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WOMEN'S PEACE ARMY MEETING, TREASURY GARDENS, AUGUST 22nd. 1917.  
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Adela Pankhurst. - Well friends you all know you are being robbed, but the police will not come along and protect you. I am speaking now against policemen, Mr. Hughes does not pay them, but he gets their protection. It is the working men who build the gaols, and they pay the policemen to put them into gaol, and pay the magistrate to send them ~~the~~ there. All the time the workers are getting robbed and the people who rob them are protected, we know perfectly well in every part the masses of the people have had to rise and break the laws that were made before they could get better laws. Well why do you obey the laws. Does it not show a want of common sense and lack of spirit? I am prepared to stand by every word I say. In Russia they refused to be robbed, they broke the law, and even in England they are beginning to get tired of being robbed. Mr. Hughes is having a commission to enquire into whether there was exploitation or not. One of the biggest bakers in this Town can afford to be a Lord Mayor; it is the same with the meat, there is no meat for you to eat, Mr. Angliss has it; it is the same with everything, If you look at the figures that Mr. Knibbs gives you, you will find that every trade and industry here has increased its profit in the last two years, although there is the I. W. W. Mr. Hughes says that the I. W. W. is at the bottom of everything. You will find that the people of Australia have produced more for their masters since the war broke out than ever they did before. Up to nearly three million pounds more profits. If that does not prove to ~~you~~ you friends that you have been robbed, well I can give you no better proof. It would be impossible to convince everybody. You must protect yourselves, nobody else will do it. The New South Wales Government is trying to speed up the workers in order that the rich investors might get larger dividends out of the people, that is what I am trying to tell you men and women. I have done my best to explain to you. This country is not a free country, there is plenty of food in the country for all of us. God made the food for human beings, He did not make it for rats and mice.

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Mrs. Rickie. - Comrades and Friends, you have all heard with interest Miss Pankhurst. I am going to say I am ashamed ~~at what~~ of the people who laughed at what Miss Pankhurst told them. When are you going to

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wake up? Are you people of Melbourne going to stand behind half a dozen women, and let them fight your battles for you? You know all these things as well as we do. If the workers were not afraid of the authorities they would be able to fight for themselves. What Mr. Matthews told you I am going to tell you, it is nothing more than economic conscription. If they cannot get you one way they are going to get you another. I would ask you to be class conscious, be revolutionary. You do not want to fear, you ought to be strong enough to fight for yourselves. We have had no more education than you have.

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Mrs. Baines. - Comrades, we are glad this afternoon to see so many men and women whom I trust will be fully determined to take up the same attitude that we are taking against those people who are raising the cost of living against the consumers of Australia, We told you last week that a deputation went to Sir Alexander Peacock, we also told you his reply. We were told there was a certain amount of food in the government food stores, but they did not tell us, because they did not want us to know the amount of food in the private stores. Now yesterday the question was asked, you will see it in the Age this morning, there is equally as much, if not more food in private cool stores than there is in the government stores. There are five millions rabbits at the present time in the cool stores being kept away from the people while we pay 1/6 a pair for them. You will also find large amounts of beef and mutton in these stores. We were paying 1/7 per lb. for butter, and they were taking it to the soap and tallow factories. They told us there was no poverty in Melbourne. Do you mean to tell me that we, knowing the conditions of the children in Melbourne are going to allow Mr. Hughes to rule the roost.

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Mrs. Wallace. - Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very glad this afternoon to see a big crowd of people come out to help the cause in the interests of the people. I want to say that after we finish speaking here we are going for a walk down Bourke Street and up Collins Street, I want you to be very careful when passing the Athenaeum Hall to hold your nose. I also want you to be careful and listen to what we say. Notes are being taken here today, and we hear no more about it until perhaps three months, and then we may be jailed for making a statement prejudicial to

recruiting. Mr. Alfred Foster the well known barrister was speaking at the Socialist Hall just a little while ago on "The Unlawful Associations Act", he knew nothing more about it until yesterday. He is summoned to appear at the City Court next week, for making certain statements prejudicing recruiting. We were fined yesterday for producing a leaflet entitled "The Glories of War", this was reproduced from an English newspaper, it had been passed into Australia, we publish this leaflet and are fined. Now friends we are going for a walk. It is illegal to say we believe in the strike. Do you believe in the strike? Now before we go we call for three cheers for the solidarity of labour, and the three men who have been jailed for the magnificent crime of loyalty to the class to which they belong.

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