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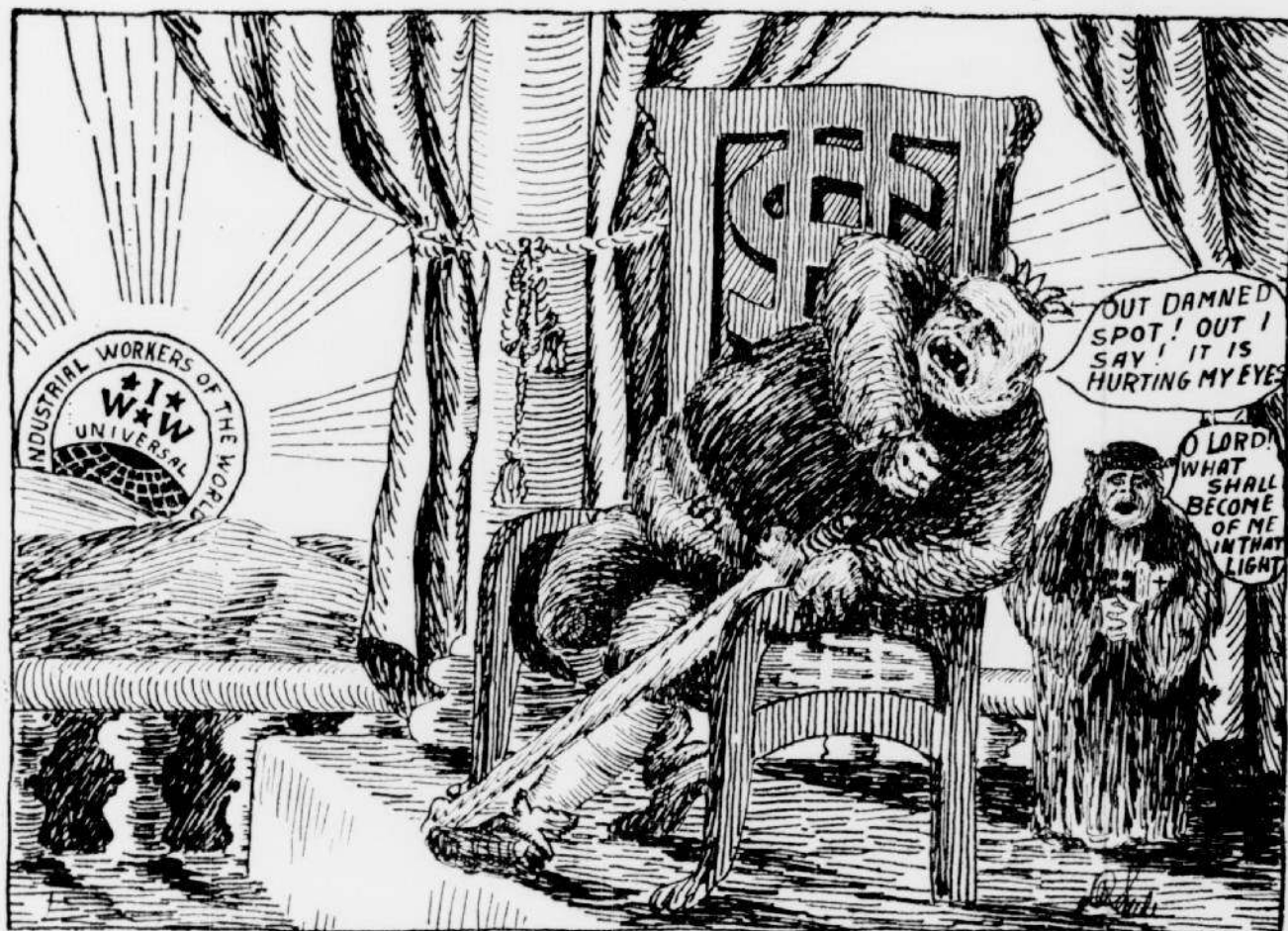
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Light In The Darkness!

Thugs Challenge Civilization in Salt Lake City.

Copper Trusts Trying to Railroad J. F. Morgan

"Street meetings, without previous sanction, are illegal, and will no longer be tolerated."—Mayor Samuel C. Park.

"As long as I remain chief of police the I. W. W. will hold no more street meetings."—Police Chief B. F. Grant.

"The constitution of the United States allows peaceful assemblages on the streets, and we as citizens propose to uphold the constitution."—S. Scarlett, secretary of the I. W. W.

The above is from "The Evening Telegram" of Salt Lake City, issue of August 13.

"With the aid of my friends, I intend to assist in breaking up every public meeting the I. W. W. start in this city. That was our intention when the affair last night was over. Our intentions were strengthened by the announcement of the mayor and police chief that the police and city forces will not endure the Industrial Workers' oratory any longer."

Axel Steele, according to "The Salt Lake Tribune" of August 14.

Both "The Telegram" and "The Tribune" admit that the attack on our meeting was a framed-up riot organized by Gunman Steele for the purpose of getting Morgan for the splendid work Morgan did in the Tucker, Utah strike, and for the further purpose of terrorizing all Utah workers into submission to slavish conditions.

The challenge to labor is clear-cut and unmistakable. All the thugs, governmental and otherwise, have united against ALL THE WORKERS. It is up to the workers to show these brutes that they are not going to submit to such hellish deeds, even if they are done in the name of "law" and "authority."

Local Union 69, I. W. W. of Salt Lake City has issued an appeal for funds to defend Morgan and our other Fellow-workers who have been "indicted."

GET BUSY, NOW TO-DAY!

Send all funds to: Defense Committee, I. W. W., Local 69, 118 W. South Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Freedom's Fight in Mexico

Phoenix, Arizona, Aug. 23, 1913.

To all rebels—We, the undersigned committee, were elected at a regular business meeting of Local 272 I. W. W. to urge our press to devote more space and consideration to our Mexican Fellow-workers struggle for freedom below the borderline, and to make an effort at arousing and reviving the interest of the workers of this country in same. Being near the scene of action, and having closely observed the trend of events as they are unfolding themselves, we are perhaps in a better position to judge the merits of that life and death struggle between the peons and their oppressors than any other group of the I. W. W. and we feel justified in expecting that those who have not been so closely in touch with the situation, will attach a certain amount of significance to the unanimous opinion of the members of this local.

We are firmly convinced that the revolution in Mexico especially in the central and southern portion, is a clear-cut social revolution intelligently conducted by a militant, class conscious minority and sustained by the entire peon class, whose main characteristic is their inborn hatred towards all authority. Political opportunists have moved heaven and earth in their frantic effort to stop the oncoming tide and turn in their way, and although their efforts have been crowned with some success in the northern states, along the borderline, the fact is apparent, that the Mexican peon has no faith in any political Moses, and only joins the army of the Maderos, Orozcos and Carranzas, in order to obtain guns and ammunition for later on, at the first given opportunity, to desert and join the liberals and Zapatistas, whose inspiring battle-cry is "Tierra y libertad" (land and liberty). In the States of Durango, Morelos and Guerrero the people are now living in free communistic societies tilling the land and raising food

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"Judge" Humphries Incites To Assassination

"We've got the flag here now and I have the power of the United States behind me."

"If the court hadn't the right to compel men to obey this law, the flag is a farce. There is Millard Price sitting there and the room is full of street corner speakers. Instead of going out and

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Lucifer The Morning Star.

By COVINGTON HALL.

He was the first to face the wrath of priesthoods and of kings;
He was the first to make his mind the judgment-place of things;
He was the first to question, first to feel the steel of might—
Lucifer, the Morning Star, the splendid and the bright!

Around his shining spirit, lo! the priests of earth have thrown
A shadow and a terror that belongs to kings alone—
A demon demons made him, crowned him prince of Utmost Night—
Lucifer, the Morning Star, the splendid and the bright!

Through ages upon ages they have cursed him day on day,
But fearless and unconquered he has held them all at bay;
Forever and forever he has faced them in the fight—
Lucifer, the Morning Star, the splendid and the bright!

Hail to the first of rebels! To the chieftain, strong and brave,
Who sounded first the bugle-call of freedom to the slave!
Who never yet has faltered through time's long and dreary flight—
Lucifer, the Morning Star, the splendid and the bright!

Help Hop Pickers.

1119 Third Street, Sacramento, Cal. August 15.—Two workers and two of their armed assailants, deputy sheriffs, are dead, two parasites and six workers are wounded, and nine workers are in jail charged with murder because of murderous attack made upon a peaceful meeting at Wheatland, Cal., August 3. The workers were defending their women and children from an attack made with sawed off shot guns and automatic pistols and rifles.

Here are the facts. Durst Brothers, millionaire hop ranch owners issued circulars and posted advertisements asking workers to come to their ranch to pick hops, promising them a little heaven on earth of a camp ground and wages at 90 cents per hundred pounds for the hops picked. Upon arrival the workers found that six single seat open toilets had been provided for twenty-three hundred workers. These toilets were turned over to the women. Often twenty or thirty women were lined up at every one of these toilets, before the gaze of the whole camp waiting their turn.

Durst Brothers were also thrifty with water. They permitted none in the hop fields where the heat was often above 115 degrees, but they did provide hawkers to sell lemonade, made of acetic acid, at five cents per glass.

In mass meeting the workers demanded a change of these conditions and a flat rate of \$1.25 cents per hundred pounds of hops picked. Dursts promised to remedy the conditions as soon as possible. The camp would only last three weeks. They refused to raise the pay.

While the workers were still in meeting and at a time they were singing a song, eleven armed men including the district attorney E. T. Maxwell, the sheriff and nine deputies all of them heavily armed charged the camp shooting automatic pistols, sawed off shot guns and rifles. The coroner's jury admits that the first shots were fired by this posse. Women and children struggled in panic, many were trampled. One woman seized the sheriff by the throat and tripping him put him on the ground. A Porto Rican who when the trouble started had been in his tent, rushed to the front, seized the sheriff's gun as he was attempting to strike another woman, and turning, saw the district attorney Maxwell trying to shoot him. He killed Maxwell with the sheriff's gun, also a deputy, named

Reardon. Deputy Dakin then killed the Porto Rican with a charge of buck shot. All the armed thugs except the wounded sheriff, who had a severe blow behind the ear, fled like jack rabbits, leaving the sheriff in the hands of the strikers. Next morning the militia arrived. Nine arrests were then and subsequently made and all are charged with murder. The armed deputies are excused because they acted in the line of duty although either one of them or Ralph Durst shot the arm off of one of their own men.

None of the nine men arrested is known to be an I. W. W. card man, but they must be defended. The cost of the trial is now estimated at about \$1500. Will all the locals help? Ten dollars from each one would give us more than enough to fight this case. Any surplus will be sent to some other defense fund.

Send all moneys and send them at once to Andy Barber, Secretary Local 71, Sacramento, Cal.

ANDY BARBER,
Secty. Local 71.

Fellow-worker Gaines

Fellow-worker Gaines, the first colored man in the Stockaded State of Louisiana to be arrested for the offense of being an I. W. W. has been lying in prison at Lake Charles, La., for over 90 days now.

The Sawdust Ring will bring him before a Lumber Trust "Grand Jury" in September to be indicted for a crime he could not have committed, as he was sick in bed when the alleged dynamite went off in the American Lumber Company's hog pen at Merryville.

But he is to be indicted all the same and then he will be "tried" by the same "impartial justice" that "tricks" babies into "confessions" and sentences them to the infamous penitentiaries of Louisiana.

IT IS TIME TO ACT.

Let every local in the Southern District get busy at once!

Let all rebels throughout the West take notice that the Santa Fe Railroad should be held responsible for this unjust persecution and that a good dose of the wooden shoe is what this slave-driving, Union-hating British Plunder-bund seems to be electioneering for.

Remember! An injury to one is an injury to all!

Big Barbecue

All Workers Invited to Big Union Barbecue at Merryville, La., on Labor Day, September 1st, 1913.

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EDITORIALS

DECENTRALIZATION.

By COVINGTON HALL.

In the "Industrial Worker" of August 21, the editor gives the following definition. "A decentralizer is one who desires to be the center of a little group, rather than subordinate himself to the general good. The victim of an unholy ambition. One who can't make 'good.'"

In an editorial he says: "Those of us who have joined the organization have agreed to accept the preamble of the organization as our guiding star. What about those who have accepted that preamble and then deliberately try to wreck the organization in order to follow a line of ideas such as local autonomy, boring from within the A. F. of L., etc.? Is such action consistent with the preamble of our organization? If we follow the action of Johnstone in going to Nelson, B. C., and deliberately placing the I. W. W. into the A. F. of L., where would the I. W. W. be in a few months?"

As for the definition, the "Decentralizers" might consistently reply that such language has automatically fallen from the lips of the "powers that be" from time immemorial, but that would not be argument nor prove anything not already fully understood. The definition assumes that all who oppose the editor are of necessity no good, which idea he further elaborates in the editorial "Do You Believe In The I. W. W.?"

Now there is no hard and fast form of organization laid down in the Preamble, which, as a document, only bears the same relation to the Working Class Revolution as does the "Declaration of Independence" and the "Rights of Man" to the capitalist revolution of a century ago. It most surely is not to be accepted as a holy revelation to be interpreted from on high, so that the editor himself has no right to say that our preamble means thus and so and all who refuse to agree therewith are obsessed with an "unholy ambition." WE did "agree to accept the preamble of the organization as our guiding star," but we did not agree to have it interpreted to us from on high. All that has maintained the I. W. W. on the field of battle has been the acceptance by the rank and file of the principles laid down in the great preamble; it is about the only thing the I. W. W. has NEVER violated. Acceptance of the preamble is one thing and acceptance of the acts of officials is quite another. Essentially the I. W. W. denies any such thing as fixedness. Day and night it has upheld the law of ETERNAL CHANGE. There is absolutely no reason that the writer can see that so much bitterness should have arisen over the question of "Decentralization," except that for some reason or other it has been mixed up with the controversy in regard to the Industrial Worker.

As I understand those who have written in favor of "Decentralization," they are seeking a freer form of organization, one that can act for itself, especially in time of stress. The writer himself has no idea of overthrowing the industrial form of organization. We do believe the idea of vast "Industrial Departments" is of no value, and give as our reason for opposing the creation of same that, once organized, they would practically destroy the democracy of the organization by their very unweildiness. We desire a more direct form of organization and the stripping of the General Officers of governmental powers. To this end several have proposed different methods, principally the arranging of the organization into Zones of Industrial Districts and making these District Councils and City-Central Committees more important in the administration of the UNION. That some such rearrangement is coming is getting clearer every day, no matter if we "vote in referendums every day" or not, for even outside the I. W. W. there is a strenuous effort going in in all organizations to reduce delegated power to the very minimum. The attempt to balk this effort disrupted the Republican party even and has caused the Socialist party to lose over

75,000 members in the last few months, for the effort to achieve self-government is a vital part of the Spirit of the Age and it cannot be balked either by appeals to "patriotism" or preambles.

The National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers was FORCED by economic reasons to act in two AUTONOMOUS Districts, the Western and Southern, and the Industry, when competely organized, will be compelled to form into at least FIVE great Districts.

For purely administrative purposes, if for no other reasons, the writer has always believed that it would be to the advantage of the I. W. W., if the Alexandria, La., office of the N. I. U. of F. and L. W. was made the office of the I. W. W. for all the great industrial district that surrounds that city. He has further come to believe that in towns that are dependent on one single industry, such as are many of the saw-mill towns, that ALL the workers in that town should be allowed to join ONE UNION, that is that the form of organization should be in such places COMMUNAL.

Lastly, since we are hearing so much of what Johnstone did when he "deliberately placed the I. W. W. in the A. F. of L." in Nelson, B. C., we will say that Johnstone's power to take such action only proves that the I. W. W. organization in Nelson was not worth a damn either to the I. W. W. or to the A. F. of L., for it Johnstone put them in he could put them out; it is further an evidence that the position of the decentralizers is fundamentally correct, for as much if the local in Nelson has not been under the delusion of "leadership" Johnstone would never have had the power to place them anywhere. It is just this idea that we oppose, *one man power*. We are for the UNION acting on its own THOUGHT and have no hope of accomplishing anything worth while until the membership get over the obsession of "leadership" and act together simply because they recognize the vital law of CLASS SOLIDARITY. And this we say without wishing to cast any reflections on the men and women who have stood in the limelight and bravely taken the punishment that has been meted out as a reward for their prominence in the only revolutionary working class organization in America, the once despised I. W. W. We do not believe Fred Heslewood is a devil, nor Walker Smith a fiend incarnate (and it would have nothing to do with the question if they were) and it is our opinion that many things are now being said that all of us will regret, and soon. With the whole working class world struggling toward DEMOCRACY, we believe that it is only a question of time when representative government must fall, and this, and not men, is the question before the house. And I am for INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY.

THE COMING PANIC.

By JAY SMITH.

What will happen when there is no longer a market for the world's surplus? What happens when more has been produced than can be sold? An industrial crisis, or panic, is the result. When manufacturers are unable to sell what the wage workers have produced, they do not allow their mills and factories to run any longer, they close down and lay off the wage workers until they can sell the surplus products that have accumulated on their hands.

When the mills and factories close the workers in them are thrown out of work, their wages cease and their purchasing power is gone. The factories which close down stop buying raw material, and this results in the closing of industries supplying the raw material. More men are thrown out of employment and the army of the unemployed is increased and their purchasing power still further reduced, thus again decreasing the market and causing the closing of mills and factories, railroad traffic falls off and still more men are discharged. Hordes of men are out of work and the Industrial crisis is on.

Thousands of workers wander from mill to mill, from factory to factory and from city to city; on the streets everywhere you will see them in search of work and have the pleasure of seeing the market glutted with lumber and other products made by their own hands, but which they cannot buy back. They cannot secure work, because the factories must first sell what has already been produced; the workers cannot buy up their product because they cannot get work. Here is a condition in which the workers are forced to go hungry, ragged and homeless because they have produced too much food and clothing and built too many houses. It must be a pleasure to men who are starving to know that they are hungry because too much food has been produced; it must give them a peculiar satisfaction to know that they are ragged because too much clothing has been manufactured.

A crisis, or panic, is really a state in which the markets are so glutted and choked up with what has been produced that all further production is rendered impossible. Capitalism has reached that stage of development where it is temporarily smothered in its own unconsumed products. In the words of Engels: "The means of production have outgrown the methods of distribution and are in rebellion against them."

The capitalist system could not recover from a panic were it not for the world's markets. The products with which the home markets are glutted are gradually consumed by the undeveloped countries and production is resumed. But the introduction of labor saving machinery into all new countries will soon enable every nation to produce a surplus. The surplus that each worker creates is therefore constantly increasing; so also, is the number of workers in capitalist society.

For this reason each panic is more violent than the preceding one, and each time capitalism recovers only by opening a new market where the surplus can be dumped. The time will come, however, when the market will no longer serve to consume the surplus. The time will come—and before long—when further capitalist expansion will be impossible and the working class will have permanently lost its purchasing power. There will be no sale for anything that is produced under the profit system. Capitalism will be plunged into a spasm from which it cannot recover. These periodical industrial panics are simply the spasmodic convulsions of an outgrown and dying social order. These convulsions are coming with ever increasing violence, and with the end of capitalist expansion and the passing of the world market there will come a crisis that will close down every mill, mine and factory in the world. They will never again be able to operate for profit. This is what will happen unless the old order is voluntarily overthrown before it comes to a violent end.

From this we see that no matter whether we like capitalism or not, and regardless of how hard every one may try to prop it up, the system is doomed to collapse. It cannot last. People are simply wasting time when they argue in favor of capitalism. Foundations cannot be laid for the existing social order not even by bourgeois political economists. The order of capitalism has been outgrown. It is no longer

adapted to the conditions of life and it must go the way of previous systems. A revolution must take place. The revolution is here. The great monsters that were the terror of primitive man ruled the animal world of their time; but when the conditions of life changed and they could not re-adapt themselves to the new conditions, they perished. So it is with the capitalist class. In their time the capitalists were the rulers of society, but the changing modes of production produced new conditions of life. Since the capitalist class is unable to re-adapt society to the new conditions, it is unfit to survive as a ruling class. Its place will be taken by the working class which can remold society in accordance with the new system of production.

When the workers are organized as a class they can dispense with the parasitic capitalists and take the next step, co-operation, in the ownership and control of industries. Thus in the movement of the working class of to-day may be observed the bud of the future social system in which there will be no industrial panics.

In the rising industrial unions of to-day we can see the germ of the Industrial Commonwealth that is to be.

It is this power that is giving its expression at the source of production that is feared and fought so much by the capitalist class. This power which is bound up in the hides of the working class is the only power by which the capitalist system can ever be overthrown. This power which has built up every industry in the world is the power that will build the future INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY. This power is being developed and gives its expression only from the revolutionary organization known as THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

IDEAS.

By GEO. BUTLER.

In an article printed in the "Department of Economics," in the issue of August 16, in The Truth Seeker, Mr. Henry Seaburg deals with the question of violence at I. W. W. meetings.

Many well meaning people have gained a misunderstanding of the aims and objects of the I. W. W. through its misrepresentation in the kept press of our modern industrial masters.

In the first place the I. W. W. has never attempted to establish itself as a military, war-like organization, though at times they have been forced to defend themselves with physical force against the brutality of the police when their lives and limbs stood in imminent danger. "Self-preservation is said to be the first law of nature." If so, who is going to be dragged from a peaceable meeting, be clubbed into insensibility before raising a hand to prevent it? Surely little or no effort is made in the interest of the speaker by the dear public to prevent it, though this abridgment of the elemental rights of the individual takes place in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Many people do not seem to realize the necessity of battling for the maintenance of the free speech and public assembly as well as an unmuzzled press. People who would deny the right to any person or organization to be heard do not keep up with progress, they need a little mental dynamite to stir up metabolistic activity in their brain. Surely, if an idea is good it should be adopted by rational minds; if it is not in keeping with progress sensible people will reject it and it will disappear of itself. But by all means let it be heard and weighed in the minds of fair-minded people. Ideas can never be crushed by persecution. If they are good, in keeping with the laws of social development they will win out and triumph, though many Brunos may needs be sacrificed. If they have no base to rest upon they die out of themselves, if they rest upon false premises they may be replaced by better ideas. So let each one have the liberty to express his or her ideas to those who desire to hear them. I said that the I. W. W. has not for its aim a military program. Military tactics are the methods used by our oppressors, hence the militia and the policeman's club. (See chapter on economic revolution by Chas. F. Sprading, in Liberty and the Great Libertarians.)

The I. W. W. is an industrial organization, as its name implies. It has grown up in the capitalist system of production, as a natural result of the wage system. It accepts into its ranks only actual wage workers, recognizes the existence of classes in modern society and makes no pretense of sub-serving the interests of the employing class. It prodigiously labors to effect a spirit of self-confidence in its members and the working class in general. It teaches the workers the necessity of class solidarity; one of its favorite mottoes is: "An injury to one is the concern of all." Its object is to organize the working class in the shop, field, factory, etc., on land and on sea, into one industrial organization in contradiction to the craft form of organization. It is built from the bottom up instead of from the top down, the local union being the unit of organization. Local unions are chartered by the General Executive Board. Dues and initiation fees are nominal in all local unions, which is no barrier to the lowest paid worker. The I. W. W. offers to each and every wage worker an opportunity to work for the betterment of shop conditions, shorter hours and better pay for the working class in general, and hopes to effect a change of Society from a political to an industrial form wherein the workers will be masters of their own lives. When the workers organize solidly, using direct tactics instead of parleying with the political ballot box, they will be nearing the goal of human freedom and happiness. Labor produces all wealth, including capital. Capital is divided into two forms: variable and constant. Variable capital is that portion of surplus value used in the payment of wages. Constant capital is the machinery of production, mills, factories, mines, railways, etc. Capital is portion of the world's wealth, the larger portion at that. Capital needs be differentiated from the word Capitalist.

When a slave tells you that Labor and Capital must go hand in hand, make him come clean; if he means the resources of wealth production as capital, shake; if he means the capitalist himself, give him some mental dynamite and wake him up. The sooner the workers read more of their own literature and less of the dope their exploiters concoct for their mental indigestion, the sooner we will reach the place where we will invite our plutocratic friends to go to work and do some useful labor and the sooner the workers will see to that, they will accept the invitation cheerfully or otherwise. So come, awake you fellows, organize and complete your historic mission!

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The I. W. W. Preamble

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid in employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society with the shell of the old.

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By CLARENCE EDWARDS.

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When they free themselves.

When will we have the eight-hour day? When we take it.

When will craft unions die, and industrial unions be the only working class union? When the workers meet in their labor hall and look out for their own dinner pail, and to Hell with the boss.

When will the boss get on his knees to the slaves? When the slaves get wise enough to know they are THE POWER.

When will we have democracy? When the workers begin voting in their labor halls, and let the plunderbund's ballot box alone.

When will the Kirbys and Longs be dethroned? When the Lumberjacks wake up and know there is nothing in common between them and such slave herders.

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APPEAL

To all the Working Class:

Fellow-workers—You are surely informed about the serious stogie makers strike in progress in Pittsburgh, about our great struggle with the Bosses' Association. The bosses having for their object to break our union, which is trying to better the inhuman conditions of the workers, organized a lockout in the entire industry, but the workers have turned this lockout into a strike.

It is the eighth week of the strike. The strikers are as enthusiastic as during the first week; full of confidence in their economic power and belief in their victory. The prospect is excellent. The strike will undoubtedly be won, it is only a question of time, a question if the strikers will obtain sufficient financial aid so as to overcome the critical period.

The contributions from the unions of Pittsburgh begin to diminish and the moment has come, when we are compelled to turn to all the unions over the country with an appeal to help us win this just fight.

The condition of the tobacco trade can be considered the worst in the world. The wages are very low, the shops and factories run under inhumanly unsanitary conditions.

It is therefore the moral duty of all unions not to remain indifferent, but to do all they possibly can to support us, so that we shall not be compelled to return to work under previous conditions. And bear in mind another thing, this is the first time that Pittsburgh has appealed to other cities. During many years we have contributed our share to the class struggle in the entire country, assured, that when we were in need, you would respond likewise.

Show that we were not mistaken in our expectations and reliance upon you!

Show your solidarity and interest in our struggle.

Yours for industrial freedom,

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Send all money to Relief Committee Tobacco Workers Union Local 101, I. W. W., G. Bernstein, Fin'l Sec'y., 11 Davenport St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

District Organization

By PETER JOHNSEN.

This organization shall be known as The Industrial Workers of the World.

The I. W. W. shall be composed of actual wage workers brought together into Zones, Districts, Locals and Branches.

Local Industrial Unions shall be composed of all the actual wage workers in a given industry in a given locality, welded together in trade, shop or language branches, or as the particular requirements of said industry may render necessary.

In a district where there are two or more local industrial unions organized, a District Council should be formed, it is to consist of delegates elected from each local industrial union in said district.

In a Zone where two or more District Councils exist a Zone Administration should be elected, it is to consist of not less than five, nor more than nine members, nominated and elected by the rank and file of said Zone; where the joint action of two or more Zones are necessary, the Administration of the affected Zones should immediately get in touch with one another and see that the proper action is taken.

General headquarters shall have a General Secretary-Treasurer, and such assistance as is necessary. Local Industrial Unions shall purchase due stamps and other supplies they may need direct from general headquarters, from where also charters are to be issued and signed by the General Secretary-Treasurer.

THE HONEST BURGLAR.

By REV. M. A. SMITH.

The banker calls it "interest."

And heaves a pious sigh.

The landlord call it "rent."

And he winks the other eye.

The merchant calls it "profit."

And he tucks it in a bag.

But the good old honest burglar.

He simply calls it "swag."

—"The Rebel."

Italy, Spain and U. S. A.

By J. FILGUERA.

"THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE." I would say a few words to the workers of this so-called Modern Republic, the U. S. of A. This country is the one today that has made more progress in different ways than any other, but that the working class in this country is slower than any other country, we have proof to-day with other countries like Italy and Spain. In Milan, Italy, August 7, all the stores closed on account of a general strike, all the traffic on the streets was stopped and it took all the force of police to maintain peace, but though the police put the strikers to much trouble it was not all on one side, as many police and soldiers went to the hospital, also some of the strikers; all the strikers carry revolvers to fight the government forces. The strikers turned upside down all the cars and everything they encountered on their way, and then the strikers built barricades on the streets to defend themselves.

In Barcelona, Spain, the general strike was called by "The Workers Confederation of Labor." The number of the strikers on August 7, was 100,000.

In Barcelona 252 factories being completely closed down, and no business transacted in that city since the strike was called. The Governor of Catalonia wired to Madrid, to the Royal Ministry, asking for advice, explaining at the same time the situation was very serious. The government declared martial law in the province of Catalonia.

The strike was called to reduce the working hours. The majority of the strikers being women and girls that are working in the textile factories eleven hours per day. The strike started in that industry, but the next day the other industries went out also.

On that day on the principal factories guns were put in case of assaults from strikers. According to the labor papers of Barcelona, every day the workers are becoming more enthusiastic in the movement; they are ready to fight to get the conditions they ask for, they say, no matter what comes, they expect to win the strike, and they will. Many arrests were made in the first days of the strike, the majority being the leaders of the Confederation of Labor. If the strike is not settled in the next few days it will spread all over the country.

We, the workers of the United States, we know nothing about the labor movements of other countries, because the capitalist papers do not say anything about them. The capitalist papers only publish advertisements of merchants and churches, and some all about battleships, and what nations are in the strongest position to fight one against the other, and, in the fights, it is the working class that suffers. I would like to call the attention of the workers of this country, especially the workers of the city of New Orleans, to the fact that they are very slow in the labor movement; the majority have no organization and what are organized belong to the Faker organizations, like the A. F. of L. The workers would be much better off not to belong to any organization at all, for in that organization they only teach you to be slaves for all your lives. I would like the working class of New Orleans to start and organize in the ONE BIG UNION of the I. W. W. and, in a very short time, be prepared for to fight the master class.

We, the workers, are entitled to everything we produce. If the capitalist class wants to be entitled to anything they will have to produce something, and, if they don't, we, the workers, are going to send them to hell.

Notice Fellow-workers

Last year we received a communication from George Bauer of New York, stating that he was endeavoring to get out "Rollers Social General Strike" but being short of funds was unable to get the edition from the printer. He asked that we place an order for 1000 and forward the money, TWENTY DOLLARS. With this and cash orders from other locals he would be able to get the edition out and he would ship same just as quickly as he was able to get them from the press. Secretary J. J. McKelvy was instructed to send the money.

As time elapsed and we received no reply, McKelvy endeavored to get in touch with Bauer but without success. All letters had a return request on the envelopes BUT NO LETTERS WERE EVER RETURNED. WE HAVE THE CANCELLED CHECKS.

Now comes a request from Fellow-worker Walker C. Smith, Secretary Spokane Locals, that we again advance money to Bauer, on the plea that he is without funds to get out THAT SAME OLD EDITION OF "THE SOCIAL GENERAL STRIKE." We give warning to all locals not to be victimized by this scheme. We have notified Smith of how we were "worked" and to let Bauer severely alone.

Hoping you will profit by the experience of Los Angeles, I am,

Yours in the fight, W. B. Cook,

Sec'y. L. A. Locals.

Anxiety on the Rand

Grave fears are entertained lest fresh industrial troubles may result in grave disorders on the Rand. Recent events at Johannesburg will be recalled by our readers, when the miners' strike was attended with violent outbreaks, in which there was heavy loss of life and wholesale destruction of property. The Prime Minister, General Botha, intervened, and a temporary settlement was secured. The effort to effect a permanent understanding has, however, thus far proved a failure. The demands of the Rand miners, which are supported by the men's organizations of 56 trades, include:

Right of free speech and public assembly.

Nationall eight-hours' day.

Increases in pay, with uniform wages system.

Abolition of all Sunday labor in mines save where absolutely necessary.

Repeal of Industrial Disputes Prevention Act.

Prohibition of imported contract labor.

Establishments of wages boards.

New Workmen's Compensation Act.

Half the standard wages for all unskilled white workers.

Fair wage and conditions clause in all Government contracts.

Safeguards for Saturday half-holiday, in addition to three public holidays.

Special session of Parliament to give effect to the above.

The position is rendered the more anxious as the State railwaymen are also dissatisfied. Their demands include:

Increases in pay, with with uniform wages system.

Permanent inquiry board.

Grant of full political rights.

Recognition of men's union.

The South African Government has offered the miners practically nothing but an inquiry into their grievances, though it has made concessions to the railwaymen. The mine-owners, however, are said to be much more conciliatory. Nevertheless, there are fears of a violent outburst, and in consequence large military measures have been taken. The number of British troops on the Rand is 10,000. The white miners number 25,000. Machine guns are in position. Searchlights and heliographs are ready.

The above, headline, and all, is from the English paper, "The News of the World," and shows that the same old masters are the same old assassins the world over. But it also shows that LABOR is off its knees the world over and is everywhere resisting stronger and stronger every day. Everywhere the crimson banner of INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY is being unfurled, everywhere the workers are beginning to demand instead of beg. And the WORLD will yet and soon be ours.

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The Sailor of the Sail.

I sing the Sailor of the Sail, breed of the oaken heart,
Who drew the world together and spread and race apart,

Whose conquests are the measure of thrice the ocean's girth,
Whose trophies are the nations that necklace half the earth.

Lord of the Bunt and Gasket, and Master the Yard,
To whom no land was distant, to whom sea was barred;

Who battled with the current, who conquered with the wind,
Who shaped the course before him by the wake he threw behind;

Who burned in twenty climates, who froze in twenty seas,
Who crept the shore of Labrador and flashed the Caribbees.

To whom all things were barter—slaves, spices, gold and gum;
Who gave his life for glory, who sold his soul for rum—

I sing him, and I see him as only those can see
Who stake their lives to fathom that solveless mystery;

Who on the space of waters have fought the killing gale,
Have heard the crying of the spar, the moaning of the sail;

Who never see the ocean but that they feel its hand
Clutch like the siren at the heart to drag it from the land.

I see him in the running, when seas would overwhelm,
Lay breathing hard along the yard and sweating at the helm.

I see him drunk and fighting roll through some seaboard town,
When those who own and rob him take to the street and frown.

O Sovereign of the Boundless! O Bondsman of the Wave!
Who made the world dependent, yet lived and died a slave.

In Britain's vast Valhalla, where sleep her worst and best—
Where is the grave she made you—your first and final rest?

Beneath no stone or trophy; beneath no minster tower,
Lie those who gave her empire, who stretched her arm to power.

Below those markless pathways where commerce shapes the trail,
Unsung, unring, forgotten, sleeps the Sailor of the Sail.

—Thomas Fleming Day.

New Orleans Maritime News.

By The Artful Dodger.

Now that the wages have been cut down all over the Port, mainly through the dirty work of the shipping master, except in one or two ships that use this Port, the Marine Transport Workers are being afflicted with the American Federation of Labor, in the persons of the Agent and Delegate of the Sailors' Union, who have taken upon themselves the task of putting the Industrial Workers of the World, meaning the Marine Transport Workers out of business in the Port of New Orleans. The Delegate of the Sailors' Union, had nothing to say like this when in prison; this Delegate soon forgot who fed him in prison, when he was lodged there after getting the firemen arrested who ran to the Sailors Union hall to be clear of the bullets that were flying at the time of the Fruit Trust riots, and the I. W. W. fought and paid to get him clear as well as their own members, and DID get him free.

Did the A. F. of L. send any one to see or feed him while he was there? But, seeing that the members of the I. W. W. won't or can't keep him, now he must look for his meal ticket somewhere. The present Agent of the Sailors Union was discharged

from the same job last March, and he has never been elected at any meeting of the members of the branch, but was appointed by the Agent of the Mobile branch after paying up six months' dues that he was behind. So I would like to know what the members have to say about this kind of Federation? And this same Agent came up here from Mobile and tried to do his worst to organize only the Anglo-Saxon firemen (mind this) and the Sailors into one Union; now this so-called Sailors Union works hand in hand with the Shipping Master, Bek Johnson, who was the instigator of getting the wages reduced on mostly all other ships sailing to this Port after the Fruit Trust had got Chinese and Niggers—to man their ships, and put the firemen out of them, who belonged to the Industrial Workers of the World.

I can't for the life of me think what the sailors, or that part of them that are paying into such an organization as this, think of when they allow an Agent to come from an insignificant port like Mobile and appoint an Agent over their heads, and they have not a word to say, but have to put up with such dam rot whether they like it or not, and, if this is not graft, then show me what is. Also, the majority of them knowing what G. C. Bodine took upon himself to do in New York, and advised other branches to do the same, that he (knowing that the Fruit Trust were to have a lock out of Firemen) would supply the Company with Union scabs "indirectly" through the shipping masters in the different ports. Now, just to show how far the craft unions and their supporters can go, when they want to get some one out of their way, they fall back on such dirty tactics as the following:

The other day when the Secretary of the Marine Transport Workers was on business in Tchoupitoulas St., to be exact, August 20th, the shipping Master, Bek Johnson's wife assaulted him, knocked his hat off into the middle of the street; she went after the hat and picked it up, tearing it into shreds, at the same time telling the Secretary to go to h— and buy another. She only tried to provoke the Secretary into assaulting her as her catspaws were standing with the telephone ready to send for the patrol wagon. At the same time she gave no reason for the assault except to say that the truth must not be published about her husband. This is the amazon who sits at the door of her shanghai cabin, surrounded by her stool-pigeons and catspaws, conducting the shipping affairs of the Port of New Orleans, saying when and who are to get out on ships after they have been chloroformed to the extent of from ten to fifty dollars.

When will the I. W. W. Go out of Business

By W. M. Witt.

When the earth revolves JUST half way around, reversing itself and giving us perpetual day.

When it is 100 degrees above zero at the North Pole and they are skating on ice in H—.

When water runs up hill and mountains are discovered without valleys.

When horns grow on mules cows, and mules kick with their forefeet.

When hogs NO longer revel in the mire and dogs are minus any fleas.

When chickens go to roost in the morning and ducks refuse to go near the water.

When fish grow without bones and chickens without feathers.

When women take NO pride in new bonnets, and the men ALL vote for prohibition.

When parasites in the class of R. A. Long and John H. Kirby cease to "pose" as benefactors of the human race and divide their ill-gotten gains among the workers whom they robbed.

When EQUAL rights are accorded ALL people, and SPECIAL privileges to NONE.

When these things and MANY more TOO numerous to mention come to pass, then the I. W. W. will go out of business.

State Begg Union.

London, Aug. 26,

Hundreds of army pensioners in Chelsea hospital, the old soldiers' home of London, went hungry to-day owing to the strike of electricians of the public works department, declared last night because of the employment of non-union painters at the admiralty.

Not until Earl Reauchamp, first commissioner of public works, formally appealed to the strike leaders did the electrical engineers consent to heat the ovens so as to supply bread to the veterans.

Ten thousand men laid down their tools to-day and the members of 18 unions connected with the building trade threatened to join the movement unless their demands for the dismissal of non-union workmen were complied with.

The above press dispatch not only shows what a UNITED working class can do, but proves every contention of the I. W. W. as to where lies the REAL power of the workers. ON THE JOB.

Moral: Get busy and get in the ONE BIG UNION.

BILL COOPER.

Fellow-Worker Bill Cooper, of Rosepine, La., is still in the Leesville, La., prison and will be there for 180 days.

He was sentenced by "Judge" Palmer of the Vernon parish district court to serve this infamous sentence because he resented insulting remarks about the I. W. W. that were made at the Union picnic at Rosepine by one of the ward heelers of Ben Lyons, the "white supremacy," but nigger-employing, lumber king, "Democratic" Sheriff of Vernon parish. The ward heeler had only gone to our picnic to cause trouble and Fellowworker Cooper had already been tried by the Mayor of Rosepine and fined \$5.00 for punching the thug. "Judge" Palmer is said to be an "impartial" upholder of "law and order." This sentence looks like it.

If there is anything rottener than "Louisiana justice" we haven't heard of it. West Virginia has nothing on this satrapy of the Sawdust Ring, Comrade Thompson.

Write Bill now and then and send him some goodies and something to read.

Freedom's Fight in Mexico

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stuffs for themselves and their army while the nucleus of the coming free society is being implanted in every nook and corner of the Republic by agitators and educators from all parts of the world.

We quote the following from (La Era Nueva) Patterson, N. J.: "Some day the revolutionists of all the world will be ashamed that they have paid so little attention to the movement which for the last three years has kept itself afoot in Mexico. While columns and columns of space are given to some insignificant strikes, involving a mere handful of workers and over some petty increase of wages, the expropriation movement of the Mexican peons, which has as its object the complete elimination of privilege and the wage system receives only an occasional and passing notice. The movement now taking place in Mexico should not only receive the attention it deserves, but should be imitated and surpassed if possible.

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Utilizing the By-Product

"James," said the efficiency expert, annoyed by the cheerful habit which his chauffeur had of whistling while at his work, "you should remember that the greatest fortunes nowadays are made from the by-products of waste. Hereafter when you whistle in the tires and save me the expense of a pump."—Harper's Weekly.

A Los Que No Estan Enterados.

A la vista tenemos lo que es la union de Bodine y Co., y muchos hay que la defienden, aun que no son de la raza latina; pero si, de las otras y todavia no quieren des enganarse, despues de estar viendo los malos hechos de una organizacion como lo es esa; pero muy pronto se desenganaran, que no hay cosa que lo atestigue como el tiempo.

Despues de terminarse la huelga con la Co de la fruta, llego a este puerto el Agente de la union de Bodine de Mobila, con la mision de reorganizar los marineros y forgoneros Anglo-Xajones, en la A. F. of L. y empezo con su mision, aunque muy poco resultado saca hasta la fecha; Pero en vista que el no podia hacer nada bueno se marchó para Mobila, poniendo en su lugar de Agente, a Chas. Johnson, que es el que echaron del mismo empleo en el mes de Marzo ultimo, y el Agente de Mobila, lo puso en el mismo empleo, porque le salio de a dentro a el; sin pasarlo por votacion ni ocho cuartos, lo puso un faldero de Bodine y Co., y esta bien puesto, esos son los Reglamentos y Constituciones de la Federacion Americana del Trabajo, en esa organizacion el numero de miembros no son nada, tansolo son para contribuir con las cuotas mensualmente, que los que hacen y deschacen son Secretario y Delegados y algun cazique que se arrime.

Todo esto que escribo, el que no lo quiera creer, que se dea una vuelta por casa de Beck Johnson, el embarcador, y luego sabera como anda el movimiento de esa union, El agente y delegado de esa union, estan trabajando en convinacion con este embarcador, y tanto el embarcador, como el delegado y agente de marineros estan diciendo que desharan nuestra organizacion de fogoneros, y si Chas. Johnson entro de Agente, es porque aseguro que la des hareria; y con esa mision estan trabajando para llevarlo acabo. Pero yo digo, que eso nunca en la vida lo conseguiran por los que componemos esta Organizacion de los I. W. W. sin hacer mucho ruido les bamos cambiando los libros de esa organizacion para la de los I. W. W. y sin pasarse mucho tiempo esa organizacion tiene que ser desbaratada, y yo no digo esto por ilusiones; sino por lo que estamos viendo; empezando por Norfolk, que alli esta completamente de caida, y luego el puerto de Philadelphia, que esta ya bien organizado dentro de los I. W. W. y el puerto de Boston, ya esta separado de la union de Bodine hace tiempo, y lo unico que le queda, es este, y Mobila, pero este lo tiene por muy pocos meses, que no se le pasa el invierno, sin que estean todos los marineros dentro de la I. W. W.

Cuando los que pertneceis a los I. W. W. y paseis por delante de la casa del embareador Beck Johnson, debeis pasar con mucho cuydado, que si la esposa del embarcador lo sabe, os puede meter una temerona, no me extrana nada, segun dicen, los tiene gallados, en que parte no lo se; El otro dia pasando el Secretario de nuestra Organizacion, por delante de su casa, le salio a la calle dicha senora, insultandolo de palabras y de obra, que despues de usar un lenguaje, que esta feo en la boca de la mujer: le empezo a pescozones, tirandole el sombrero de la cabeza, y se lo rompio, esta senora segun dicen; no es el primer gato que esfolia; asi es que que dais avisados no sea que le metais un zapato por el co.

J. F.

A La Clare Trabajadora.

Companeros:

Companeros—Por primera vez en este lugar tomare la palabra, no con el fin de ser vitoreado, pero si para exponer los medios de atajar el hambre que invade nuestros hogares.

Ataquemos de raiz nuestra miseria, rompamos de una vez las cadenas de la esclavitud, ocupemos de una vez nuestro en las avanzadas del proletariado mundial, preparemos nuestras fuerzas para la lucha que se avecina; somos los mas, los mas fuertes; arranquemos las armas a nuestro enemigo para la lucha, el obrero las ha hecho y al obrero pertenecen.

Las leyes son hechas para envilecer al esclavo, para a la voz del burgues,

asesinos uniformados, amparados con el nombre de patria y prostitutas leyes debastar miles de obreros en caso de exigir de nuestros berdegos por medios de pacificas nuelgas, mas pan o algo mas de libertades.

Para ebitar el desequilibrio social, para ponernos todos al mismo nivel, es indispensable la revolucion intelectual; voicoteemos la prensa mercenaria, desprendamonos de los vividores politicos y de tantos libros que nos embrutecen; sustituyendolos por libros de la ESCUELA MODERNA Y PERIODICOS LIBERTARIOS. de este modo habremos dado el primer paso hacia la futura sociedad igualitaria.

Si no hacemos asi, si seguimos confiando en nuestros mandarines, seguiremos peor que hasta lo presente, por que la maquinaria avanza, quedando cada dia obreros sin trabajo, aumentando considerablemente la miseria en nuestros humildes hogares.

No debemos esperar nada de los politicos, puesto que estos al escalar el poder, olvidan todas las promesas, convirtiendose los mayores enemigos de las clases productoras.

Tendamos una mirada en el pueblo mexicano, veremos nuestros hermanos de aquel esclavizador pais luchar como leones por arrebatar las tierras, y todos los utensilios de produccion de manos del monstruo Capital, para bajarla en comunidad, desconociendo por consiguiente el titulo de propiedad; pasando de hombres jornaleros a hombres libres de toda explotacion.

He ahi companeros la gran an justicia de la humanidad, desbarrantandolo todo, arrollando todo lo inutil para abrirse paso a traves de la purificadora revolucion que exige el progreso universal.

JULIO CASTILLO RUBIO.

"Patriotism"

By MARY FIELD.

There was a wench in our town,
She was a poor wage-slave;
Her son, her only pride and joy,
He was a soldier brave

One day the mother went on strike—
What did the brave boy do?
He took his Governmental Gun
And shot his Ma in two.

And when he saw his Ma was dead,
That toiling Ma of his'n;
He heaved a sigh, and shed a tear,
And said, "Well—'tis Patriotism."

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A. F. L. Bulwarks Capitalism

"The I. W. W. is but a feeble expression of what would follow the destruction of trades unionism; and the I. W. W. is bound to grow just as fast as trades unionism is beaten down or the American Federation of Labor slows down.

"Right now the leadership of the American Federation of Labor is too conservative for the rank and file of workers, and the failure of that leadership to represent the hopes and aspirations of the union workers of this country will be measured by the strength or success of the I. W. W.

"Every employer in this country who is fighting trades unionism is cutting his own throat; or, if he gets out from under, the punishment will fall upon his descendants."—Los Angeles "Record."

"Judge" Humphries Incites

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Killing these street speakers, which business men ought to do in many cases, they come to me and get justice because they are law-abiding citizens.

"Judge" Humphries, according to "The Seattle Sun."

From the balance of his oration "The Only Pebble On The Beach" is running Commander-in-chief of the Navy, Daniels, a close race for bughouse honors.

Vale Capitalism

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