

WOMEN IN THE CLASS WAR.

To the Working Women of Australia!

Comrades, since the last issue of the "Toiler" I have been overwhelmed with letters from our comrades both in industry and the home. One healthy feature about them is that one and all condemn the present system of wage-slavery.

One correspondent asks for some information regarding women in Soviet Russia, and I decided that this week I would briefly deal with the question of Motherhood in U.S.S.R.

The first most notable feature is the care given to the expectant mother. She is relieved of all responsibilities, both in the home and in industry, for several months before and after child-birth.

Secondly, during confinement, the latest scientific appliances, combined with the most gentle treatment, banishes the old horrors and fear of motherhood.

Then each child is cared for by the Health Department, and mothers are instructed in the welfare of children. They are given exhibitions of diagrams and pictures, and models of up-to-date nurseries are available for their use.

To compare these conditions with those prevailing in Australia and other capitalist countries shows the great strides taken by the only Workers' Government in the world.

Firstly, the expectant mother has to work right up to within an hour or so of child-birth.

Secondly, the fear of the pain is almost maddening—and, believe me, there is more than the fear to contend with!

Thirdly, when she gets out of bed after a few days, she has to set to and do the accumulated work of about three weeks (if she is in her home) or go straight to work in the factory!

And then the realisation draws upon her that there is now another one to be fed and clothed out of her already meagre income!

Comrades, if we would alter this state of affairs, we must fight—tooth and nail—for the abolition of capitalism!

May the masters tremble at our awakening consciousness!

Let our slogan be: All Power to the Workers!

Fraternally yours,

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