

# INDUSTRIAL WORKER

An injury to one is an injury to all

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Our motto: One union, one label, one enemy

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## LOCAL HISTORY IS ENCOURAGING

People come West to prosper; young men to grow up with the country and old men for a change of air, or to invest their money. But there is no longer any frontier, the slums of Spokane or of Seattle are as foul as those of the East. Valuable land has been taken by the first comers or gobbled by the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co.

The "homeseekers" from the East would be few were it not for the advertisements of the railroads and the lies of the real estate agent. The working people are beginning to see, after all their hopes are gone, that it is not a change of place which can do them any good, but a change of something else—a change in THEIR place in the social position.

Active and restless, it may well be that the seeds of discontent prosper and grow best in the minds of those who have learned that there are no green hills far away! And then, at first, social lines are not so sharp in a new country. The aristocracy of the West—of Spokane, for instance—is the "new rich," the vulgar wealthy, the leagan on horseback. What more insolent to the workers than the employer, who is carried away by a sense of his new made importance?

### Western Freedom.

Many people elsewhere, think of the West as the land of freedom and promise, where, far from the madding crowd, etc., etc. Alas! fond dream! Bill pens, militia, outrage, tyranny—are they not all of the West? But till within the last few years there remained enough of the old hope of the Golden City and the Fountain of Youth; of the lemonade springs and the rock candy mountain to cause people to forget those outbursts of tyranny to some extent.

All this is past. There is no East and there is no West. The homeless worker—the tramp—from New York meets at the campfire with the man who has just escaped from the chain-gang of Seattle. Their experience is the same; boundary lines are no longer those of East and West, of North and South, but of worker and shirker; of master and slave; of have all and have nothing.

### Unions to Protect.

The first and leading industry, that of mining, in the West gave rise to a fighting band here and there, the miners' unions. The blows of tyranny wanted these together into that powerful association, the Western Federation of Miners. The numerous fights with the masters soon taught these men that not alone, and not merely in the one industry of mining, could the boss be overcome. They learned much of the oneness of labor in these mountain skirmishes. So we soon find general organizations of labor more or less closely connected in the Western country. Among these was the American Labor Union, which was, for the time, a radical labor organization, with the motto, "Labor produces all wealth; wealth belongs to the producer." So that before July, 1905, the local Union of the A. L. U. in Spokane was the nearest approach to a revolutionary union.

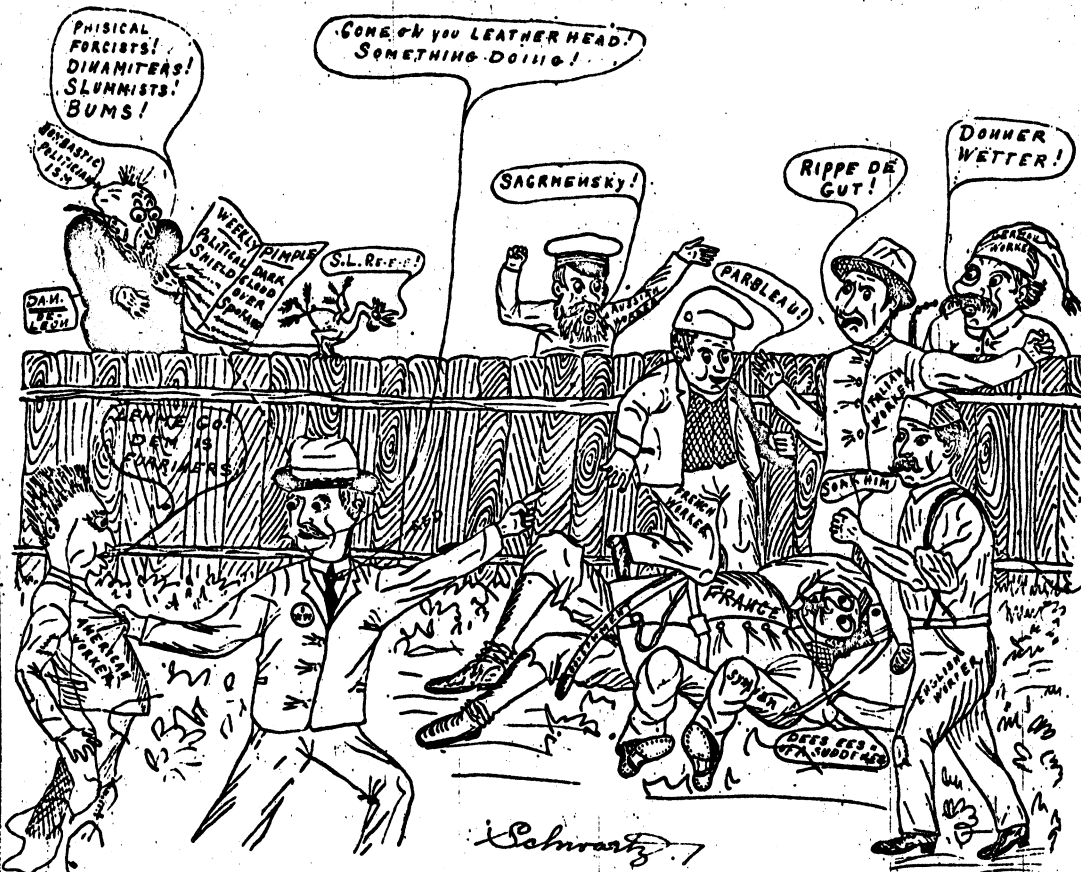
### I. W. W. Organized.

The need—being felt by those who saw the coming revolution—for a general union of workers, gave rise to the call for the first convention of the Industrial Workers of the World in Chicago in the summer of 1905. This convention was attended by all the leading socialists, socialist labor party members, and in fact representatives of the progressive ideas in the labor movement generally. The American Labor Union also sent its delegates and these latter were empowered to install the A. L. U. in the new organization, the I. W. W., which was done.

The A. L. U. Local Union No. 223 of Spokane became therefore No. 222 of the I. W. W.

### A. F. of L. Traitors.

The sublime and brave teachings of the I. W. W. did not suit the fossil brains of the Spokane home guard. "An injury to one, an injury to all," was too strong a statement for these savages. They feared the bosses would not like it! Therefore, with the ignorance of the true value of industrial union, which was general, the local labor skates of the American Federation of Labor, acting under the instructions of Gompers and his pals, proceeded to wreck, if possible, the new



French Government Yields to Industrial Union—A Cheering Lesson for Us Workers

## ONE UNION FOR ALL BUT SYSTEMATIC

By Fred W. Hestelwood.

In speaking on Industrial Union, the I. W. W. speaker should be careful to explain what we mean by ONE UNION. Some workers think that we mean a mixed-up mass of workers meeting together in one room, such as painters, machinists, laborers, plumbers, carpenters, etc., etc., with the painters trying to settle the disputes of the machinists, and vice versa.

### Explanation Needed.

Sometimes our speakers should do more explaining, for this would help matters. True we have only one union, but we do not mean that we would do as many think, in having all kinds of workers in one meeting, voting and talking on each others' business. This would be foolish.

Take the railroad industry, for instance; or what we would term the transportation department of the I. W. W. Suppose the Industrial Union of Railroad Workers in Spokane is No. 400. The engineers would form Branch No. 1 of Industrial Union No. 400; the firemen, Branch No. 2 of No. 400; the brakemen, Branch No. 3 of I. W. W. Local 400; the conductors, Branch No. 4 of Local Union No. 400, etc., and so on all along the line. This same Industrial Union No. 400 of the I. W. W. would include boilermakers, machinists, carpenters, freight handlers, switchmen, section men and those in every branch of the railroad. This, all together, would form one Union, Local Union No. 400 of the Industrial Workers of the World.

### Sensible and Fair.

The engineers could meet by themselves, the firemen by themselves, and so on in every branch of Industrial Union No. 400. Each local would have a delegate in the Spokane Industrial Council of such Industrial Union.

### No Contracts With the Boss.

No branch could enter into contracts or agreements with the company for a given length of time. All "branches" would be free to help each other at all times, and the same card good in all branches for transfer.

In case of a strike the WHOLE INDUSTRIAL UNION No. 400 would quit. The grievance of the conductor would be the grievance of the engineer, and so would the trouble of the "jerry" on the section be the concern of the brakeman. AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL. Such a strike as this would not have to last two hours.

### No High Dues Nor Fees.

With the I. W. W. plan of organization a 50 cent initiation fee would be more useful than a \$50.00 fee in one of the railroad separated brotherhoods. It would not be a question of dollars, but a question of common sense.

Today the telegraph operator goes on strike—and the union conductor? He uses the telephone to get orders to keep the train running, thus scabbing on the operators. The boilermakers go on strike as in Spokane about a year ago, and the engineers and firemen take out the engine with her flues caulked by a scab boilermaker. This without caring what becomes of the striking boilermaker.

### Separate Unions Are No Good.

This kind of unionism consists of buying overalls with a label on them, riding to "Brotherhood" conventions on special trains furnished by the railroad company, burying the dead that the company has murdered in its desire for more profits. Why should NOT the company treat them well when the union will bury the slaughtered, and maybe give the widow some money because the good B. of L. E. man has stuck to his post like a "BRAVE" man, when some poor devil of a machinist or fireman or boilermaker is getting the hooks thrown into him on a strike.

### Separate Unions Help Bosses.

What are the real objects of the separated unions? It is to divide the workers in any one industry, who are all working for one set of masters, into a score of different unions with different rules and different initiation fees; with different cards; with different contracts with the boss, these expiring at different times; in short, to make the workers think that

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## HOW ABOUT THIS NOW BROTHER LAUMER?

I. W. W. No. 222. This merely resulted, however, in the skates and their spaniels leaving the I. W. W. and forming what is still known as No. 12222 of the A. F. of L. The curl of this last "union," by the way, is not accepted in any of the other five A. F. of L. laborers' unions in the city. They are an exclusive lot, those of the No. 12222! This bunch left the I. W. W. in the spring of 1906, but the charter of the I. W. W. was kept by a band of determined men, who held the union together through thick and thin.

### Politicians.

The next sang the I. W. W. had to go against was a bunch of would-be politicians. These men were politicians first and union men a long time after. Their object in having cards in the labor union was to influence the members to act as they thought needful politically. The endless discussions of these fanatics, their beating the air—and nothing else—had the effect of warning off those men who were not fanatics and who thought that ACTION and not TALK was needed most. The Industrial Workers of the World in Spokane was weakened and dwarfed by a bunch of ignorant cranks who presumed to teach the world from the views of a few political dreamers. The fact that the Union lived through all this—the scabbery of the A. F. of L. on one hand and the gabble of the maniacs on the other—shows the deep hold that the principle of ONE UNION for all workers had taken on those who persevered. As near as could be learned, these men, the politicians, were the relic of a so-called socialist labor party. This order of howling derelictes was led by three men—wise men of the East—Daniel DeLeon, D. DeLeon and Dan DeLeon. They drove away many men whose stomachs were not of the heroic material that nothing could sicken. Despairing and full of suspicion—and prunes—they were like the detective in "Les Miserables"—"my business in life is to suspect and denounce." However, there were still men who had not given up hope and who had the manhood to be willing to do and sacrifice for the principles of the ONE UNION for workers.

The quaking fear of the politicians was that there should at any time be new members so many that it would be impossible to baptize and confirm them in the church of the so-called "Reflectionists"—so called because their chief aim in life was to "reflect," and they also thought that they were a "reflex" of something. This may seem like Greek to you, reader, but it is the nearest I can get to the mysteries of this order.

### Union Grows.

In the spring of 1908 the local union was favored by a visit from one of the

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We are in receipt of a card that announces that Nick Laumer, the President of the Printers' Union, will be a candidate for mayor of Spokane. If he is elected he will do what the strongest influence compels him to do: if that is the influence of the Washington Water Power Co., the latter will be the real mayor; if the workers of Spokane have the strongest organization, they will be mayor.

The name of the mayor is nothing to us.

But it would interest some of the 3000 members of the I. W. W. in Spokane to know whether Laumer will have us put in jail for speaking on the street, if he is elected mayor?

What will Laumer do for us, or to us, when we hold a revolutionary parade—like the funeral procession for Fellow Worker Russell?

Will Laumer protect us or shoot us? Rev. Bull says shoot.

Does Laumer approve of Judge Hinkle's injunction against the cooks and waiters?

We would like to hear from Brother Laumer, if he thinks we are worthy of notice.

## LUMBER INDUSTRY A WHOLESAL GRAFT

The FOREST is one of the ORIGINAL sources of wealth. Like the gold buried in the mountain, the tree is useless to man till the hand of the worker has touched and changed it. Raw material—the tree; tools and those who handle the tools; and the robber who LEGALLY owns the tools and the trees; these make up the first elements of the lumber industry.

No man so dull that he can not see, that the employer did not make the trees. No man so keen that the employer does not cut down nor saw the trees, but yet the employer owns the trees and the tools.

All these ideas are plainer in an industry where the RAW MATERIAL is handled than where a dozen or a hundred workers have first added value to the thing to be sold.

### A Daylight Theft.

A forest; two men—a worker and a boss—the tools to work with. This for a beginning. Then what? A rich lumber-

man, a hungry lumber jack and boards. This is legal, but is it good for the lumber jack? Ask the lumber jack if he likes it. He knows. It is not unusual for men to rebel where the oppression is the plainest and where the robbery is the most open—sooner than where all these things are more hidden. The lumber jack of today, however, does not need a large dose of hot air and wise talk from a would-be leader or teacher, but the lumber jack wants THINGS. Good grub, clothes, in fact everything!

How to get the things. That's what we want to know. Common sense tells us that union means strength; and just as far as the workers are united they are strong. Now we remember all this time that the lumber industry is one of the first sources of wealth; that a thousand different mills and a thousand different branches of work will be idle with NO LUMBER to work with. INDUSTRIAL CONTROL of the lumber industry is the thing, then, so needed by the worker and so valuable to the employer.

### Job Unions.

The bosses are willing to pay for the sake of keeping the lumber jacks divided. This can only be done by deceiving the workers. The workers long since learned to place little reliance on these crooked lumber companies, so they have their hired men—like Alex. Fairgrieve, for instance—to break up the workers' union, the I. W. W., and force them into the bosses' no-union, the old American Federation of Labor, called this time the "International." Where the I. W. W. is most active we find the scab bunch.

### A Change Coming.

The lumber jacks of Montana, Idaho and the Northwest are wise to all this "International" business. They have enough of that dope! The thing for every lumber worker is to get into the Industrial Workers of the World, which means more for the workers and less for the bosses, as experience has taught a thousand times. The outlook is encouraging from all along the line in Montana. The boys are full of energy at every place, and it needs but some active ORGANIZATION to get the battle going in good shape, so that the Mann Lumber Co. and the Big Blackfoot Milling Co. and the other grafters will be compelled to come through with more of the real stuff and less work for the lumber jacks.

The I. W. W. Hall has been enlarged by the removal of the partition in the west end. It is altogether the largest union hall in the northwest. We will soon be able to occupy all the places now occupied by the employment sharks. Some of them have already left town in a hurry and some have left for the penitentiary.

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To Our Friends: We are in need of items of news for workers from all points. In writing for the Industrial Worker, articles should not contain over one thousand words at most. Write in PLAIN, SHORT WORDS—the every-day language of us workers—and we can understand it. Always send in a bunch of subscriptions if possible.

A. F. of L. shovel stiffs should not shovel dirt into wagons unless the horses belong to No. 101, which is the horse union.

Articles have been received from Fellow Workers A. V. Roe, Chas. Grant, W. I. Fisher and others. We hope to find space in the next issue.

We are not prepared to take orders for political or religious papers. "The Weekly People" can generally be had of the employment agents.

Those wishing to "take up a piece of land" in Washington can buy a job with a pick and shovel for \$2 or \$3 and take up the piece of land—a little at a time.

There are hundreds of idle men in Spokane and in all the country around. Times are not improving for the worker, and this indicates a fresh crop of Reds in the near future. Grandma Durham will have to take some nerve medicine or consult with the military power.

The Industrial Worker will soon have a regular letter from Berlin and Paris which will give OUR side of the stirring events across the water. Don't forget that the industrial union is the only truly international union, and that boundary lines between countries are only imaginary.

Some unlighted matches were found on the tracks of the Washington Water Power Company on Front street last week. These were thought to have been placed there by the foreigners who were trying in this way to blow up the Spokane falls in revenge for the rotten grub they had been forced to eat in the city jail.

One of the Fellow Workers while in jail for street speaking the other day made a very touching prayer for more bread and water, and that the Lord would soften the iron floor on which the prisoners were lying. We are pleased to hear that the floor has since become so soft as to be unsafe. Such is the power of prayer!

The regular farm work in the Palouse and Big Bend will be mostly taken by the incoming "homeseekers," who will be "homeseekers" when they find out that this part of the country is not the Garden of Eden. After a few shifts back of a bunch of oxen plowing, and a few flops in the straw stack with the pigs, they will think of Missouri with regret.

The railroads are lined with men packing blankets all over this part of the country. Unless the signs of the times are all wrong, there will be plenty of "help" for the ranchers in harvest time. If you want wages and don't want to sleep in the straw stack, get into the union and the Palouse ranchers and the Big Bend scissor-bills can be made to dig up this summer.

The City Beautiful Committee should have a photo post card with a picture of the interior of the city jail. This would be a tribute to science as well as art, for "we" have the finest collection of insects in the Northwest, in the city jail. Some of the lovers of nature should inspect the place. Sunday is a good day for the purpose and fathers of families are invited to bring their children. Nothing like practical instruction!

Sympathy for the union and for the workers never raised wages a cent and never will. There should be open season, the year round, for fence perchers. If you work for wages you belong in the union. If you don't work for wages you cannot join the I. W. W. But all persons who really believe that present conditions are too bad to be borne can assist the union in many ways. Have the courage of your convictions and you will be worthy of respect.

Thomas Malony, former business agent of No. 11,624 (the long-handled shovel union of the A. F. of H.), has been appointed organizer for the Separated Unions for this district. His experience as a politician and his career as contractor make him fitted to harmonize the interests of the wretched Spokane "home-guard" and the dainty butterflies and birds which hover around the Davenport and Spokane Club. No doubt every member of No. 11,624 will be eating porterhouse steak and living on Cannon Hill before the summer is over!

For the benefit of strangers we will explain that there is a law dive in Spokane known as the "Omlawa Inn." Called also the "Lousawa" Inn by those who have slept there. This joint is on the blacklist of the Industrial Workers of the World, and no decent man will go there to be infected. There is an employment bureau run in connection with the Lousawa, and Judge Mann has secured many positions on the rock-pile for the patrons of the place.

The A. F. of L. Seal "Union," the so-called International, which is trying to hold out in Montana to help the lumber companies beat the I. W. W., has just held a convention in Missoula. There was a large attendance—one delegate. The record of this "International Brotherhood of Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers" is so foul that its own members are ashamed of its name, and even the seals will not attend such a "convention" as that arranged for Missoula. In fact, the greatest insult possible for a decent Montana lumberjack is to call him an International seal.

The manhood and grit of the boys in the mills and camps, who have packed their blankets 30 and 40 miles, in the dead of winter, rather than prostitute their principles and betray the I. W. W., is enough to encourage every union member to even greater things. It will soon be a mere stench from the past—this "International" seal-bunch of curs who would sell their brothers for a nickel.

Organization, education and emancipation. These are three big Latin words. Let's make it plainer for you and me: Get together for a common end; learn by what we have been through, and get free from our masters. Nothing but drill teaches the soldier HOW to ACT. The soldiers must COME TOGETHER before they can drill. Therefore organization, then the education of the fight with the masters, then, freedom from the masters. Can the prize fighter learn how, out of a book? Can the worker learn how from the cracks of the politician and the dreamer? The old school of science laid down

a theory—a guess—and tried to twist the facts to fit it. The present day teaches men to learn FACTS and then find out the cause. The thing wanted in common by all the members is the reason for their acting together; the final court is, "DOES IT SUCCEED?" All things that bring the workers together hasten the overthrow of the masters. The organized few rule the world today, and the organized few workers may control the industry of tomorrow. The WORKERS' UNION is everything. Politicians would divide the workers. We must learn to act together and only practice can teach us.

## SUNRISE IN FRANCE.

Rise, crowned with light; Industrial Union, rise!  
 Exalt thy towering head and lift thine eyes!  
 See Hope its sparkling portals wide display  
 And break upon thee in a flood of day!

The news from our fellow workers in France is so welcome that it is cause for widespread rejoicing among the members of the same Union here, the Industrial Union. Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah! The boys in Paris, and also in France, particularly in the large cities, were tired of the way the postoffice and the rest of the government departments persecuted and discharged the agitators. Also were they tired of the way that good Union men were discharged for no cause, and a man named Simyan—a other George von L. Meyer—a fellow about like the postmaster general in America, was a nuisance to the Union. Simyan was "under-secretary of posts and telegrams." So the Union struck, first in Paris and then in all the big cities of France. Paris is almost as big as Spokane. The postoffice was on the bum, with millions of pieces of mail stacked up, and France cut off from the outside world. Some seals being sent into the postoffice in Paris, the electricians, who of course belong to the same Union, put out all the lights in the Paris postoffice and threatened to put the city of Paris in the dark, the same as they did in 1907.

The army in France, like the army here, is an organization of the employers to keep the workers down. Some of the seal soldiers tried to fix the lights, and then all the telephone workers quit. There was every prospect of the employers of Paris and the Champs Elysee going hungry. These people were never hungry, like us, and they can't stand it. This almost general strike was in a fair way to overthrow the republic of France and the government backed down. It is agreed that the Union men are not to be discriminated against in the French Civil Service and this man Simyan has been put on the shelf.

Think this over, Fellow Workers, and remember that France is the richest country in Europe and the Mother of Revolution. What will it be like in America for the Industrial Union to COMPEL the government to fire—the postmaster general, for instance?

There's one word which describes this victory of the Industrial Union in France: GLORIOUS! It depends on YOU, Fellow Worker, to make your Union the greatest power in the land! Even the "law and order" papers of France admit that there is grave danger from the Industrial Union. The employers can see their finish in such a matchless Union as that of the French workers—all strike together, no warning, no politics! DIRECT ACTION instead of TALK!

Our brothers of France remember the wholesale slaughter of the Paris Commune and they have profited by the awful lesson. It will be a question in future of ORGANIZED INDUSTRIAL PHYSICAL FORCE.

The example of France should make every Revolutionist in America eager with hope, courage, enthusiasm!

## GET SOMETHING NEW!

The editor of the Spokane Review lances the following abscess in last Sunday's paper:

### His Union Above His Country.

It is hoped that there are not in the United States many union workmen as unpatriotic as that member of the United Mineworkers of America who sought naturalization papers the other day before Judge Wright of the United States court at Danville, Ill. Answering a question by the judge if it came to a point that the union and the laws of the United States differed which he would follow, the applicant replied, "The union, of course." Judge Wright properly ruled that he could not grant the right of citizenship to any man "who follows the dictates of his union rather than the law of our land."

Trade unions are beneficial and the right of the wage earners to organize for all objects not forbidden by the law must be maintained, but government, law and order are more necessary than trade unions to the liberty, welfare and happiness of the workingman. We can not have law and order if one body of citizens put the unions above their country, another body their church, another their fraternal society, another the red flag of anarchy, and still another their private interests or fortunes.

These truths are so clear and convincing that it seems probable that those men who declare their higher allegiance to their union, or some other organization, speak on the impulse of the moment and without proper reflection on the gravity and significance of what they are saying.

Grandma "hopes" that there are not many union men as unpatriotic as the above. There are over three thousand in the I. W. W. in Spokane alone. The wage earners are not to organize for things forbidden by the law, eh? Well, the law forbids a hungry, penniless man to eat. He ought to starve to death and be patriotic! The man who would starve, law or no law, is a fool. The employers make the law and are to blame for all the social disorder it causes. The true workers' union demands justice and order. The man who works for wages knows that his union is of more consequence to him, if it is a revolutionary union, than all the law his employer makes to keep him down. This man is a hero, and we glory in his spunk. Grandma suggests that the man was drunk or crazy. He was neither; he had plenty of sense. As for the "red flag of anarchy," it might irritate a Bull, but ought not to worry an old cow. Try a few liver pills!

## LAUGH AT THEM.

It is not the fanatics and not the cynics who are the people to better the world. The leaders in all reforms, and above all in all revolutions, have been called fanatics; so little does the world welcome a new idea. The inventor of printing was called a wizard and the heroes of the French revolution were called monsters, and we hear the same class today hurling the terms "anarchist" and "radical" at the determined and active men in the labor movement—the same class that have done their little best to move the clock hands back in all ages!

But is it the working class that are responsible for the excesses, the insanities, the freaks of fashion in thought and action?

The close contact with the realities of life; the daily struggle which calls into action the serious efforts of the workers, give them neither time nor inclination for vagaries. They are more able to weigh men and things at their true value. The sobriety and earnestness of the working class has made them the butt for the shafts of ridicule since time began. The idle parasites would thus have the world believe that only among the luxurious is to be found wit, intelligence and humor.

But which laughs the hardest at the theater—the gallery or the parquet? There have been sharp and terrible jokes at the expense of the ruling class. What more delicious humor than the title given to Louis XVI after his execution by the despised third estate—Louis

the last? The friends of Louis failed to appreciate the joke, how, ever.

And today the revolutionist takes time to laugh as well as to fight.

We need some new Voltaire to help tear the mask from the shams of the ruling class. No weapon is more powerful than ridicule. Voltaire laughed the people of France into revolution. Americans are inclined to be too serious; judicious ridicule will greatly help to break up the delusions of the holiness and goodness of the leeches who pose as the inspired law givers.

## EDUCATION.

The schools of the country are supposed to educate the young that they may be more useful members of the community. But the child of the WORKER receives the same kind of education as the child of the EMPLOYER. Both are taught that it is more honorable to live from the labor of others than to work for wages. This is the idea which causes the worker's children to expect much from the chances of "free" America; each child will be a Rockefeller—or a Lincoln!

There is not a school in Spokane where the children of the working class are taught the truth about themselves and their prospects in life. Why should not Johnny Smith be taught that he has to wear a ragged coat because Johnny Brown's father has robbed Johnny Smith's father? Once made to see the truth, our youthful minds retain a lasting impression.

But the employers control the schools. Till stronger organized we must try to root up the weeds of ignorance from the minds of the workers. When we control the schools the seeds of error will not be sown. Johnny Smith will know why he comes to school hungry; and why Johnny Brown is never hungry.

EDUCATION of the WORKER: To tell him why he has nothing and the boss everything; that there can be NO PEACE with the worker in need and the boss in luxury; that nothing short of EVERY THING is the workers' share, and above all HOW these things can be bettered; that is the task of the Industrial Union.

## TEAM-OWNERS' UNION.

It is reported that there will be a National Organization of the TEAM-OWNERS, and that the Spokane team-owners will be a part of the National body. They will no doubt affiliate with the Citizens' Alliance or the 150,000 Club.

Mock confusion has existed in Spokane among certain workingmen about these same team-owners. The man who owns one team and works the team himself belongs in the I. W. W., for he works for wages and his interests are the same as those of all union men.

The team-owner who has several teams and hires men to work for him is a member of the EMPLOYING CLASS.

The small team-owner is forced to drive his men even harder than the big contractor. Ask any of the men who do pick and shovel work in Spokane about the team-owners—such contractors as Stevenson, or Frank Hering, or any one of a dozen labor-skimmers, and see what you can learn about these men who take small excavating contracts at a low figure and then work the shovel stiffs almost to death!

There is nothing in common between these small employers and the men who work for them.

Let us learn to analyze terms and see what words really mean and what the real significance of those expressions which are coined by the masters and repeated parrot-like by the unthinking. Take that old scare-crow, "law and order," for instance. The hidden deceit here is that the LAW of the prevailing ruling class is necessary to the EXISTENCE of SOCIAL ORDER. King Louis said: "The state—that's me." Therefore, no king, no state and therefore no order! Only by fostering the delusion that they are useful members of society can the parasites continue to rob the working class.

The revolutionists are the true iconoclasts—the image-breakers. Capitalist law, and social harmony and order are opposites.

Witness the thousand wars and the daily jangle between the workers and the shirkers and then talk of "order"!

The real dread of the employers is not disorder; but the replacing of their infernal system by the INDUSTRIAL ORDER OF THE SELF-GOVERNING WORKING CLASS.

The strike in the American Steel Foundry company's plant at Granite City, Ill., which began Saturday, when 400 men went out, virtually ended today, when Superintendent Washer and an assistant chased the agitator, whom they blamed for the trouble, out of town, after beating him with their fists.

Following this episode the entire day shift went back to work. Washer stated that the agitator inflamed the imagination of the workmen, who are foreigners.—Spokane Chronicle.

This superintendent should start a correspondence school with a course devoted to the suppression of agitators. He could, without doubt, secure a number of the Spokane employers as students.

This little affair in Illinois is a fair sample of the peaceable and legal methods of the law and order bunch. There will be less of this sort of thing as time goes on; the agitators are getting too numerous—and ugly.

Forty of our Bulgarian fellow workers took out cards in the union a few days ago. They are now in Montana. The attempts of the boss to set one bunch of us against another on account of "nationality" are getting played out. The employers are the only foreigners and we have long ago declared war on them.

We have many Japanese in the I. W. W. in various places. They are among the best union men to be found. The porters' A. F. of L. bunch in Spokane is trying to fight these workers, instead of getting the help of the Japanese. The porters are a high-toned bunch, but they are all so well off, you know! They can afford to be patriotic.

According to that lecherous old hag, "the Spokane Chronicle," the demand for laborers is greater than the supply. The "Chronicle" is the solid supporter of the Employment Sharks of this section, and says "there is work on the boards all the day long for those who are now idle."

On the boards! Yes, and that is all. There is not one job in fifty advertised by the Spokane employment sharks that exists anywhere but "on the boards."

An employment bureau has been established by the Barnea Bible class of the Central Christian Church. The members of the class have received the encouragement and advice of Judge S. A. Mann in their new venture.

The I. W. W. class has also received advice and encouragement from the judge! The advice we received was "\$10.00 and thirty days." Come to us, members of the Barnea Bible class, and we will compare notes!

If Tom Maloney, the new District Separator of the A. F. of L., will start about six more separate "unions" in Spokane, the rest of the wives of the workers will have to take in washing, to pay Tom, and give the laundries a chance.

The "Chronicle" tells about what a lot of houses are going up in town. Next winter the men who made them will be on the hog and can stop at the Lousawa Inn or the police station.

A dog will fight for a bone. Have as much courage as a dog, workmen! You must fight to win, and the sooner you start the nearer you'll get to the pork chom.

# The Employment Sharks Must Go

This heading ought to interest every worker who sees it. If there is one thing more than another that brings the I. W. W. to the notice of the WORKINGMEN in the Northwest it is the fight that the INDUSTRIAL UNION is carrying on against the licensed robbers known as the employment sharks. These places are run in connection with other grafts like them. Some of these "employment" offices are in the corners of saloons and others in connection with religious outfits. The Roman Bible Class of the Central Christian Church is running an employment office so is that resort for "weak men," the Young Men's Christian Association. The last joint, the Y. M. C. A., has a higher price list, even than the Peerless. The sucker has to pay the Y. M. C. A. one-third of the first week's pay for the job. This one-third goes to the "lawd," Lord in English.

### Law Is No Law, without Force.

No longer ago than last year the employment thieves in Spokane grew fat and rich and never meant to try to fix things. The I. W. W. was the first Union to begin a regular fight against this abuse. The employers of the state of Washington have made a law against getting money by fraud; that is, by false pretenses. Some men who are not yet acquainted with the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney were foolish enough to think that this law against fraud could be made to apply to an employment shark. They soon learned different, however! The Prosecutor told them that the cases of fraud committed by the employment sharks were so common that it would bankrupt the county to try them all! As for a civil suit for damages it was the exception rather than the rule for a worker to win out. All this, though, was in the days when the Union was small and little known. Continual agitation and hard work built up the I. W. W. from a few dozen to hundreds of members—a social power, for the first time in Spokane. As a result, the Judges began to grant decisions in favor of the workingmen; few at first, then more often.

### Organized Power Better Than Law.

Today the I. W. W. in Spokane numbers thousands of members. It is generally enough to send a few men from the Union Hall to reason with the employment shark in a case where he has robbed a victim. The employment shark pays

back the amount stolen. He has had a change of heart.

### The System of Graft.

Not one in fifty who ships out from an employment office ever gets the job he paid for. This is so well known that it is only the new-comers in the country or the men from other lands who are foolish enough to go to the employment offices, that is as a general thing, although there is a sucker born every minute! The extent of this trade in jobs and men is greater than most people think. The leading employment shark of Spokane has sold over eighty thousand jobs, real or imaginary, during the last year. No wonder he rides in an automobile and is worth a million dollars! We all know that the man who runs the office pays a part of the fee to the boss on the job, if there is one, and the boss fires a certain number of men every day to make room for fresh ones sent out from town. If there really is a job at all, it must be a very bad one, otherwise the employer could get all the men needed where he is without sending to Spokane for them. A sure lay-out or a shell game is a thousand times more on the square than an employment agency. A man ALWAYS loses in the latter place. If an employment shark gets an order for thirty men he will often hang out a sign: "Wanted, 300 Men." This is the general rule and not overdrawn. Only because the graft is so open and so rotten is the public hard to convince. It simply passes belief.

### Police "Can't" Help It.

One of the Superior—or inferior—Judges has handed out a rule that the business of employment sharks must not be interfered with nor their licenses taken away by the City Hall. The employment thieves are robbing, swindling, procuring, lying and fighting every day. The City Hall knows all about it, from the Mayor down to the dog-catcher, and they "can't" help it!

### The Union Can Help Things.

It is fortunate for us that we have long since given up the day-dream of better laws. We will proceed to write some laws of our own and then enforce them. The employment offices do not confine their trade to men. When times were dull they were not against making an honest penny by selling young girls for immoral purposes. This sometimes be-

comes so open that even the law and order bunch learns about it, and the Review and the Press have a scandal which helps the sale of their papers. So we see how one industry helps another! But it would be a waste of time to name over all the crimes of these people. We have their pictures in our rogues' gallery and can give you pointers on them all.

For those anxious for details we can give you this, that or the other shark's criminal record. We can tell you whether this one or that one steals blankets, whether Sebring of the Peerless is still in the state's prison, if Keit of the Empire has been caught, etc.

### How to Fix Things

The importance of a systematic fight can hardly be overestimated. The employment agencies are IN OUR WAY. It is not worth while to try to reform them, even if it were possible. They MUST BE DONE AWAY! There are a number of very good reasons for this, and there is every certainty of success of the I. W. W. in doing it. So well known to the workingmen is it that the Union is fighting this thing that it would a dull day for the Secretary if from a dozen to fifty men did not come into the hall who had been robbed and who want the Union to recover the money for them. The instinct of the workers teaches them where their interest is. A systematic boycott of these dives, the continual advertising they get from the Union and other means, such as picketing, etc., etc., are having a great and good effect. The opposition of the agents themselves shows us that we are on the right track. But the fight must be urged, kept up, increased! Down with the employment shark! Up with the Union! During the few weeks that the Union has been unable to hold street meetings some may imagine that we have got slack in this fight. It is only the lull before the storm. The I. W. W. men know well enough who started the riot on the streets of Spokane and then tried to throw the blame on the Union! We have forgotten none of these things. They are simply drawing interest for the near time to come.

### The Political Scabs.

The employment sharks, who it is only fair to them to say, are so degraded that they have few friends outside of the criminal element, are supported in their fight against the workers by a small

group of cowardly scabs, known as the "Church," or the "Socialist Labor Party" (1). This bunch circulates a paper printed in New York and furnished free to the saloons and employment offices of Spokane. Besides personal abuse of the Union men of the I. W. W. it deals in misery, despair and woe. It would be a popular paper among cranky old maids or dyspeptics. What, with this rag, known as the Weakly and Sickly People, and its running mates, the Spokesman-Review, Chronicle, Press, etc., the employment agents have their side of the fight always in print. It may not be thought surprising that a group of cockroaches and ex-convicts like the employment sharks should wish to defend their own graft. But what can be said of these scabs—workingmen—who spend their time fighting the Union and helping the common enemy—the sharks? These S. L. P. scabs have Farley out-scabbed. The S. L. P. scabs for the love of the thing. They tell in their paper how the "employment agents" are preparing to shoot the I. W. W. men—with the help of the S. L. P.—well to the rear in the fight. Sharks, grafters, scabs and politicians, they all look alike to us.

### We Will Win Out.

The Industrial Union in France found it necessary to abolish all the employment offices, and in the city of Paris it took just one day's work to persuade the employment agents to quit business in favor of the Unions. Now the Industrial Union controls the employment business to the great help of the Union and sorrow of the bosses.

In Denmark the same success has attended the Union. It is hard to overestimate the importance of these victories.

Trye, the "scientists" and the always hopeless politicians do not approve of this fight. They would have sensible workingmen think that all efforts along this line are useless. That the workers are born for trouble as the sparks fly upward and that there is no hope till Congress gives every man a vote, and fill every man VOTES for this or that political crook. But we know better, and so do the enemy, the grafting employment sharks! They realize well enough what the I. W. W. means to them.

### Industrial Control.

The main thing to be fought for is not merely the abolition of private employ-

ment offices as well as the worse ones, the "city" offices, but because the EMPLOYMENT OFFICES ARE IN THE WAY OF ORGANIZATION. By means of these go-betweens the bosses are able to pick out the most willing and the most ignorant slaves, those that are the hardest to organize. The fresh supply of help and the fight between the workers allow the bosses to keep down the food supply, to increase the hours and furnish worse conditions of work. A different story where Mr. Boss has to come to the Union for his help and take not "fifty Italians, twenty Swedes, ten Americans, etc.," but that many Union men who are looking for the BEST of it!

Hurry up calls and emergency demands for men are the occasions to shove in a bunch of I. W. W. Reds, who, in a railroad washout, for instance, would stick up the boss for over-time, double-time, triple-time, etc., etc. Today the same boss gets his men for the regular \$1.50 or \$1.75 per day, washout or no washout.

THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICES ARE TO GO! It is for you to say when and how, workingmen. They are criminals of the lowest type—even the police admit it! You cannot have better things without organization. You can make life worth the living by means of it. Conditions are vile. The average grading camp stinks like an Indian village, or like an army on the march. This is your home! The employment shark has a fine home, good clothes, an easy life and a good time and you are paying for it.

PUT HIM DOWN, AND YOU CAN GET UP!

The employers of Spokane are about to hold an election. The men who do the work of Spokane should be able to vote for their own bosses where they work. The squabble of the employers about the division of the "bull sack" at the City Hall is no concern of ours. We will be robbed and swindled whatever group of grafters have the political job.

If the workers are unable or too cowardly to win freedom on their own account and for themselves, would they not be very foolish to "vote" their liberties into the hands of designing politicians?

A general rise in wages, means a general fall in profits.—Marx.

## Why Don't You Join?

By Julius Peterson, Kalispell, Mont.

If you are not in the ranks of the supporters of the I. W. W. did you ever stop to think seriously why you are not? May be you would answer that you don't believe in it, but are you sure you don't believe in it? Surely you wouldn't condemn anything of which you knew nothing. You wouldn't pass your judgment on any party, creed or doctrine before you knew what it stood for, and what it was founded on.

Add now, by the way, do you know the principles, aims, objects and methods of construction of the I. W. W.? Have you analyzed the doctrine or don't you believe in it simply because your father, or your priest or preacher told you it was no good?

The teachings of the I. W. W. are the issue of the day; it is the solution of the critical problems confronting the people of the world. No worker can afford, nor has he the right to remain ignorant of what it is.

### Thorough Investigation.

Now, before going further, let us look at something that might be of aid in giving the principles of the I. W. W. a thorough investigation. Man is pretty much the product or expression of his environment. He is what conditions make him. He receives his religion and politics mostly, usually through inheritance. Possibly you didn't give the doctrine of the church or party much personal investigation when you became a Baptist, republican. As man becomes older it is harder for him to change his mind on any subject of great importance; the brain loses its plasticity. Man is something like a tree; its growth can be governed while young—it can be shaped—but when the tree is through growing it is almost impossible to reshape it.

### Throw Away Prejudices.

It is only between the thirtieth and fortieth years that man's mind shows any capacity to change on any important matter. This is also the reason that there are so many stand-patters, and true-to-the-party men; they have not formulated their own idea; they have fallen into the lethargic condition of relying on others, and now, when the present system and its parties are dying on account of their inability to cope with present conditions,

these men still cling to the old belief (not much to cling to); a straw, a sinking one. Now suppose you throw away all prejudices, and give the principles of the I. W. W. a thorough investigation. Just be true to yourself and we I. W. W. people won't fear that you won't be true to your class. You will find that we all stand together in a class, subject to the same slavery, and that we must unite as a class to obtain our freedom.

### THE WAY DEBS SAYS IT.

Too long have the workers of the world waited for some Moses to lead them out of bondage. He has not come; he never will come. I would not lead you out if I could, for if you could be LED out you could be led back again. I would have you make up your minds that there is nothing you can not do for yourselves. You do not need the capitalist. He could not exist an instant without you. You would just begin to live without him. You do everything and he has everything, and some of you imagine that if it were not for him you would have no work. As a matter of fact, he does not employ you at all; you employ him to take from you what you produce, and he faithfully sticks to his task. If you can stand it, he can; and if you don't change this relation, I am sure he won't. You make the automobile; he rides in it. If it were not for him he would walk, and if it were not for him YOU would ride. The capitalist politician tells you on occasion that you are the salt of the earth, and if you are you had better begin by salting down the capitalist class. The revolutionary movement of the working class will date from the organization of the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

There are men of ability and courage who start out in the labor movement with the best intentions and the purest motives. All who meet with any success in getting the workers together are sure to meet the opposition of the enemy and the lackeys of the employers. This is to be expected. All union men must resolve to stick through thick and thin. Be like the old Greek soldier who was told that the enemy were so many that their arrows darkened the sun. "So much the better," said he, "we shall fight in the shade."

## ETERNAL HOPE AND ETERNAL PAYMENTS

Smith worked for Myers. Smith was a married man with a family, and rented a house from Myers.

Myers offered to sell Smith a house on the following terms: Smith drew \$2.50 a day wages; he was to pay \$2.50 a day on the house which was worth \$2500.00. It would not need a school teacher to figure that at this rate it would take one thousand days for Smith to pay for the house. Smith paid and worked at this rate till he had only \$200.00 to pay on the house. Times were getting dull. Rather than fire him, Myers offered to pay Smith \$1.00 per day, allowing Smith to keep one dollar per day for his family and to pay \$2.00 per day on the house. This would still require one thousand days to clear the \$2000.00. Smith was a patient man though, and worked till he only owed \$1500.00 on the house he was buying of Myers. Times got duller. Myers was forced to cut down expenses or close up the mill where Smith worked, so he reduced the pay of Smith to \$2.50 per day. Myers then explained to Smith for the third time that at the new rate, Smith had one thousand days in which to pay for the house.

This killed Smith. After his poor widow had mourned for several months, she went to consult a spiritualist medium, who would charge \$2.00 to bring up the ghost of Smith. The \$2.00 being paid, the medium went into a trance and saw Smith in his heavenly home.

"Can you see him," said the widow? "Yes, he is playing a harp and singing," said the medium.

"It can't be the right man, Smith never sang a note," said the widow. "Oh, that's all right! They learn to sing over yonder," said the medium; "it's Smith, all right, my control says so."

"What is he singing?" asked Mrs. Smith. The medium answered: "He is singing: 'When we've been here ten thousand years, Bright, shining as the sun, We've no less days to work for Myers Than when we first begun!'"

The hod carriers and the cement workers of the A. F. of L. are still wrangling. This is what the boss wants and what the boss pays the labor skates for—to have one group of workers pitted against another group of workers IN THE SAME INDUSTRY.

## THE QUESTION BOX

An A. F. of L. member: No, the I. W. W. is not an anarchistic "group," but you have likely heard that from one of the local scabs, or read it in the Spokane Review. Your "patriotism" is grand. Does your wife still take in washing to keep the family all winter?

"Law and Order," Spokane: Yes, all the laws of the land should be enforced in Spokane—in fact most of them are. There are now no houses of prostitution in our fair city, gambling is, of course, a thing of the past, and the contrast between the New Jerusalem and the City of the Inland Empire will be hard to notice. If ever there was a heaven on earth, it is in Spokane.

A "Lover of Peace," Colfax: There is no objection to your praying for "peace on earth," but remember the words of the army chaplain: "Trust in God and keep your powder dry."

Scientific Shorty, Spokane: Why are we not using civilized methods in our work? Because we do not believe in bloodshed, civilization depends on authority propped up by brute force, and paid for by the proceeds of theft and cruelty. Is it not so?

E. L.: There is only one revolutionary union in the United States or in the western hemisphere, the Industrial Workers of the World. The headquarters are at 310 Bush Temple, Chicago, Ill. Yes, there have been attempts to break up the union. A man named Sherman tried it and failed, and a police spy named DeLeon tried it and got expelled. We are here yet.

A Student: The Industrial Union of France has had the bitterest of fights with the scheming politicians. The French have got rid of these parasites and have nothing in common with the employing class government. It is the most brilliant association of workers the world ever saw, and the most successful. The Industrial Union of France follows "direct action." They have won 85 per cent of their many strikes.

A Citizen: The terms, rabble, mob, slum element, tramps, etc. as applied to the I. W. W., are thrown at the workers who are sensible enough to do away with

LEADERS. These obscure terms are used only by the people who have tried to fasten themselves upon the workers and failed.

J. M.: The Reverend, Bull referred to in the Ind. Worker is a Church of England priest. He is wealthy. He wants the I. W. W. members shot down in cold blood for speaking on the street. He is a disciple of another member of the same church, Henry VIII of England.

### POLLATCH CROWDED.

The Peerless Employment Joint has a sign out for men to go to Pollatch, blase, Fare advanced. This thing is played out, boys, for Pollatch is filled with men on the bum now. Keep away from the Peerless. If you want to get rid of your blankets, sell them!

### WATCH FOR THIS THIEF.

C. D. Kent of the Empire Employment and Skinning Co. is still at large. He is wanted for robbing 76 Austrians to the tune of about \$200.00. The Spokane police will find Kent about Wednesday of next year. (Nit.)

### WHAT NEXT?

Officer "Bill" Shannon was sober while on duty yesterday (Wednesday)!

### LAW, ORDER, AND COWARDS.

Judge Hinkle, well known by the Red Light district, has given an injunction against the A. F. of L. waiters, etc., who were picketing the scab Cafeterias. The A. F. of L. has stopped picketing, as they intend to obey the law. Think of a bunch of workingmen afraid of Hinkle!

### READ THIS YOU BLANKET STIFFS!

The directors of the Old National Bank include some notorious railroad contractors. Thos. F. Wren and T. L. Greenough, John D. Porter of Porter Bros., and last but not least, D. W. Twoby, are well known by the shovel stiffs and hungry men on the bum in this section.

These railroad contractors are the limit for a lot of stomach-ruffing, man-killing robbers. They are now bank directors—and respectable. They have coined your misery into GOLD, and turned your days into their DOLLARS. Workingmen! How do you like it?

**LOCAL HISTORY IS ENCOURAGING**

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National Organizers of the I. W. W., J. H. Walsh. Walsh was a man whose political education and experience had not paralyzed his activities. Long experience in the A. L. U. and Western Federation of Miners had taught him the need of real union and that talk was nothing except as urging men to do. With the help of the active men in the local the membership grew in two months from thirty-nine to over two hundred members. This was the blow that "nearly killed father" for the politicians. The union was growing too fast. But grow it did, though, in spite of all. The original meeting place on Bernard street held, when full, twenty men. A new hall was rented on Washington street—No. 534—which held about three hundred. This in turn soon became too small; but to get a bigger headquarters in the slave part of the town was no easy task.

**New Headquarters.**

On January 1st of the present year the lower floor of the Union Building, on Front avenue, 412-430, to the rear of the store was rented. This was in the best possible location—right in the center of the slave market. Besides a large reading room and library, there is a meeting hall holding nearly 1000 people when full. The secretaries of the Union have also offices, and the editor of the INDUSTRIAL WORKER has also a special room. From a membership of thirty-nine, the Industrial Workers of the World in Spokane has grown to over three thousand. In the face of the most venomous opposition, with most of the members of the Union destitute all through the winter, in spite of the arrests and clubbing of the members by the police and the persecution of the local employment sharks the Union has grown—we may well say in spite of Hell!

**Only Begun.**

The Industrial Union has only been born and there is constant danger and a continual fight to get the INDUSTRIAL CONTROL, which means everything. With four mass meetings every week crowding the large hall to the doors, with thousands of books, papers and leaflets, with the illustrated lectures on revolution, which all rouse and keep lit the fire of rebellion, it may not be long before there will be a social upheaval started here, there, now, and then, which will help to jar loose at least some of the fixtures of the tyranny of today. The employers all know what the I. W. W. is. The next thing is for them to feel it.

**Industrial Unions.**

Already, in Spokane, we have No. 132 Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Industrial Union, which, by the way, includes EVERYBODY working in or around a hotel or restaurant, white or colored, American or "foreign". Also the Building Constructors' Industrial Union No. 223, the Public Service Workers' Industrial Union No. 434, and the mixed local, the original one, No. 222.

Such a dread of INDUSTRIAL UNION have the local employers that we are now the subject and object of much comment and notice. This is encouraging and shows us the right road—against the masters. Even to talk about UNION is now forbidden on the streets of Spokane.

Workers! Study this matter of UNION for WORKERS, and UNION to TAKE and HOLD ALL for the WORKERS, which is dreaded by the masters and means life to you and yours!

**ONE UNION FOR ALL BUT SYSTEMATIC**

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the workers' interests are DIFFERENT instead of the same AGAINST THE BOSS. Think of a union asking Roosevelt not to reduce freight and passenger rates for fear wages would go down! This is not union; it is no union. No wonder, the company likes it.

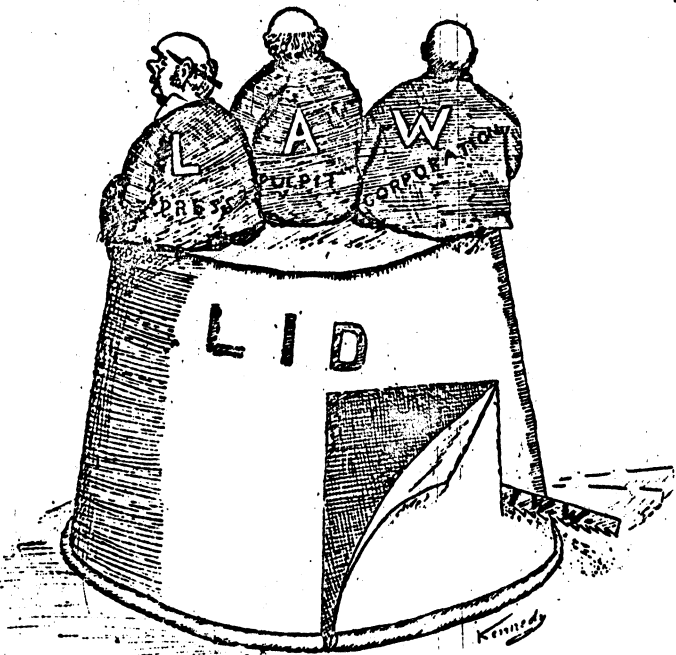
What applies to the railroad workers applies also to the building industry and every other industry where workers are organized into separate crafts.

**Workers United—Goodbye Boss!**

With railroads combining, with a general increase in the size of locomotives, with the introduction of the electric motor, which is doing away with the steam engine—it is time the railroad workers were making a study of the INDUSTRIAL UNION, and beginning to form locals that unite instead of divide the workers.

**United! United! United!**

Yes! We want one union to fight our common enemy—the employer. Does he not rob us all alike? Then let's have the kind of Union that will give us the greatest amount of power!



The Lid Can't Last Much Longer

**EMPLOYMENT SHARK IS LOOSE AGAIN**

Ed Miller of the PEERLESS Employment Joint, was arrested the other day charged with stealing the blankets of a workman who had shipped from Miller's place. Of course Miller was turned loose after a farce of a trial. Miller's bond was \$300.00. This is better than it used to be. It is only of late that an employment shark can be arrested. This place, the PEERLESS EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, has furnished material for the penitentiary before now. C. F. Sebring of the PEERLESS served a year in the penitentiary for shipping girls to out-of-town houses of debauchery. This trade paid big. What with the trade in BLANKETS and GIRLS the PEERLESS ought to prosper.

**FROM MONTANA.**

Kalispell, March 20. Included find something you can use if you like. I sent in mine for a Teamsters' Union this morning and \$17.50 for outfit and stamps. Had thirty names to start. Z. P. Edwards has just come in from California and has the "Industrial Worker" with him. FRED W. HENLEWOOD.

**Keep Up the Fight.**

Sunnyside, Wash., March 18. The papers say the police got busy and arrested some of our brothers. What are you going to do about it? ED. STANSHURY. Answer—Keep up the fight as long as we can stand and see.

**Offers Assistance**

Scappoose, Ore., March 16. I hear that several of the comrades and fellow workers have been arrested for speaking. If I can help you any let me know. NELS JOHNSON. These are samples of hundreds of letters like them from all over. If the police keep it up we will have to get a letter clerk.

**Butte, Mont., March 22, '09.**

Please find enclosed \$1.00 for one year's subscription on the paper, "Industrial Worker," to be sent to the address below. ELOF WICKSTROM.

**Portland, Ore., March 21.**

I rejoice and congratulate you on the Industrial Worker. We in Portland were very much pleased with it. It beats the labor papers of all grades. We will all subscribe for it as soon as the finance permits. We are holding meetings here on the streets. Pat Welch got struck by a streetcar while carrying a banner at I. W. W. street meeting. Case is still pending in court. We have both been here all winter, and will go to Spokane soon. Give them all pointers, especially the "People." The paper is a model. WM. GOODHUE.

**SELLS LIKE HOT CAKES.**

We are in receipt of your bundle of 100 Industrial Workers and enclose postal order for \$2.50 in payment for them. The paper is very well edited and meets with general approval and satisfaction on the part of all Fellow Workers and outsiders and is selling like hot cakes. Enclosed find 50 cents for six months for Jas. Howe. PAT WELCH. Secy. No. 92.

**WANTS MORE OF THIS DOPE.**

St. Regis, Mont., March 22. Your letter of the 19th at hand. In reply will say that I will enclose one

dollar (\$1.00) for a bunch of the Spokane Ind. Worker. You did not state what you could let us have the paper for.

I will try and write some for the next issue of that paper. Send me the dollar's worth from the same issue that you have already sent me and send them as quick as possible, as I am getting some literature together to start out with this week. Yours for industrial freedom. H. C. McCANN.

**WANTS THE PAPER.**

Kiowa, March 21. After an uneventful journey, I arrived at Kiowa and secured a position as mucker in Parker & McCullom's camp at \$2.00 per. I am not alone as there are four other I. W. W. men up here also. Kindly send up the Industrial Worker as we are anxious to see it. Let me know about Walsh's case in the court. JOHN P. BARRY.

There are I. W. W. men in every camp nowadays. It is coming.

**NO PERSONALITIES!**

These stomach-robbing, gunny sack contractors and would-be aristocrats in Spokane do not like PERSONAL attacks. They are willing for the Union men to revile old John D. Rockefeller or the czar of Russia, but it will never do to bring the fight home, where it will do the workers some good. We intend to rub in the dope the best we can, however!

**SAME AS IN SPOKANE.**

110,000 unemployed men and women cannot secure work in New York City. 2,700 men have been discharged from Blackwell's Island Workhouse before expiration of their sentences to make way for others sent in. 900 willing heads of families, unable to secure work, are being supported by the Association for the Improvement of the Poor. In 1907 the number was 19. 850 able men, unable to get work, were sent to the Workhouse in the last three months by City Magistrates on their own requests. 40,000 union men in New York state have been forced from their organizations for lack of funds to pay dues. \$31,542,000 were withdrawn from 138 savings banks in New York state last year.

**PASS THEM AROUND.**

Free leaflets telling about the I. W. W. can always be had for the asking at the Union Hall on Front avenue. The union has these leaflets in almost every important language: English, German, French, Swedish, Italian, Finnish, Roumanian, Slavonian, Polish, Japanese and others. They all have the same story to tell: One union for all working men and women, to get more wages, shorter hours and finally to do away with the system of wage workers and employers and have one class, the only class, those who do useful work. Get these useful papers and hand them around.

A bunch of barrel horse bums from the Lousawa Inn (Rev. Bull's resort), who were drunk and noisy in the vacant lot next to the I. W. W. Hall Sunday, were taken to jail on the complaint of the Union. No booze fighter is worth a dam to us and we will help the police arrest any man who is drunk in the neighborhood of the hall rather than have people think we encourage drunks. The chaff-gang is good enough for a boozer.

It seems to me there needs but little sagacity to understand that the capitalist and the proletarian, the landowner and the have-nothing, are not equals. Equality is not a fact because both rich and poor are in possession of a voting ticket. —Pouget.

**INDUSTRIAL UNION ON BUILDINGS**

There is always more or less building going on in Spokane, and in the spring-time the building industry is the most important in the town.

If there were ever a number of working people that needed ONE UNION FOR ALL, it is certainly the workers on the buildings of this town and in fact of this section in general.

President's Taft's union, the American Federation of Labor, has over thirty separate groups of workers who take part in the building of structures in Spokane. It would cover a page to name them all; from the two separate unions of shovelers, No. 12222 and No. 11624, through all the list, stonemasons, brick layers, carpenters, plumbers, hodcarriers, steamfitters, electricians, etc., etc.

**It Is Craft Scabbery.**

When one of these small groups of workers has trouble with the boss the others stay at work, and it is an easy thing for the cheerful Spokane contractor to beat any one of them alone. The carpenters are the best friends of the contractors—that is why the contractors give them so much work each carpenter that belongs to the Spokane union has twice as much work in a day as is usual elsewhere.

All these warring little bunches are forever at swords' points with each other; not because they have any real cause for discord, for they are all workers together, but because it is a question whether the cement workers or the hodcarriers, whether the carpenters or the lathers, whether 11624 or 12222, etc., etc., shall have "JURISDICTION" over this or that work.

Compare this kind of thing, year in and year out with the ONE UNION for everybody on the job!

The boss will keep one bunch sore and fighting with another bunch; he will make friends with the carpenters and break it off in the plumbers and all the while make money.

WHY not have all in ONE UNION? WHY not unite to better the condition of all? WHY believe the boss and his stool-pigeons, the labor skaters?

**Never Fear**

That the plumber will want the carpenter's job if both are in the same Industrial Union, or that the electricians will want to take the mason's place, the boss will look out for that!

Every argument against the Industrial Union comes from the bosses—not from the standpoint of the worker.

Fellow workers: Come to the I. W. W. Hall, and get OUR and YOUR side of this matter. The BUILDING CONSTRUCTORS' INDUSTRIAL UNION No. 223 meets every Monday night. We will be glad to see you and the meeting is open to all workers.

The conditions of work in the Pacific Northwest are the most degrading to be imagined. The poverty and hard work and wretched food are but a part of the list. Men are converted into herded brutes instead of social animals. The same state of thing prevails wherever men are herded together without the society of women—they become brutalized. The squalid savage lives a far better and fuller life. And this is the reward of industry! The incentive to fight is still left us, however!

"Weakness in Freedom grows stronger Than Strength with a chain, And Error in Freedom will come To hamstring her stain, Till fully repenting she whitens Her spirit again, And Friendship in Freedom will blot out The bounding of race, And straight law in Freedom will curve To the rounding of grace; And Fashion in Freedom will die Of the lie in her face." —Sidney Lanier.

There is only one flag to present to an emperor, and that is the Crimson Banner. There is only one argument to use with an oppressor, and that is rebellion. But to fall without striking a blow, to go to your death as a sheep goes to the slaughter—this is a double suicide, a twofold self-murder, for it saves the autoerit and tears out Liberty's heart by the root. —Victor Robinson, in "Mother Earth."

I would not be a capitalist; I would be a man. You cannot be both at the same time.—Debs.

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