the war. They feel the issues at stake; without hesitation they offer themselves and their sons to their country. They hang breathless upon the dispatches, snap up the rare newspaper extras, and sometimes collapse under the terrific strain that digs lines deep in the faces of the most resolute.

The masses of poor men have a general belief that their country will win, but otherwise they are not much interested.

It isn't their war.

Daily the big black types of the newspaper placards thrust some startling news at them. They glance at it and plod their way. A detachment of troops marches down the street on its way to the firing line in Flanders. Never a cheer is raised. A man on the sidewalk may stop to look curiously at the soldiers; the crowd plods along and never heeds. A company of fresh recruits goes by in civilian clothes, young men and boys not yet come to khaki. There is for them not the waving of a handkerchief, a friendly word nor an encouraging smile.

How War Far More Popular

As a rule the people do not even hang out the national colors. There are scarcely more British flags in London today than you usually see in peace times.

Superficial observation, confronted with these undeniable phenomena has tried to explain them as showing "national self control," "a fine outward calm," "poise," and "the racial phlegm."

"The racial phlegm" is all a myth. There is no such thing. I was much

in England in the days of the Boer war. There was ten times more enthusiasm and feeling displayed then than anyone can discover now. The tradition of racial reserve could not possibly outlast a making night and the historic outburst that followed the taking of Pretoria. I was in London that night, I saw the city given over to such scenes of delirium as probably have never been known elsewhere in civilization; and the very classes that were half frozen about South Africa are indifferent now.

The figures corroborate me. Today, nine months after the war began, the total British forces commanded by General French on the field of actual operation are less than the number of troops that went to South Africa.

"These people," said to me a distinguished newspaper editor, "don't know there is any war."

Why is the British Worker Unmoved

It isn't that. They know, but so far as the average toiler at the bottom is concerned, he doesn't really care. His employer (if he happens to have one), his employer's wife, clerks, tradesmen, aunts and cousins care; but he doesn't.

Now as this is far and away the most startling phase of the situation, to an American audience the most novel and the most instructive, I am going to deal chiefly with this subject until we sift down to the bottom of it.

Englishmen of snobbish proclivities assure me that the trouble is the British workman is too ignorant and too stupid to understand what is involved. That isn't true. The British workman understands what is involved better than the British snob understands the British workman. It isn't ignorance but something else.

Yesterday I put the question to the keenest observer of these things in the British Isles, and the person best qualified by study and sympathy to interpret the workman's mind, and this was the answer:

"In the first place, the workers are not moved by the war because they have learned that it was not to their interest. They got nothing out of it. Next, in recent years here has been growing among them a conviction against all war. And next, they have been attending international conferences and congresses of workmen and now they revolt against the idea of going forth to shoot the comrades they have met."

## PREACHERS WANT CENSOR FOR MOVIES

At the regular meeting of the Medford Ministerial association this morning, it was ordered that a recommendation be sent to the city council urging the enactment of an ordinance providing for the censorship of moving picture performances, and that as far as practicable and possible they follow the provisions of the ordinance recently enacted in the city of Portland for the government of moving picture shows, and the elimination of objectionable films. J. K. Hawkins, secretary.

## WASHINGTON SOCIETY INTERESTED IN PLAY FOR CHARITY



Washington society is interested in the Persian play, "The Opium Pipe," soon to be given for charity. Miss Elizabeth Harding and Milton Bryan will play the leading roles.

## CAPTAIN DUTCH RECARDO, LION TRAINER, COMING WITH THE SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS, MEDFORD, MAY 17



Capt. Dutch Recardo, Lion Trainer

## MEDICINE MEN'S ANNUAL POW-WOW

ASHLAND, May 10.—The Southern Oregon Medical society meets here tomorrow, May 11. The gathering will be the twenty-fourth one in the history of the organization. Sessions will begin at 10:30 a. m. in Masonic hall. The medical men will banquet at the Hotel Oregon at 12:30. Among notable physicians and surgeons from a distance will be Drs. Coffee, Rocky and White of Portland. Dr. G. W. Gregg of this city, is president of the society and Dr. J. J. Emmens is secretary-treasurer. The jurisdiction of the organization extends as far north as Roseburg. Individual improvements have been extensive this spring. E. D. Briggs is making notable changes on his property at 146 Bush street, corner of Almond. An ancient relic of a barn has been eliminated, a garage built and a fine new porch added to the residence which will make it one of the most imposing in town. This home is one of the few city places which has a private tennis court. C. W. Banta is building a porch and making other improvements to his home, 57 Fourth street. Joseph Polley, corner Third and B streets, is following out civic improvement policies with numerous betterments on his home premises. The Plaza confectionery is undergoing substantial repairs and additions which will add much to appearance and convenience. Ed Butler is determined to have one of the neatest confectionery shops in town.

## BIG IMPROVEMENTS BOOM SPRINGS CITY

ASHLAND, May 10.—In a municipal way, of course the chief improvement relates to the mineral springs project. Under an exhaustive report of the commission, dated April 16, it is implied that "actual work shall begin on this contract within fourteen days hereof and be pursued continuously, with reasonable dispatch, until completely finished." These terms are being complied with both in regard to development of springs and to the secondary phase of the undertaking, which embraces an enlargement of the park area and the beautification of the entire tract. In a sense, the latter portion of the job would appear to be the major one, implying as it does additions to the park system and the beautification of certain unsightly surroundings within its environment. This work is being done preliminary to the labors here of Landscape Architect McLaren of San Francisco, who designed and superintended notable improvements in Golden Gate park and the exposition grounds in that city. On April 3 the amount in the city treasury subject to the order of the springs water commission was \$177,061.27, \$100,000 of which was placed in the "special physical plant fund" No. 4877, 064.27 in the "park improvement and incidental fund." Up to April 16 a voucher had been drawn against those funds in the sum of \$14,013.99. Other municipal improvements, outside the jurisdiction of the springs commission, is work being done on the scenic drives, various other drives being also attended to. The water system proper is being relieved by a lot of new cast iron pipe, a carload having just been received from Loring, O., of which 1800 feet of six-inch and 200 feet of four-inch is being laid in the Wimer-Prin streets district. These new conduits are of Matheson manufacture and will replace a lot of old pipe which has outlived its usefulness.

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## WORLD FAMOUS LION TAMER WITH SELLS-FLOTO CIRCUS

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Of course, Buffalo Bill. He is to lead the free street parade when it passes through the downtown streets at 10:30 o'clock the morning of circus day. In the performance he will personally present and supervise the wild west features of the show and will give his time-honored salute from the saddle. The circus this year retains its old admission price of 25 cents, including a seat.

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