

# Lenin on Top.

Somehow the Russian movement claims the bulk of our space week by week. All eyes are centred on it, for Russia is the inspiration of the Socialist world just now.

From all accounts the situation is developing in favour of the principles advocated by Lenin. Every week proves him to be right in his insistent demand for the thoroughgoing application of the Class struggle to the tangled knot of the world war and the international situation in all countries.

At Moscow, simultaneously with the jumble conference there, the Maximists declared a strike which the papers one day averred was only partial, as only the trams and railways were out, and next day repeated was only partial, as only the factories were out.

The victories of the Maximists at Cronstadt and Reval shows the way of the wind. And as for Kerensky's declaration, the cables said it pleased no one in Russia, but that it was well received in London. So long as it pleased Reuter it was all right. It kept those dead-as-mutton old Russian stock on the Exchange from getting deader. That's the main use of Kerensky.

As for the Coalition Cabinet, it seems to have fallen on evil days. Here again Lenin seems to have been right. The Socialist Ministers have failed to keep true to the line of the Class struggle while at the same time administering the Capitalist State. The only way to do this is in an out-and-out Socialist Government, the last Government.

For we learn from the "Labour Leader" that Tseretelli and Skobelov have been expelled from the Social Democratic Party for entering a bourgeois Ministry. Tseretelli and Skobelov acknowledged their debt as pupils to Trotsky, who, immediately on his return to Russia, denounced the entry of the Socialist Ministers into the Cabinet. Here is the inexorability of Socialist discipline as construed by our Russian Comrades, for Tseretelli at least is only recently returned from Siberia.

The Social Democratic Party, both wings of it, evidently keeps in advance of the Council of Workmen, which body delegated these comrades to the Ministry.

It all points to the fact that Lenin's class war slogan is the only one that will fit the bill. He has already intimated that he would take office in a Socialist Government. The coming elections will tell. These have now been postponed till the end of the year.

The attitude of the other Governments is shown by the fact that all the border routes to Sweden are held by

British officials, probably as a guarantee for credits. An arrangement is said to exist with Japan by which that country will throw an army of 300,000 into Russia to safeguard British capital. This week's cables informed us of the arrival of some of these. How any foreign army could exist in Russia except at the good-humoured tolerance of the Russian people, with their vast spaces, however, passes our comprehension.

Meanwhile, the answer of the British proletariat to go to Stockholm strengthens our Russian comrades enormously. The only way to save Russia for the greater revolution still to come is to get the world's workers to assume the dictatorship and compel an end to the universal carnage. And, according to Lenin, to end the carnage means ending Capitalism. So mote it be.

## Andrews and the Federation.

In last Monday's issue of the "Star" appeared an item of news that the S.A. Industrial Federation had received a cable from Mr. Appleton, the secretary of the British Federation, to nominate a delegate to attend an Inter-Allied Trade Union Conference in England on September 10. The paragraph, which was obviously inspired by the Federation secretary, stated that at the Council meeting of the Federation last Sunday Comrade Andrews' name had been mentioned as the Federation delegate, he being now on his way to England. The paragraph deprecated the appointment of Andrews, and suggested Tom Mann, alleging that Comrade Andrews had not taken part in the Trade Union movement since the outbreak of war.

It would be a very bad blow to the prestige of capitalist interests in this country, and especially to Crawford's newly-found gospel of friendship with the Chamber of Mines, if Andrews were appointed the delegate of the South African Workers at the Conference. If Tom Mann is elected, it will also be in spite of his pronounced anti-war views, and, what is more, in spite of his comparative lack of knowledge of South African Labour. In any case, the Federation would choose a delegate who stands to-day where the workers will stand to-morrow, which is infinitely better than choosing one who sticks in the mud which the workers left yesterday.

WANTED.—A Comrade who can read Spanish, to translate news items weekly from our esteemed Spanish exchange "El Socialista."