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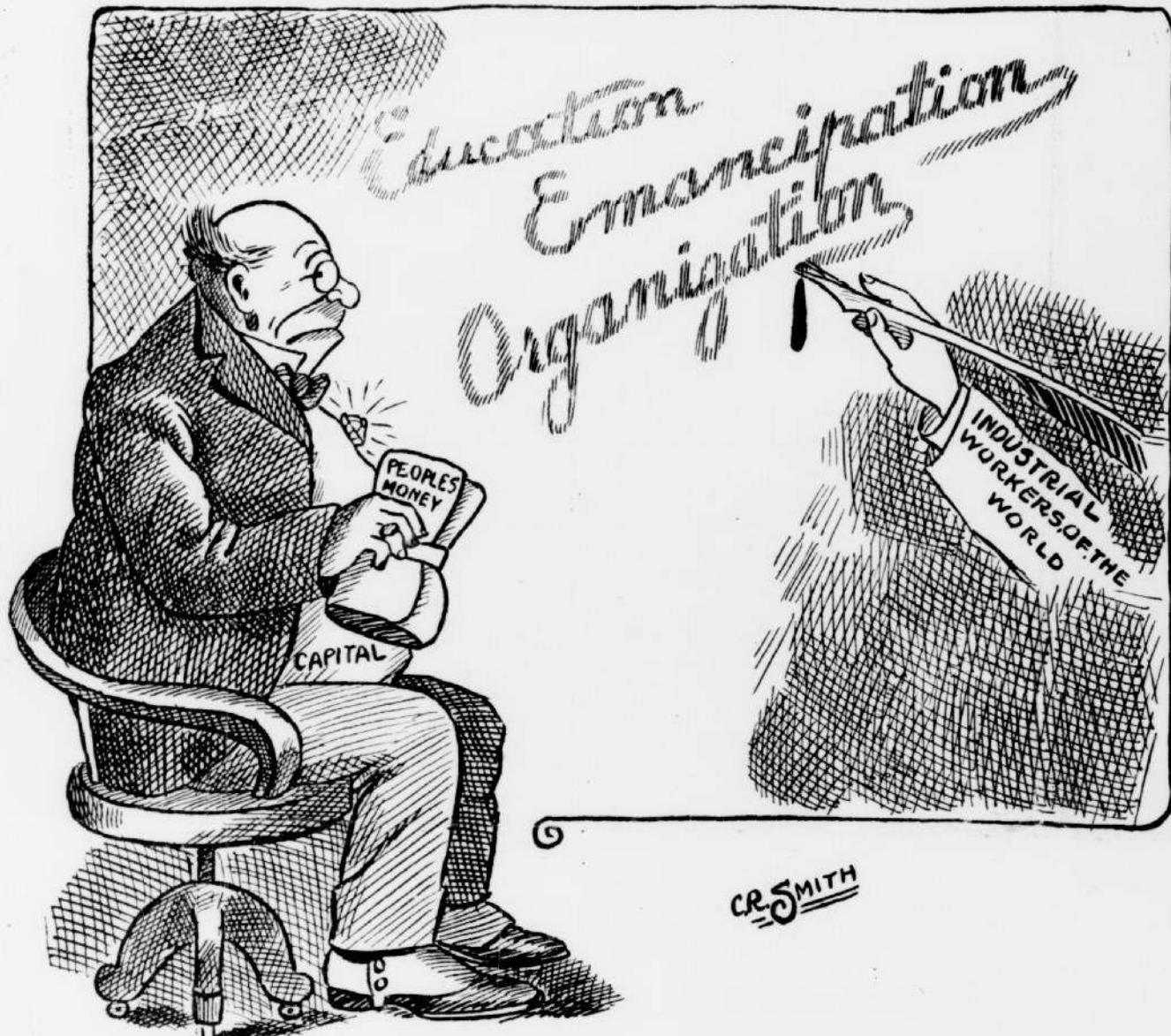
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But One More Word To Write—REVOLUTION.

Lumber Output To Be Reduced One-Third.

Aberdeen, (Wash.), Aug. 30.—The West Coast Lumbermen's Association yesterday ordered a curtailment of one-third in the output of the mills beginning September 1, owing to the dullness in the lumber market. Thirty mills were represented, situated in Western Washington and Portland. Most of the mills will work only four days a week in order that the output may be reduced to thirty million feet a day.

The above clipping, headline and all, is taken from a Western paper. Down South the Lumber Kings are also going to reduce output, also going to shut down entirely and bring on a panic if the lumberjacks don't stay out of the Union and consent to starve. In the meantime NEW and LARGE mills are being built all the time and NOW is THE time to hit them in the solar plexus and make them cough up the dough.

If you woodsmen really wanted it you could just as easily have 75c a thousand as the measly 35c you are (NOT) getting, but, then, we suppose you'd rather give your "good" boss a new auto than your wife a new dress, for he NEEDS the auto and she DOESN'T really need the dress. She's a good little girl and can make the old one over. Also she was a chump to marry a donkocratic jackass like YOU. That's right, though, be a "good fellow" and be satisfied with the rations "God intended" for YOU—rot-gut whiskey and canned cat. Florence, pass the champagne, please. Let us pray. Amen.

Mine Stealings Biggest Ever.

Though the strikes in the Calumet and Hecla Mines indicate otherwise, "the Christian men to whom God (\$) in his infinite wisdom have confided the business interests of this country" ought to be satisfied, as the following press dispatch will show:

New York, Sept. 7.—Never before in the history of American mining and metallurgical industries have dividend disbursements been so large as during the last eight months. During that time 144 mines and ore treatment works declared dividends aggregating a total of \$67,211,409. Since organization, these 144 concerns have distributed dividends of \$883,488,572, or \$92,828,748 in excess of their combined issued capitalization of \$790,659,824. Of these companies no less than sixty-five have paid dividends in excess of their capitalization.

Among these are the Calumet and Hecla, with total disbursements of \$121,050,000, and an issued capital of \$2,500,000; United Verde, \$32,347,000 on \$3,000,000; Quincy, \$2,732,500, on \$2,500,000; Osceola, \$11,937,380, on \$2,403,750; Arizona, \$18,320,657, on \$3,000,000; Bunker Hill and Sullivan, \$11,436,960, on \$3,270,000; Homestead, \$31,495,446, on \$21,800,000; Tonopah, \$10,850,000, on \$1,000,000; Nipissing, \$10,440,000, on \$6,000,000; Crown Reserve, \$5,374,891, on \$1,999,957; Temiscaming and Hudson Bay, \$1,917,967, on \$7,761; Dos Estrellas, \$14,955,000, on \$300,000; Esperanza, \$12,701,750, on \$2,500,000; Santa Ma-

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Merryville Happenings.

By Old Rush.

Merryville, La., Sept. 5, 1913.—Labor Day Barbecue was a grand success. Everybody enjoyed the speaking. Jay Smith and P. Eastman were the leading speakers of the day. Everybody felt safe.

They had Gus Martin to come down from DeRidder and help Kinney Reid Jr. handle the crowd. Mr. Martin got so absorbed in Smith's speech that you could have run an ox wagon over him. He was heard to say that Smith made the ablest speech that he ever heard.

The A. M. Lumber Co ran their mill that day and told the scabs if any of them went to the barbecue they would discharge them next day. So the slaves obeyed their master.

The G. C. L. joined the "Owls" on that day, all but Dr. Knight and he was afraid of his job.

B. Sharver is a contractor here and he handles a few carpenters. He said to Dick Phillip Monday morning: "Uncle Dick you have always made me a good faithful hand and, if you will work today and not go to the dinner, I will give you a quart of good whiskey in addition to your regular pay. But Uncle Dick couldn't give up his liberty and manhood for a bait thrown out by Mr. Sharver. So poor Dick was canned Tuesday, but he is a man and a UNION MAN.

The readers will remember that a certain concern offered a big reward for John Walston's scalp. John left here and went to Orange, Tex., in pursuit of work and led a peaceful life in

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Take Ye Notice.

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Yours to win,

COVINGTON HALL.

Lumber Trust Pleads Guilty.

Grabow Massacre Intended From Beginning.

"American Lumberman's" Boast Proves All Union Ever Charged.

Says the "American Lumberman":

"Reports from Louisiana say that the activities of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, an affiliation of the Industrial Workers of the World, have ceased to be a serious menace in the timber and mill operating districts of the South, and that there is no longer expectation of the organization being a power in the southern lumber belt. Arthur Emerson, president of the brotherhood, has departed from the Lake Charles (La.) district and his departure is looked upon as conclusive admission that the riot and bloodshed tactics of the union have proved a failure. At present 90 per cent of the leaders and members of the strike movement are working in sawmill centers of southwestern Louisiana, or have left that territory entirely.

A few months ago the American Lumberman, in describing fully the organization of the Industrial Workers of the World and what it was doing in different countries in promoting discontent among workers and preaching militarism in their disputes with employers, gave warning that mill operators in the South MUST USE A "STRONG HAND" IN DEALING WITH THE MOVEMENT AND THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBDUED IN ITS INFANCY. SUCH A POLICY WAS ADOPTED AND THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND THE EMPLOYEES WHO BELONGED TO THE UNION RESULTED IN THE COST OF SEVERAL LIVES AND MUCH PROPERTY, but victory is now conceded to the mill operators. This victory is due in a large measure to the timely warning of the American Lumberman."

Beyond the caps we have made in the above article, we think comment on same hardly necessary. The "American Lumberman" is the foremost trade journal of the Lumber Kings, so when it coolly informs the world that a Grabow riot was intend-

ed from the beginning, we guess the world will know what to think when this same sheet and all other Lumber Trust papers raise the howl of "anarchy," against the I. W. W. As a matter of historic fact, the Brotherhood of Timber Workers was NOT affiliated with the I. W. W. at the time the "American Lumberman" gave this "strong hand" advice and there was much doubt that it would so affiliate. It was not until Haywood and the editor of The Voice attended the B. of T. W. convention held in Alexandria, La., in the Spring of 1911 that it was finally decided by the Brotherhood. The constitution of the Brotherhood further, not only guaranteed the "holy institution of private property," but it had a prayer or ritual on nearly every page, yet this did not keep the Christian Lumber Kings from using the "strong hand" on it from the very beginning

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Fiends of Hell Outdone

JUST AS WE WERE GOING TO PRESS WE RECEIVED AN APPEAL FOR HELP AND FUNDS FROM L. C. 71 FOR THE DEFENSE OF 10 OF OUR FELLOW-WORKERS NOW HELD IN MARYSVILLE, CAL. JAIL AND CHARGED WITH MURDER AS AN OUTCOME OF THE INFAMOUS ACTS OF THE "AUTHORITIES" ON DURST BROS.' HOP RANCH.

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EDITORIALS

TO ALL ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

The "REID & MURPHY" electrical workers are without doubt the most progressive of the old time CRAFT UNIONS and lately, as a result of the progressive spirit, the question of INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM has been much discussed, much to the benefit of all concerned, but the suggestion made, by L. U. 185, I. B. E. W., Helena, Mont., in a circular letter under date of August 5, 1913, is not practicable and in fact is not INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM at all but simply a MASS organization that at no time would fill the need of the working class.

The idea contained in the above mentioned circular letter is that the electrical workers change their constitution and form of organization to one that would permit them to organize the whole electrical business. After the electrical workers were industrially organized they would then condescend to take in under their guidance whatever remained of the working class. In other words the electrical workers are to act as the SAVIOUR of the working class. Nice of them but it is pure BUNK because it is not practicable. The electrical workers are absolutely useless members of society until the workers in several of the departments of the whole INDUSTRIAL WORLD have first performed their social labors. The Department of Mining must have first performed its functions before the electrical worker can do anything. Must have first produced the ore with which to make the motors, wire, tools, etc., before the said materials can be used. The Department of Agriculture, Land, Fisheries and Water Products must first have performed its function before the electrical worker can be of any use to society. The electrical worker has to eat the food raised on the land, he must have a house to protect them from the weather and the material for that house will come from the land either as cement, brick, clay or LUMBER. All the electrical workers in the world would not know how to secure, for the construction of lines to transmit electrical energy, the necessary LUMBER for poles.

All the mines and lumber woods in the world would be useless as far as the electrical worker is concerned if it were not for the Department of Transportation and Communication. What, is the use of copper ore in Michigan or the lumber in Michigan if there is no way to transport it to other parts of the world, there to be made into the things necessary to the electrical worker? Transportation and Communication form one department for the very good reason that a means of transportation, under our highly developed system of production, must, in order to be EFFICIENT, have a quick and reliable means of communication. The speediest developed system so far is the Electrical Telephone and Telegraph. How Efficient would the rail roads or the steam ships be to-day if it were not for the Telegraph and Telephone? It may not be clear to many how the telephone and telegraph play an important part in the handling of the steam ship lines but the Captain of a modern vessel must be in a position to COMMUNICATE with the engineer in order to properly handle his vessel. To-day a vessel is sighted out to sea and the word sent via the telephone or telegraph to the docks to make ready, long before the vessel is actually in port. The wireless to-day keeps the steam ship in touch with the land always and as a result the efficient handling of the commerce of the world is facilitated. To be Efficient and ever more efficient is the object of society to-day and, in order to conform to the RULE OF EFFICIENCY to-day, it is absolutely necessary to couple the means of TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION in one department. The Department of Manufacturing and General Production must also have performed its function before the electrical worker becomes effective. The ore not made into wire or motor castings, spurs, pliers, connectors, hand axes, brace and bits, trans-

formers, machines, pulleys, etc., would not be of much value to a man whose business was, not to MAKE these things, but only to USE them.

The Electrical worker would be in a pretty fix if the Department of Construction had not provided the buildings for power plants, manufactories, homes and other places for the necessities of life to be produced in.

The Department of Public Service must have also provided the WATER, GAS, LIGHT AND POWER for the electrical worker. How much power could the electrical worker produce without water? Water operates the largest of our plants to-day, the hydro-electro plants, and steam is only water gone crazy with the heat. You could not even run gas plants or gasoline engines without WATER AND THE FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT IS TO SUPPLY IT.

The average electrical worker who does not follow to a logical end the idea of INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM may take exception to the preceding statements but the facts still remain.

In the mines of to-day electricity is largely used, not that it is not indispensable but because of the fact that it is the MOST EFFECTIVE agent for purposes to which it has been put. The world COULD GET ALONG if electricity were not used in the mines, but could the world to-day get along without the mines? All around us we see tools, utensils, and metals of all kinds that are absolutely necessary to society as it now stands; but electricity as a power factor incidental to the production and manufacture of these necessities could be if, absolutely necessary, dispensed with.

In the textile industry, which would come under the Department of Manufacturing and General Production, motors and electric equipment plays a prominent part as the operative power factor but it does not dominate the industry by any means. Some one had to produce the materials, wood, metals, etc., to first make the textile machinery and to build the home of the industry before the electrical workers could find reason for their services. Electricity as the only agent would have an awful time raising, feeding, caring for, and transporting sheep. Yet without the sheep there would be no wool, no woolen cloth and so no weaving of wool. Electricity could not plant, grow, pick, card, spin and weave cotton of itself. The same holds true in hundreds of occupations. Electricity is the economical power agency but it is not the pivot upon which depends the necessities of life.

Modern civilization and industrial development, prompted by the LAW OF EFFICIENCY, has made mankind absolutely dependent upon one another and in order that man might live in the most efficient, sane and economical manner, SOCIAL LABOR must be performed. From the Atavistic State to the Present as man has developed more and more he has become more and more dependent upon his fellow man. Centuries ago man hunted for himself, provided food, clothing and shelter for himself unaided, but as mans family spread the idea of community interest spread and the little tribes or clans were formed for mutual protection; thus began society. Mental development and progress are responsible for the highly civilized society we have to-day. With the result of SCIENCE, SOCIETY and INDUSTRY we are now in a position where it is absolutely impossible for us to produce, independent of one another, the things that are social necessities, i. e., food, clothing and shelter. The man that makes bread cannot grow wheat, the man that makes a machine cannot spin the cloth, the man that spins cloth cannot build houses, sewers and sanitary systems. The man that uses pliers and spurs, wire and cable cannot make the same. The forest worker is not a sea captain, the captain not a miner, the miner not a machinist, and so on indefinitely.

We were brought into this world as a result of nature and nature intended that the whole world was to be our heritage. That all of the earth and the sea and all that either contained was to be used by the creatures of nature for the maintenance of life and the pursuit of happiness. That no one had more right than the other to the riches of nature and that the resources were for all. Man-made law has taken precedence over natural law and we find man exploiting his fellow man by what he calls his sacred right to the gifts of nature; i. e., the mines, the rivers, the sea, the air, the land and the means of production and distribution.

The capitalist class has organized the workers in the industries of the world into one big PROFIT PRODUCING UNIT and, if the workers are to ever get what they produce, they must organize into ONE BIG UNION to DESTROY PROFIT. Labor produces the wealth of the world and labor is entitled to the fruits of toil. Under this present system we are slaves for we have an appetite that must be supplied; in order to supply that appetite we must work. So, when a man or a set of men have the power to say whether we can work or we must remain idle, that man or set of men have the power to say when we shall eat and when we shall not eat; in other words, when we shall die or live, for we must eat to live.

All real labor under the Capitalist system being slavery, why should we restrict ourselves to certain forms of slavery only? A craft union card compels a man to engage only in that particular craft slavery and should the holder of a craft card decide to change his occupation he must also change his craft privilege to slave. Why not one card for all forms of slavery?

The thing for the REID & MURPHY electrical workers to do is to remain in their own organization as it now stands and as individuals take out I. W. W. cards, start I. W. W. electrical workers unions and thus be able to propagate the full philosophy of industrial unionism in the ranks of the slaves who are still worshipping at the shrines of Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison, Lewis, Garrison, and the rest of the American Separation of Labor Pie Cart Artists. The organized men in the electrical business represent less than one per cent of the workers in the electrical industry. The capitalist never hires a single worker more than is necessary to the industry, be they man, woman or child. This being true, it is necessary for the workers to have every worker in the industry organized in the union. To day thousands of workers in the industry are not eligible to the Reid Brotherhood but the members of the I. B. E. W. are eligible to the ONE BIG UNION that means the emancipation of the working class and they should join in order to form the nucleus of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION.

The I. B. E. W. cannot offer anything to the telephone girls or the groundmen or the other so called unskilled workers for the reason that, as unskilled workers, they are more apt to be forced to change their place and kind of occupations. If changes of this kind were made their membership in the Electrical Workers International Brotherhood would be useless and it would be necessary to pay an initiation into the union of some other industry.

It is like trying to get away from the inevitable, for the va-

rious bodies now organized, to try and get away from the full philosophy of industrial unionism as advanced by the I. W. W. You may change the name but you cannot change the method. Read the I. W. W. literature and learn; present opinion is largely a result of that moulder of thoughts, the SUBSIDIZED capitalist press. Do your thinking. Stop condemning a thing just because the press that represents your enemy says it is to be condemned. The sooner you investigate the I. W. W. fully, the sooner you will get the full product of your social toil, be emancipated from slavery and the sooner the parasite will be made to produce for himself.

Yours for Industrial Liberty and Life,
J. T. DORAN.

ORGANIZE DIXIE!

By Ruby Idom.

AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE. How many realize what is summed up in these three words? Do you know what we are up against in the "Sunny South?" "The land of sweet magnolias," where peonage still exists in all its pristine glory? Where, over vast stretches of country, the agitators are looked upon as law breakers and destroyers of property? There are still homes in our midst, shrouded in capitalist darkness, yet WE know that the poverty, despair and suffering (to the millions who make up the working class), is unbearable. With all the history of the past before us, we know that an upheaval of the masses is certain as the movement of the planets. Beneath the iron heel of capitalism we can remain contented no longer.

Politicians seek to persuade us that our safety lies in our remaining forever contented instead of taking chances to escape our wretched fate. But we have so ridiculously little to lose, that we are really taking no risk at all when we join the list of discontented and agitate for better conditions.

The preacher tells us our philosophy is "damnation to the soul;" they ever preach contentment to the working class, begging them to believe that unrewarded toil in this world will reap a "SPECIALLY rich reward beyond the grave;" but these paid palaversers are careful to take a rich and prompt reward HERE and NOW in this world for their service, while at the same time they are urging the wage slaves to accept unsigned checks payable in heaven—following this vanishing lure millions are mentally paralyzed on the subject of justice. The wage slave forgets the thousand wrongs thrust into his weary life and the life of his class. THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD wants to give all the right to work; the right to work unrobbed, the right to work under dignifying conditions, and to maintain ourselves at the utmost levels of life, without whining like a spaniel for permission to do so. GET OFF OF YOUR KNEES AND THEN THE BOSS WON'T SEEM SO TALL. The working class must study together, reason together, and band together in ONE BIG UNION, a form of power that makes these kings of industry fear the awakening of the working class. Join the army of the discontented and let's ORGANIZE DIXIE. Workers of the South, get busy! Use "THE VOICE" and make it a power.

TO THE WORKERS IN THE OIL FIELDS.

By Fred L. Tiffany.

For some time past the Standard Oil Company has been sending oil well drillers and toolies, better known as tool dressers, to Japan, Roumania and other foreign countries to develop the oil industry. At the same time they have refused to buy oil from any well not belonging to the trust, thus forcing the small concerns to close down or sell out for little or nothing. Recently they refused to take any more oil from the largest well in the California oil fields, yet they are refusing to sell any more crude oil than they can help, their claim being that the oil they refused to buy was too heavy for their use. But it is known that there has been a contract let for fifty million barrels per year for use in the United States Navy.

The opening of the Panama Canal will doubtlessly mean that, in addition to the navy, a large number of transport boats will use oil for fuel in place of coal. To make oil burning a success there must be cheaper oil and the Standard Oil Company to meet the demands will be forced to cut wages and exploit new oil fields. So the small producers are being forced to the wall at the same time that the Standard people are opening new oil fields in other countries. The present demand must be maintained and oil produced as cheaply as possible.

Once the Standard Oil Company is in possession of all of the oil wells they will be in a position to dictate the amount of wages oil workers shall receive, the hours you shall labor, the other conditions of employment, and so can place you further within the bonds of slavery. They may have to give the eight hour day but that reform will be met with new machinery that will do twice the former amount of work in the same length of time. They can cut wages proportionately with the shortened hours.

Now they are sending tool dressers and drillers to foreign oil fields to teach the workers there to drill and do tool dressing, in order that they may cheapen oil production and thus pile up more profits when the transportation industry displaces coal with oil as fuel.

BUT WHAT ARE YOU OIL WORKERS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO KEEP THE OIL-KINGS FROM CUTTING YOUR WAGES?

There is but one way to meet the situation. You must organize regardless of race, creed, color or age. You must organize industrially and fight against every attempt to lower your standard of living. You must organize to fight to have the eight hour day enforced for it will never be put into operation unless the industrially organized workers force it. You must organize to prevent the speeding up of the machine and thus force the boss to put more of the unemployed to work and by so doing put yourself in a position to demand higher wages and a still shorter work day. And you must organize to take over the whole oil industry and operate it so that its dividends will cease to go to those who do no useful work and will go in the form of their full product to those who do the work.

The oil industry is one of the largest industries on the North American Continent; so when you organize you must do so in a way that can tie up the entire industry and not just a part of it. You can tie up the whole industry by industrial organization only and that is the way the I. W. W. wants you to organize. Read up on Industrial Unionism, you oil workers, and see where your only hope of freedom is to be found.

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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 capitalists, 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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Great Scott

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Gentle Autocrat of the Editorial Chair, patience is a virtue, and mercy befitting an editor better than his eye-shade, if this last precept soaks into your critic-scarred epidermis you will know the "peace that passeth understanding," and bring "balm of Gilead" to the susceptible heart of the giddy young thing at this end of this pseudo civilized Continent.

Yours for Editorial Percipience of Blooming Genius,

ALEXANDER MACKAY.

Editor's Note.—And the Bergerlists say I. W. W.'s. are nothing but a lot of "savages" and "ignorant hoboes!" Wherefore you will find the "esoteric euphonics" on last week's editorial page. Great Scott! Gee-whilikens! "O Buddy, I am longing for the Spring!" C. H.

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Covington Hall,

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I was instructed by the Locals of Minneapolis to cut the Bundle order of the Voice some time ago, but have tried to get the Locals to keep the bundle order as it is, as I believe that the paper has not got any too large circulation at the present time. But we do not agree with the Editorials or the articles on Decentralization that has appeared from time to time in the paper. We thought that the paper would get better, and have therefore not cut the bundle order. I was in hope that we could increase the order to at least 100 by the first of this month, but seeing that the paper is still in the hands of what to us seems as Individualist's instead of an Editor who we at one time had a lot of respect for and whom we were at all times willing to do all that we could for, we find that we cannot support the paper any longer until such time as the paper will stand for organization and not disorganization. You can send us 10 copies a week from now on, the last order will not be sold on the street. We have the last bundle laying in the hall and it will stay there, and we will in its place order more of the Solidaritys, which is a paper that does stand for Organization and that we can sell without feeling that we are harming the organization by selling it.

Hoping that the Organization will grow and prosper regardless of all the disrupters that are at present time working overtime doing the work that the capitalist have in the past had to pay good money to get done, I am yours for the I. W. W.

CHAS. E. BERG,
Joint Secretary.

The Decentralizer

By E. W. Vanderlieth.

A few of the crimes he is accused of having in mind by the standpatter: He refuses to pay dues. He wants to break the I. W. W. up into districts.

He wants to turn the organization over to the A. F. of L. so he can bore from within.

He wears overalls sawed off at the knees, high top boots, a woolen shirt, and California broadcloth.

He won't work.

He is a doughnut fiend. The Northwestern climate is bad for his blood, and makes him see red. He's a disrupter.

He's looking for the job of the Gen. Sec.-Treasurer or the G. E. B. (after the G. E. B. is abolished.)

He's going to do something awful, that can't even be mentioned.

He laughs at the man with a white fence around his neck.

He occupies all the chairs in the hall and talks about the organization.

He's a free-lover.

He's an anarchist.

He ain't respectable. No Ma'am, he ain't.

Lese-Majestie—whatever that is. Won't trust any body, and believes only in himself.

He's a Syndicalist.

Looks for a Moses to lead him out of the wilderness (after telling Moses to go to Tophet.)

He does not polish his shoes.

He won't leave well enough alone.

He acts unlady-like.

Ain't it awful, Mabel?

THE HAND OF CHANGE.

Harry Kemp in "The Masses."

The Hand of Change is on the world,
There is no power can give it stay;
Slowly it rends the moldly lie
And flings the out-used form away.

Custom and Precedent must go,
And every Law that gazes back;
I hear a million marching feet—
The world is on the upward track.

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Sailors Jailed

Nine sailors were jailed at one time to-day. It was stated that the sailors were brought here by a ship's runner from Mobile to sign on a certain vessel about to leave port and after their fare was paid here and meals furnished them they refused to go aboard, and when about to jump the game, were locked up.

The above dispatch is from Gulfport, Miss., Aug. 27th, to The States.

It shows how much the Bodines and Fursereths have done for the Sailors when, after 35 years of craftism, they can still be treated in any port in any such infamous manner.

ONE BIG UNION of MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS, THAT will put an end to all this hell, for THAT UNION will control ALL Ports.

Strike Back

Of all spineless, patient and submissive people, the American workingclass have all comers backed off the boards. To be slugged, insulted and bow-beaten has become such a common occurrence that it does not cause even a ripple of comment. The lying bunch of the capitalist press; the clubs and bullets of hired thugs; the volleys of the tin horn dupes; the injunctions or rich judges; all these are suffered by co-called American manhood as the patient ox takes the lash. But it is dangerous to submit longer. Each indignity suffered by us makes the enemy more arrogant and haughty. Each rebuff and defeat we suffer now will make it harder for us to regain our lost position. The latest is an injunction by Judge Humphries of Seattle forbidding the sale of Socialist literature in that city.

Shall such a monstrous insult pass unrebuked? Shall fifty millions of workers permit one judicial snake to strip them of the right to speak or sell literature. When we have been driven, insulted and flouted without reason or law until even the unparelled patience of the American workers is exhausted, who then will be to blame if the final resistance to that oppression comes in an explosion of wrath which will know no bounds of reason or law?—"The Socialist and Labor Star."

The biggest coward in the world is the man who is continually appealing to the law for protection.

—Columbus Medical Journal.

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LACONICS

By Victor Robinson.

(Read What he has to say about the different traits of human nature.)

Drape me with a fig-leaf, said Prudery.

Decorate me with epaulets, said Mediocrity.

Clothe me in the robes of righteousness, said Sin.

Deck me with the garments of innocence, said Vice.

Put sincerity's gown upon my shoulders, said Deceit.

Place the crown of fidelity on my brow, said Disloyalty.

Cover me with the draperies of Love, said Lust.

Give me the staff of tolerance, said Persecution.

Adorn me with the cloak of liberty, said Tyranny.

Beautify me with the dress of duty, said Irresponsibility.

Garb me with the habiliments of humility, said Pride.

Then Truth said: Let me be naked and unashamed.

—"Why."

SUBSCRIBERS

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"Profit Sharing"

"Spend a little time studying the system, Profit Sharing," and you will find that it turns out a lot of bloated parasites and fawning, cringing tools."—Tom O'Hara.

In a sentence here is summed up a blighting thing all workers should know and shun.

"Profit Sharing" is (for the workers), like the apples of Sodom. Fair without but bitter ashes within.

Again, it is to the worker what the fly is to the trout—a beautiful bait hiding the barbs of death.

Remember THIS: The capitalist NEVER gives SOMETHING for NOTHING: always to the workers it is NOTHING for SOMETHING that he gives, and this is what HE calls "profit sharing."

Letter From Bill Cooper

THE VOICE has received the following letter from Fellow-Worker iBill Cooper to his father with the request that we publish same:

"Leesville, La., Sept. 4th, 1913.—Mr. J. Cooper; my dear father: I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that you are the same. Papa I asked Ben Lyons to let me go home next Saturday night and he said he wouldn't let me go on account of that piece that he had seen in that paper. They surely give me the bad end of everything, but I guess I can stand it. I am getting along alright at the present time. Ben Lyons said he wouldn't let me go nowhere until my time was out, but you know that they can't hurt me for I am just as hard as any one else and it don't make much difference with me if he never does let me go, for I am a man wherever I go. Well I guess I had better close for this time by asking you to answer soon to your son,
BILL COOPER.

P. S.—Ah, Papa, I forgot; old Ben said he never was going to let up on me but he lets every one else out that works, even to the niggers, and he said that he never would let me go nowhere until my time was out. So bye-bye to you. Answer soon and a long letter."

INGERSOLLIA

"Every pulpit is a pillory, in which stands a hired culprit, defending the justice of his own imprisonment.

"Mental slavery is mental death, and every man who has given up his intellectual freedom is the living coffin of a dead soul. In this sense, every church is a cemetery and every creed an epitaph.

"In all ages, hypocrites, called priests and preachers, have put crowns upon the heads of thieves, called kings and capitalists.

—Bob. Ingersoll.

SAYINGS OF TOM MANN

"The capitalist system is net increasing the number of well paid workers, but steadily diminishing them. Skilled labor is losing its place and losing it fast."

"The real place to exercise power is in the places where work is done—if the workers control their labor they control wealth and can transfer the industrial power from the dominant capitalist class to the laboring class.

"The power of the working class is increasing as fast as they realize their power and rebel against the ruling class."

"Solidarity is what will save you workers! Consider yourself as a soldier in the workers' army and arm yourself with intelligence and know exactly where you are going."

—TOM MANN.

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"God and Country."

Why They Are Used to Attack the I. W. W.

By Carlo Tresca.

Fellow Workers—Comrades of labor and drudgery—you have returned to work. But inaction, disbanding or weakness is still criminal since it means that with your own hands you will thrust Etor, Giovannitti and Caruso to jail or even to death.

You have been strong, noble, lion-like, in your courage during the sympathetic strike for the release of Etor, Giovannitti and Caruso. But can it be also true that you are now timid, cowardly and uncertain?

The rabble of the masters and their hirelings have hurled enraged epithets at the I. W. W. Why? Because they had thought until a few days ago that the I. W. W. was lifeless. The 24 hour strike has demonstrated to the whole world that the I. W. W. continues to exist—virile and strong.

The masters and the upholders of the masters condemn the I. W. W. in the name of God and country. These questions have no bearing on the I. W. W. We have never made an issue of religion in our union, but there is a proverb, "God helps him who helps himself," and we have helped ourselves so effectively that we have obtained 15 per cent increase in wages, shorter hours and the abolition of the premium system.

We unite to gain from our masters a better livelihood—more bread. To gain this economic betterment we must be united, sustain the union, and help each other as brothers. Religion has nothing to do with these shop activities.

And why should the blood of the enemies of our union boil over the question of country? We have all been driven out of our own countries, exiled, wandering over the earth looking for work and as the sons of 27 countries we have a common symbol, the banner of our union. (The American flag did not succeed in saving us from the violence of the police and militia during the strike.)

Against our union's symbol today the masters, clergy, police, judges and soldiers are arrayed. Why? In order to destroy our organization and compel us to return to the mills, disband and powerless, to spend our lives toiling without hope.

It is, perhaps, hard for you, my fellow workers, to understand that men will use the name of God and country to destroy your union. In the interests of the masters, of course, and not with regard for your welfare, do they make patriotism their shield. But these people never cared for you. They never came among you to explain how to help yourself, to explain unionism, they never attempted to assist you during the strike, they neither wept at your sufferings nor rejoiced at your success, but they despised and exploited you without pity.

From Justus Ebert's, "The Trial of a New Society," a history of the Lawrence strike, a book every rebel should read.

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION A NECESSITY.

By J. Filgueria.

A legal fight, like parliamentary action can result in naught but failure for the working class. The laws are not made for nor by the slave, but by the tyrant to protect his interests.

To expect even a semblance of justice from a Congress or a Court made up of members of the exploiting class is like expecting impartial judgment from a person carried away by his own anger.

The law is made by the Capitalist Class, and that law is absolutely not favorable to the working class. For this reason we, the working class, shall make our own laws and defend ourselves. But before this, we, all the workers will have to be organized in ONE BIG UNION; when we are well organized, we will make the laws inside of the Organization, without necessity of Congress and other things through which Capitalists rule us. When the master class see the workers start to rule the working class, in that time the Capitalist class will start to be shaken from one side to the other of the earth.

Today we, the workers, can say nothing; we have not even the privilege of speaking in street meetings; some other organizations, like the Salvation Army, they speak on the principal streets and sing songs and nobody comes to disturb the meetings. When the I. W. W. start to hold meetings, you see soon that the police come round, and some times stop the meetings, for the simple reason: we want to educate the working class for building ONE BIG UNION all over the world, to get all the product, all that belongs to the working class.

We realize the present conditions of the laboring masses and we don't overlook the timidity of the majority of the workers when they stand face to face with the enemy. Too much passive and legal preaching is the cause that many of the proletariat hesitate in this fight on Capitalism just at the time of battle when they should use every means of direct action to force their demands.

Our fellow workers in some European countries have already set the example of how to fight capital and the state with a great revolutionary strike so as to paralyze the very life of industry and commerce until the enemy submits to the demands of the workers.

We see prisoners set free by the powerful action of the organized toilers. We see the state intervening in time of strike to hurry the capitalist to grant the demands of the workers out of fear that the labor movement will develop into an open revolutionary weapon against the government powers.

And to come to our point: The battles of labor must be fought outside of the courts. Our dollars and cents must be expended in other ways than filling the lawyers pockets. All our energies, money and brains must be used in organizing the workers into class conscious bodies of real fighters, in planning big battles, economic battles which will route the capitalist class, and then will we be able to insure justice to every human being.

Our slogan must be: To hell with your courts! Let our prisoners be freed by our own economic power. And when the working class will be so united and intelligent as to be able to accomplish its emancipation itself, instead of trying to relegate it to legislature and lawyers, then shall we have accomplished our duty, then we shall have justice, and all men shall be equal on the earth.

We only want to educate the working-class, and get all in ONE BIG UNION, then we will be out of all the tyranny.

MINE STEALINGS BIGGEST EVER.

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ria, \$5,606,000, on \$120,000, and Mexico Mines of El Oro, \$3,571,429, on \$900,000.

Of the \$67,211,409 declared this year, thirty-four copper properties, all but three in the United States, contributed \$32,911,303.

One hundred and four gold, silver, lead and zinc properties declared dividends this year amounting to \$25,686,853.

Great as seem the dividends distributed by metal mines, as above, they do not include the large sums paid by such corporations as the Amalgamated Copper Company, the American Securities Corporation, the Copper Range Consolidated, Phelps, Dodge & Co., the Guggenheims and several others, whose revenue is derived largely from share holdings in mines and works which are being operated by regularly organized companies. During the eight months this year ten of these securities-holding corporations have declared dividends of \$16,608,731, making a total of \$174,423,788 since organization on an issued capitalization of \$378,010,825."

Notice.

Please send all money, subs. and news to: THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, 335 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La. Exchanges please make note.

La Union Es La Fuerza.

La Union es la fuerza; es el arma mas poderosa para combatir a nuestro enemigo el "Capital," siempre que esa union sea verdadera. La verdadera Organizacion, es aquella que dentro de la misma, educa a los socios que la componen, siempre que estos tengan buena voluntad, para aprender Pero desgraciadamente, nosotros los trabajadores, que tenemos poca instruccion para conducirnos en el trabajo a que estamos relacionados, y estamos sufriendo el latigo de nuestros explotadores, y todavia no queremos hacer un esfuerzo, ni sacrificarnos un nada, para recibir la instruccion, quedándonos tanto carecemos, y es la que mas beneficiosa es para desmasarnos de tanta explotacion.

Hay organizaciones que tienen un grande numero de socios, y esos estan sufriendo la misma explotacion, que cada uno de tantos; (?) Y porque? porque no reciben instruccion de beneficio, dentro de la organizacion, para desmasarse del que tanto los explota; Pero estas uniones de oficio que no procuran educar a los socios y darles una verdadera idea del movimiento obrero, es porque los que estan al frente de las uniones, no les conviene, el que los socios abran los ojos, para ver claro lo que las "Directivas" hacen de la Organizacion. Porque si esto llegara a suceder, las "Directivas" no estarian anos y mas anos en los cargos como lo hacen; Entonces tenderian estos que ir a zurrarse la "badana" como cada uno de tantos.

Ahora tambien dire que, todos los trabajadores tienen el privilegio de instruirse, dentro de una verdadera Organizacion, como la de los Trabajadores Industriales del Mundo; esta es una verdadera organizacion, de verdaderos principios, para emancipar a todos los trabajadores, no importa que clase de trabajador, ni que clase de industria sea a la que este afiliado. Esta organizacion de los I. W. W. al empezar a organizar, ya empieza a educar a los trabajadores, dentro y fuera de la organizacion, lo mismo en la local de la union, que en la calle. Que organizacion es la que propaga las doctrinas y las taticas, en la calle al aire libre?; ninguna! tansolo los de la organizacion de la I. W. W.; Hoy endia muchos trabajadores es estan desorganizando de esas organizaciones vividoras, que asi se les puede llamar, y estan ingresando en las filas de los I. W. W. estos empiezan a comprender que tansolo esta es la unica organizacion que ha de emancipar a los trabajadores de toda la tierra; lo que otras organizaciones de oficio con tener un grande numero de socios y muchos anos de existencia, no fueron ni seran capaces de emancipar a todos los trabajadores de la tierra, debido a las malas taticas que tienen, como la A. F. L. que toda la "Directiva" son "caziques" el que no es Alcalde, es Diputado, Si la Federacion American del Trabajo tubiera los principios de la I. W. W. entonces los trabajadores de los Estados Unidos ya estaban apoderados de toda la maquinaria de produccion; la organizacion de los I. W. W. tansolo cuenta con ocho anos de existencia, y a la vuelta de tres u cinco anos mas, siguiendo como en estos tres anos pasados, entonces los trabajadores de los Estados Unidos podremos cantar victoria, porque en aquel tiempo todos los trabajadores estaran debajo de esa bandera tan floreciente, como la es la de los Trabajadores Industriales del Mundo.

Vuestro y la lucha economica. J. F.

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FAILURE.

(To the failures of the world who alone have known the cost of failure.)

By Covington Hall.

I gazed into the face of Failure; felt her hunger-stricken eyes
Burn deep into my bosom, and I heard her low, despairing cries;
I felt her cold arms folding 'round me, like the cold arms of the dead,
And all my strength was numbed and broken, and my heart was turned to lead.

I heard her wildly calling, urging on the wolves of Grief and Hate;
I saw her slaves unleashing all the terrors in the house of Fate;
I heard her hyena, Fear, shrieking on life's dark and barren plain.
And felt the throb of madness sweep like fire through my soul and brain.

I saw Love's gardens blasted by a sudden, icy breath,
And Hope's beloved body quiv'ring in the vulture-clasp of Death;
I saw the golden dreams and visions, I had fought for through the years,
With broken wings plunge headlong in the soundless, dark abyss of tears.

I saw the awful haunts of poverty, where live the living-dead,
And sat down at the tables where gaunt harpies served us stones for bread;
I saw myself a kinsman of half human brutes, of men defiled,
Returned to all the loathsome instincts and the passions of the wild.

I gazed into the face of Failure, of the demoness whose reign,
Of heartless, soulless splendor, blights the land where Mercy lieth slain;
And all that ever was of sorrow it was deeply written there,
And there I read the piteous story of soul-hunger and despair.

MERRYVILLE HAPPENINGS.

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Orange. About six weeks ago he found himself shadowed by one of the Merryville thugs in the shape of Dick Goff. He tried every means to avoid Goff and Brown Franks, but Goff inflicted a knife wound in Walston's arm; blood poison set in at once and it was necessary to amputate the arm twice, but blood poison set in each time, proving fatal the last time. It is the general talk that the knife Goff used was poisoned. Goff made bond and came back to Merryville about ten days ago. Ever since he has been out he has been in company with Sanders or Dr. Knight. Last Sunday and Monday Goff was riding around looking the picture of health. Tuesday morning he was taken sick. Dr. Knight said pneumonia. Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the news came Goff was dead. If he is ACTUALLY dead, it is easier to embalm him and give him a \$100.00 coffin and send him back to Mississippi to his old home than it would be to let him stand trial for murder. If he should come clear he would have been a LIVING GRAFTER.

All scabs should take warning. When you serve your purpose as a catspaw. Dead men tell no tales.

COMMENT.

The chances are a hundred to one that Goff is neither in heaven nor in hell. Unless you Union men have actually seen his dead body in that coffin, you had better hunt up one of his photographs and send it in to THE VOICE for publication so all the rebels everywhere may be on the lookout for him and ready to turn him over to the Sheriff. If you cannot secure a photograph, send in a FULL DESCRIPTION of him, giving height, size, weight, color of hair and eyes and complexion, with any marks that may serve to identify him. Don't neglect such information, for such men as Goff are dangerous to society and should be put where they can do no harm to others, especially to the workers.

violating the laws of the American Federation of Labor in declaring and sanctioning the strike.

Members of Electrical Workers' Union No. 6 refused to obey the strike order and gave its support to officers of the McNulty faction of the International Union of Electrical Workers in organizing a new local whose members accepted the jobs vacated by the striking electricians affiliated with the rival wing of the International Electrical Union, which the Labor Council is supporting.

The American Federation of Labor indorsed the position of Union No. 6. The federation may discipline the Labor Council for its latest action in suspending Union No. 6."

The above clipping from a San Francisco paper shows how rapidly Grandma Gompers' labor (?) union (?) is "evolving toward industrialism."

Ain't it fine to see labor cutting labor's throat? That's the way the MASTERS always win.

It's H Everywhere

By W. M. Witt.

I find Houston, Tex., JUST as HOSTILE toward the working class, who produce ALL things, yet share SO little in the enjoyment of life, as any other place.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock I chanced to be passing down the street when I halted a few moments to listen to a POORLY dressed ROUGH looking fellow worker who was making a talk in behalf of an out-aged working class. But, he was making GOOD and telling the TRUTH, which "God LOVES."

I think he had ONLY been talking a SHORT time when a "cop" a "bull," a "man-catcher," or whatever they may be called, came up and commanded him to STOP which of COURSE he had to do. As I turned to go I made this remark to the speaker: "You are NOT talking the RIGHT "dope" is why you CAN'T talk."

The burly "cop" overheard the remark and following me said: "You beat it or I will lock YOU up!"

Under the original constitution of the U. S. I had a PERFECT right to make the remark and furthermore to get up and make a talk if I wished. But, it seems that the DESPOTIC rules of the city of Houston forbid that which our forefathers fought, bled and died for.

The future looks JUST a little dark and threatening for the workers at present, but organization will continue despite the guns and clubs NOW in the hand of PETTY officials ex-members of the producing class, and a DISGRACE to that class.

Corporate GREED assisted by hired thugs and gunmen are attempting to strangle or throttle the labor movement.

SO they did in France and other countries. History might repeat itself.

LUMBER TRUST PLEADS GUILTY.

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nor the "American Lumberman" from advising the highly "civilized plane" methods it now boasts that it did advise, nor keep that sheet in the very article in which it makes the boast from lying about the I. W. W. So it was our men who were "tried" for murder in the first degree for killing a beast gunman, and not the Lumber Kings who calmly planned to pull off the riot at Grabow. This confession fully bears out every charge ever made by the Union and once more is the I. W. W. vindicated of the charges brought against it by the "civilized planers" and "law-and-orderers."

There is but one thing all the old society fears in the I. W. W. and that is—THE CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS ITS DOCTRINES INSTILL INTO THE WORKING CLASS AND THE FEAR OF A LABOR TRUST.

THAT IS THE "VIOLENCE" THEY FEAR ABOVE ALL ELSE.

BUILD UP THE LABOR TRUST AND MAKE THEM FEAR IT MORE.