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"Vote, vote, vote"—to be counted out, out, out.

What have you done this past week to get the working people together to fight the employers?

Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue; it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.—Franklin.

Learn what the I. W. W. really is. Don't be prejudiced. Prejudice is the child of ignorance, and Voltaire says: "Prejudice is the reason of fools."

This is the day of the horseless carriage, the jobless worker, the soulless employer and the spineless slave. Join the I. W. W. and fight it out by direct action against the employing class.

Whatever the bosses oppose is for the interest of the working class. The employers oppose the I. W. W. They favor the American Federation of Labor "as long as it is law-abiding." Why?

It is the "proud boast" of the Order of Railway Conductors that it has never violated an agreement with a railroad company. Neither did Benedict Arnold violate his agreement with the British.

Separated Union No. 12,222 of the American Federation of Labor (Taft's Union—and Mr. Hughes' Union) has been doing some excavating at the corner of Broadway street and Pacific avenue. The boys tried to get the white horse-teams of the union to pull them down. Nothing doing! The horses, at least, should "strike at the ballot box."

According to a Washington dispatch, the supply of labor in the Isthmian Canal Zone is greater than the demand. The idle men show little disposition to work for the established rate of 10 cents an hour. This is a government job too. Too bad they don't take the Spokane Review down there! Grandma Durham would soon show them how to start a chain gang!

The "Comrades" who edit the "Labor World" have several columns of their valuable paper filled with court notices. This shows a very proper respect for the laws of the land, and proves the editors are not anarchists. Judge Erickson of Flathead county has issued an injunction against the wicked I. W. W. men on strike. We suggest that the "Comrades" print this also—or else some of the workers may get the idea that the "Comrades" are lawless!

Which do the masters fear the most—the direct action of the workers or the cowardly superstition that reverences the masters' laws? The worker has nothing to gain from any laws of his master.

Get up and do something now! Get your fellow workers organized and work up to the pork-chops while you still have teeth left to eat them. You will be a long time dead. Get the goods first and then the laws will follow. That's the employers' plan: rob and then make robbery legal. The boss has robbed you; take back the stolen goods!

Rev. "Comrade" Gunpowder Bull—a Church of England priest—and a Christian socialist, is the man who wants the I. W. W. boys shot down in the streets in cold blood, if they get too uneasy or hungry. Bull runs a lodging house. Not long since a man with smallpox stayed there for days, and the place was not even quarantined. This joint, the "Lousawa," or Ondawa Inn, has been ornamented by a most ragged, dirty and "disreputable" American flag. If the flag was like the rest of the place it was lousy. On June 14 they put up a new flag. This killed all the crumbs!

Three hundred men were hired in one day by Farley, the professional strike breaker, to scab on the street car strikers in Philadelphia. The New York World says: "The little men in the line came out again disconsolate. But the big, husky fellows, with red faces and rough necks, and a fighting glint in their eyes, didn't reappear on the street again." Farley is called "King of the Strike Breakers." Which is the biggest scab: the Farleyite, or the man with an A. F. of L. card in his pocket who stays at work when other strikers are striking? Spokane Labor World, please answer.

The world is ruled by physical force. Society's foundations are economic, military, legal, moral, religious and "political" power. Organized physical force is the most successful means of success in the world. In the struggle between the employ class and the working class no moral rules are used by the employers. Why should we use any moral rules? In the final death grip between the two classes, it is simply a test of organization and therefore the survival of the fittest. It is better to struggle than to starve.

A circular has been issued by three men at a place called Bingham Canyon, Utah. This was addressed to the industrial unions of the I. W. W., and asks that delegates be sent from the I. W. W. to the convention of the Western Federation of Miners in July. "In order to have an understanding as to political action," etc. The position of the I. W. W. is entirely clear and is stated in our preamble. We have suffered in the past from the attempts of hickering politicians to make a stamping ground of business meetings of our unions. A man's religion or politics are his own concern, but we do not favor political or religious squabbles and divisions in the union. These men in Utah claim to represent a local union of the I. W. W.—"No. 99." The General Secretary-Treasurer has no record of any union in Bingham Canyon since 1906. As for the convention of the W. F. of M., we would like to see them reinstated in the I. W. W. as the National Industrial Union of the metal mining industry, but political squabbles, and religious bigotry simply divide the workers. This will serve as notice to all industrial unions of the I. W. W. both here and abroad that there is no local union of the I. W. W. at Bingham Canyon. The circular emanates from private persons, probably, and for personal reasons.

Although the employers do not respect the laws they have made themselves, some people have the nerve to tell us they would respect the laws if this or that political party made the laws. Here is a sample of the law-abiding employing class civilized plans of action. This is from an employers' paper, the San Francisco Chronicle, and is relative to the strike of the mill workers at McCloud, California:

District Attorney Luttrell declared today that the men imported by the company to act as guards were not deputy sheriffs nor had they been authorized to carry firearms. It developed that Sheriff Howard had supplied President Quail with several scores of blank warrants for the appointment of deputy sheriffs and the company's bookkeeper had filled them out with the names of the men hired from the agency in San Francisco. The warrants were signed by Howard and were then sent to Yreka to be recorded and filed at the County Clerk's office. Luttrell said that he drew the attention of the county officials to the fact that the law prohibited the appointment of any person to the post of deputy sheriff who was not an elector and therefore a resident of the county. Howard was therefore notified to inform the men that they had no authority as peace officers and were not such in any sense of the word. They have been supplied with arms by the company and are acting as watchmen on the property of the corporation, but they have no police authority further than possessed by any citizen.

Roach, the general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, has been in Spokane after attending a gathering at Missoula, Montana, June —. This assembly was for the purpose of putting the "international" scab union under the "protection" of the A. F. of L. Roach held several meetings of separated unions in Spokane and told his hearers that the I. W. W. is the enemy of the working people and that the separations are the "real things" to help the workers. His remarks on the building industry were instructive: "It is all right for the bricklayers to stay at work while the carpenters are on strike; all right for the hod-carriers to work when the plasterers are on strike; every craft should stand alone, and it is not right for all the men on the one building to belong to the same union." The Spokane carpenters needed no talk of this kind, because most of the members of the separated carpenters' union would get up out of bed to work where some other working people were out on strike. As for the rank and file of separated union No. 12,222 they have often shown a good idea of sticking with the other working people. When the boys on the Washington Water Power Co. lines were striking, some time ago, the carmen were offered the privilege of working on any 12,222 job. This is more than most of the separations would do. From all accounts the talk of Separator Roach did not go very well with the working people in the A. F. of L. Roach thought he was talking to a bunch of Mon-

tana scabs in the "international." He found that there are plenty of men in the A. F. of L. in Spokane who want to see the working people united, and who would go to hell before they would scab, if they knew it. Do the employers pay Roach to lie about the I. W. W. and separate the workers?

## JUDAS ISCARIOT UP TO DATE

The trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers. Many of the leaders of the American Federation of Labor have long since lost all pride and all shame. They are open and notorious scabs, and glory in scabbing and its twin-sister "patriotism." Grant Hamilton is a professional scab organizer. He went to Goldfield, Nevada, when there was only one union in the camp—the Western Federation and the I. W. W. Hamilton was imported into Goldfield by the mine-owners and had quarters with the mine-owners' association. Hamilton openly bragged and wrote long articles glorifying in the fact that in less than two weeks, he had broken the workers up into fourteen separated unions. Wages also dropped about 40 per cent in the meantime. The average member of the American Federation of Labor knows little about his union. The A. F. of L. might be "affiliated" with the seven year itch or the smallpox for all the average member would know. Labor union! Hum! Taft is a member of the Steam Shovelers' Union. There would be as much sense and consistency in a shovel stiff pretending to be a genuine member of the board of directors of a bank. The organizers of the A. F. of L. have scabbed repeatedly on the industrial union. The A. F. of L. has scabbed on the Western Federation of Miners and on the Industrial Workers of the World. The company union, the so-called International Brotherhood of Woods-men and Sawmill Workers is even now busy trying to scab the I. W. W. out of existence in Montana. Is this a fact? If any man doubts this statement let him go to Missoula or to any one of a dozen towns and places in Montana, where the lumber companies compel the hands to take out cards in the international. Go to Darby, or to St. Regis, or to Heron, or Missoula, or Potomac, or Kallispell, or Somers, or Eureka, or Fortine and simply ask the lumber jacks about this scab international. Don't take our word for this thing. But think of a "union" that the company compels a worker to join! A lumber jack is told to join this scab A. F. of L. bunch or roll his blankets. To the undying credit of the lumber workers of Montana, thousands of them have hit the road on an empty stomach this last winter rather than pollute themselves by carrying a card in a scab organization paid for by the lumber companies to keep down wages, to lengthen hours and to scab on the I. W. W.

It is interesting to note that the last number of the "Labor World," the A. F. of L. organ for Spokane, has a front page article signed by Roach, the "General Organizer" of the American Federation of Labor. This article in the Labor World refers to a convention held lately in Missoula. This is a home guard bunch. One of the rules laid down by this "convention" was that only Montana "residents" could be officers in the scab union. Have you got that, you hoboes? Wilburn is the secretary-treasurer of this outfit. He would take too long to tell of all the foul treachery of Gompers, of Mitchell, of Taft, of Roosevelt and all the members of the A. F. of L. and their leaders. The next thing we will likely hear from some of our socialist friends who belong to the A. F. of L., will be that while there is no denying that the international is a scab union; that they have scabbed time and again on the I. W. W. in Montana. It will be all right if they all vote for some one in a few years.

The American Federation of Labor was founded at the instigation of the employing class to down the Knights of Labor, and divide the workers. There are many thousands of honest manly men in the A. F. of L. who simply do not know what they belong to. The leaders and disorganizers of the A. F. of L. fight any attempt to unite the working people into one union. The employers are the friends of the A. F. of L., as against the industrial union. The A. F. of L. is a bosses' union; they carry their masters' flag and are kicked and starved by their masters.

Workers of the World, unite! They. W. W. is the way to unite. A man is not necessarily a good man simply because he has an I. W. W. card in his pocket and a bad man not necessarily because he carries an A. F. of L. card. Beware of prejudice and bigotry.

But we will leave it to the common sense of every sincere member of the A. F. of L. whether it would not be better to have all in one union. You Spokane men who are members of No. 12,222 and 11,624, would it not be better to have the teamsters in the same union with you? You hod-carriers, who are not afraid the poor boss will starve, are you? And will your family be warm and well fed all winter, when the boss is down in Florida or California? The I. W. W. is a matter of common sense. The organizers of the A. F. of L. are enemies of the man who works for wages from Mitchell down to Tommy Maloney. By the way, how long is it since Tom did a day's work?

We ask all fair-minded workmen to read the statement from the Executive Committee of the Lumbermen's Unions of the I. W. W., on page 3 of this week's issue of the Industrial Worker, and then read the article from the A. F. of L. paper, "The Labor World," alongside it. Look into the thing for yourself and then see which is the workers' union—the I. W. W. or the Union (?) of Mr. Taft, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roach.

It is a shame to be personal—especially when we all know that the world politician is merely another word for honesty and integrity, but you lumber jacks and river drivers of Industrial Unions Nos. 421, 382, 33, and all over Montana who have walked down the hill in the snow this last winter, for the sake of your union, the I. W. W., should remember "Comrade" Hughes of the Labor World, and "Brother" Roach, when you think of the "international."

## TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The reader of a paper who has paid for his subscription does not like to be continually hounded and annoyed by begging complaints about the money condition of the paper, the need of getting more subscribers, etc. If there is yourself and then see which is the workers' union—the I. W. W. or the Union (?) of Mr. Taft, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roach. It is a shame to be personal—especially when we all know that the world politician is merely another word for honesty and integrity, but you lumber jacks and river drivers of Industrial Unions Nos. 421, 382, 33, and all over Montana who have walked down the hill in the snow this last winter, for the sake of your union, the I. W. W., should remember "Comrade" Hughes of the Labor World, and "Brother" Roach, when you think of the "international."

## A MAN'S A MAN FOR A THAT

The employing class paper of Spokane, the "Spokesman-Review" of June 14 has a leading front page article on "Hawaii Awakes to Jay Menace." This reads like the accounts of the suppression of free speech in Spokane and like the venomous hissings of the same paper against the Western Federation of Miners. But after all we must give the devil his due; the Review is on the side of the employers and their tyranny, first, last and all the time. There are other "labor papers" in the city that are friends of the employers while parading under the name of organized labor. Whoever the cap fits, can put it on. "This article in the Review tells about an order 'forbidding the assembling of crowds,'" "the raiding of the offices of our Japanese fellow workers' paper, the 'Jiji,'" "the arrest of fifteen of the leading agitators, strikers," etc. The blessings of freedom have indeed extended to the employers' island possessions! The Japanese have a union which Durham calls the "higher wage association." Good for the Japanese! Then Grandma Durham has a hemorrhage in the way of an editorial. This precocious editorial says that "the plot" is probably the work of labor agitators who have been working among the Japanese as agents of the Higher Wage Association," etc. And then, some dope about a "Japanese conspiracy to get control of the sugar industry of the islands." This is encouraging to think that the Japanese workers want to get industrial control. Now, Grandma, here is another conspiracy: the industrial Workers of the World and the French Industrial Union are trying to get control of not only the sugar industry, but of all other industries as well. The fact that the economic—the industrial—control of the workers over their jobs is feared by the employing class is well shown in just such articles as that in the Review. It is a pity for the employing class that they have not a better educated and more able exponent than Durham. He lets his "cats all out" at once, and the average workman has a difficulty in seeing who Durham is working for. The bosses fear industrial power on the part of the workers, therefore industrial power is what we want. The Review would be equally alarmed if instead of Japanese, it were "white" men who were trying to get control of the industries in Hawaii. This howl about the Japanese, is merely to set the unthinking American workman against his Japanese fellow worker. The American employing class are good friends of the Japanese employing class. See Mr. Taft, the American Federation of Labor member, hobnobbing with the head sprags on his visit to Japan. The American work-

ing class own as much property in Hawaii as in America—practically all of it. The Sandwich Islands were taken from the natives of that country by force and violence. The Japanese workers have as good a "moral" right to the islands as the Americans. Has the United States Government a title deed from the natives? The whole anti-Japanese agitation is a conspiracy of the employers on the part of the employing class. The strikers we all see, "Fire the Boss" have the A. F. of L. label on them. The enemy succeeds in lulling the workers between the Japanese and the American workers, will the gatling guns of the rifles also have the A. F. of L. label on them? And will the coffins of the dead soldiers bear the same label? President Beaton of Miami University says that the Japs are "immoral," and "Japan is in that unhappy state of transition between the false religion and the true." It requires no prophetic talent to foretell the doom of Japan unless the forward march continues to the acceptance of religion which guarantees sound morality that shall be permanent. Beaton is a preacher. How two of these sky-pilots can meet together without laughing, is a wonder! "The religion which guarantees morality." This is rich! Page 12 of the same number of the sound morality Review has two whole columns advertising fumes for venereal disease. Japanese newspapers, according to all reports, do not allow obscene advertisements—but then they are "immoral heathens." The "unclean spirit of frogs," spoken of in the book of Revelation, which go forth to gather nations to war, should be a subject for another sermon by Beaton—the "morality" of race hatred, religious intolerance, and craft division.

O, workmen! whose natural instincts are opposed to bloodshed and cruelty; who are angry every day at the tyranny of your enemies, will you be deceived by the stimulant of hate? Can you be so unthinking as to fight Japanese fellow worker because he is striving, in Hawaii, for a better life and at the same time be content to be robbed every day by your employer out of four-fifths of all you produce? Are you to be the blindfolded slave in the arena of industry? Or the wide awake fighter willing to dare and die to protect your own rights and those of your wives and little ones?

The I. W. W. tells you that all workers are brothers. Our interests are the same. Will you eat the rice given you by a Japanese cook on a chain gang, when you are packing your blankets down the track, and the cook that he is your fellow, rather than the owner of the railroad who has discharged you and turned you out to starve or beg?

A man is a man whatever his color, race and religion.

There are only two nations on earth: the nation of the employers and the nation of the workers.

We extend the hand of fellowship to our struggling Japanese fellow workers in Hawaii, and assure them that the jails in Hawaii are not more than in America.

One Union, One Label, One Enemy for the I. W. W. Not "Fire the Jap" but "Fire the Boss" is our motto!

## THE LAWYERS

There is an old story that says that the devil once took a walk on earth to have a look at things. He saw a lawyer killing a snake, and he smiled, because it reminded him of Cain killing his brother, Abel. There is certainly good warrant for the idea that the snake is a brother of the lawyer. Of all the professions, that of the law is the most detestable. There may be good physicians, sincere preachers—perhaps, and brave generals, but who has a good word to say for the lawyer? We may pardon the lawyer who quack who poisons us; we may pity the ignorant sky-pilot who dares us; and we may admire the animal courage of the brutal soldier; but when the name of God can inspire us with anything but hatred and contempt for the lawyer? The lawyer is an intellectual prostitute. He barbers his principles, his sympathy, his mind and his powers for the most money. The very name of lawyer speaks of deceit, of treachery, of cruelty. It has been said for the lawyers that there are some "honest men" among them. There may be some sailors who can handle tar with kid gloves and keep their hands clean, but we doubt it. The business of the lawyer is to protect property rights. The degrading influence of this profession seems utterly to sap the manhood of those who follow it, even as prostitution destroys the purity of woman. The lawyers fatten on the misery of the poor, and are hired to turn aside what little justice there might otherwise be in the law, to the injury of the workers. Of all professions, it is utterly parasitic. The lawyer's trade is to promote strife; to rob; to lie. The legal profession is supposed to interpret the laws. It does just that thing, and that alone should damn it in the eyes of all people who work for a living. We write the indictments against strikers? Lawyers! Who have the lawyers learned their trade from? Who make the laws which rob us every day? Lawyers! Who send the hungry tramp to jail, and releases the rich criminal? Lawyers! Who is it that justify and cover the foulest crimes of the employers of labor? Again and again, lawyers! The trade of lawyer is one that will be extirpated when the workers rule. They are open, implacable enemies of the working class, and the best word that can be said for any of them is that they are useless. Most of them are monuments of deceit and monsters of cruelty. A composite picture of all the lawyers would make a picture of human depravity.

The lawyers are the enemies of working class organization and the holders of employers' law; the friends of low wages and high prices.

## DO IT NOW

There are a certain number of parlor-socialists and revolutionists as well as backwoods philosophers who spend their time and use up their mental ability in everlastingly casing and discussing theories. They have the same interest in the working class movement, very often, that they might have in some branch of science, or in watching the antics of some queer animal. It is more important with these people that a workman be a double-jointed, reactionable, pneumatic, scientific sociologist than that he have enough to eat! There is little to be done for a fanatic except to see that he is comfortable and well cared for, and does not injure himself. But there is too often a disposition on the part of some union men to waste their time in beating the air. We have the revolution all fought out in our heads, but the man who works next to us all day does not even know what the union is or what we are after. If higher education in theories is wanted, it would be well to take a college course in sociology, and a course in all the social sciences, and then spend the rest of our lives in comparing what we have learned with what we don't know. There is no fear of any working man having too much education—of the right sort. The trouble is we have too little. But from the standpoint of an I. W. W. man or woman, it is not better to educate yourself by actual contact with the working class, and by observing their defects and victories, and by taking part in them, than by relying on the wise sayings of bird-headed, bewhiskered politicians and professors? A worker should put himself in the rules and constitution of the I. W. W. Your obligation requires that you become familiar with the methods, aims and objects of your union, and you should try to hear all possible objections and arguments against the union, in order to understand industrial union teachings and methods. Trust the leaders! See that every action of the industrial union square with the principles of the union. But while the workers are actually doing to get the fine points of the law, what are we actually doing to get the workers together? Now it is admitted on all hands that the workers must unite, in order to win. This being so, the first duty is to get the workers united. The working class united will need no leading strikers or nursing bottles. No fear that they will "go too far"—as a class, no matter how visionary or foolish individuals may be. Now in order to get the workers together, which is the most important; to agitate among your fellow workers, to make plain the class struggle and the fact that the employer is the common enemy, and the others fall of the East wind of argument?

You have a world to gain and nothing but chains to lose. Act! While you have a chance. Hand out the literature and books which explain the I. W. W. get your fellow workers to come to union meetings; urge them to think and act with intelligence.

Our life is short and opportunity is fleeting. While you have been discussing the "economic determinism" as applied to the third crusade, you might have got ten men into the union, or at least persuaded the majority of you to take less dirt on his shovel! Get busy or you will rot!

The Industrial Workers of the World is opposed to the divisions of the working people, no matter whether those divisions are religious, national, racial or industrial. This paper does not hesitate to point out the idiocy of one little group of workers in a craft union striking against the simple fact when the other separated craft unions remain at work for the same employer. The leaders of the American Federation of Labor mislead the workers preaching harmony between the workers and their enemies, by teaching workers to respect a contract made under compulsion and threats, and the leaders of the American S-e-p-a-r-a-t-i-o-n of Labor are friends of the enemies of the working people. The A. F. of L. says "divide into crafts"; the I. W. W. says "Unite in one union." We are always on the workers' side, because we are selfish. We are all wage-workers ourselves in the I. W. W. The industrial Workers of the World has always done what it could to assist the struggling members of the working class against our common enemy—the employers. We will tie a can to any I. W. W. man who scabs on the A. F. of L. or any other workers. The I. W. W. is now engaged in a strike of the lumber workers in Flathead County, Montana. The Spokane A. F. of L. paper, "Labor World," publishes no notice of the I. W. W. strike, but the other hand publishes the account of the employers' union, the so-called "international," which we reprint in this paper.

Workers of the world, unite! The "Industrial Worker" has always been glad to print accounts and strike notices for the A. F. of L. Any union in Spokane, which is on strike, or having trouble with the enemy, is welcome to the space in the "Industrial Worker," free of charge.

The Fellow Workers in New York City have started the publication of a paper which is for "propaganda and stimulating purposes, to give aid to organizing of the workers, and should be posted by all the I. W. W. members." The first copy contains an extract from one of Wm. E. Trautman's speeches which is very fine, and it also contains many interesting items of I. W. W. headquarters of the Union, 250 West 125th street. All contributions for subscriptions should be addressed to Gustav Zeig, at the same address. It is to be hoped that this paper will be a growing success, and it is certain that the Industrial Worker, and the boys in the West, will do all possible,



MINERS' STRUGGLE IN THE COAL FIELDS

(Concluded from last week)

(By Joseph J. Ettor.)

The committee, it must be remembered, was under instruction not to call a strike, in fact the convention itself declared against a strike; they merely wanted to have a conference with the masters and try to convince them that they could still make profit as usual and give the slaves more wages. Mr. Lewis became the author of a resolution presented to the conference of the operators, to the effect that "the U. M. W. of A. recognizes that the mines are the property of the mine owners, they have the right to operate and conduct the mines as they see fit, they have the right to sell coal at whatever price they see fit. The United Mine Workers does not concern itself in anything except the rights of the miners."

"Divine Right" Baer. U. M. W. of A. was arguing about the justice of his cause, the leader of the barons of the mines, Mr. Baer, acting by previous agreement, said to his worthy followers: "To your tents, O' Israel!" whereupon they immediately donned their silk hats and started to walk out of the room. In answer to Lewis' question as to what such movement meant, Baer replied with thorough capitalistic language: "Gentlemen, are you hungry, are you going to lunch?" That broke up all sign of peaceful solution, every two by four dealer of goods began to get restless as to the probable strike or lockout and things seemed very blue to the uninformed for a short period at least, but lo! the region was all of a sudden apprised of the fact that a secret conference was going on between the district presidents, including Lewis, and the leading operators, the rest of the committee was not invited to attend. They thought it was dangerous to have too many in the pact! Without any ceremony, the world was apprised of the fact that everything was settled; that the presidents had secured many concessions from the masters; but they were loath to advise the men to sign up unless they were given all the show to consider the question themselves. In the interest of democracy, they called a special convention of the three districts. The convention consisted only of the men who were invited to attend. They now had the same right they had before, to wit: if a union man is discharged and he believes that he has lost his work because of his activity in the union, then he will have the right to take his case to what is known as the Conciliation Board composed of two capitalists and two representatives of the workers; they in turn choose the umpire, and there is the joker. Will this man known as the umpire be a slave? No, that would on the face give labor three men to the capitalist one, so they choose some one from the "Bully" some one who is neither a worker nor a shirker. Now, pray, if this man is neither a worker nor a capitalist and there is only two ways to make a living, that is either by working for wages or hiring wage laborers, who is this umpire but a parasite? But it may be said that he is not a mine owner. That will not cut much figure, being a capitalist he will act in accordance with his interest and decide that the slave in question was not discharged for activity in his union, and where will this worker go to for redress? To the Union? No, his union can not enforce its wishes or its protest, for it declares itself a peaceful organization; and has a contract for three years not to strike, so there you are, Mr. United Mine Worker of America member: you will please pack your blankets and get out of the camp for you are now marked for having had the hardhood to question your masters.

The second claim upon which the officers base their argument for victory is the concession of the operators to "issue uniform pay statements, designating the name of the company, the name of the employee, the colony where employed, the amount of wages and the class of work performed." Now show your head off, Mr. Mine Worker, you had that before, agreed, that it was not so clear, but even granting that you did not have it, what is the advantage you have gained? You must admit that knowing how much the other fellow gets and the amount of work done will not feed your wife and children, much less take that kid of yours out of the breaker. The last leg upon which the labor misleader stands for his argument for "victory" is the concession of the operators to the mine workers to place union notices on the company's property and the right of the officers of the union to collect dues on the company's ground, those rights were enjoyed before but they were not specified on paper. But the labor officials of the old school will insist that the last concession is a victory and surely it is when it is considered that the whole fight was made on that point. "Give us the check-off system" was the cry, "we will waive all the other demands."

So you see Mr. Mine Worker, you have, as a matter of fact, not gained but lost. The thing of the contract on the old conditions will not only bind your hands for the next three years, but will also serve to prevent you from getting anything when this present contract expires, for was not the argument of the Baers to the effect that "if it was good enough to be accepted and signed by Mr. Mitchell, in the last six years, it should be good enough now with Mr. Lewis." In the years to come, the argument will be the same, so it is clear that if anything has been done, an argument has been forged against you.

A. F. of L. Leaders are Yellow Scabs. How well the operators like the situation and the dirty work of the officers, including Mr. Lewis, is proven by the fact that the officers that did the signing were treated to a banquet in the offices of the Baers as a recognition of services rendered. Mr. Lewis sent out his edicts through the region, that he would not sign the contract unless it was done with the understanding that it was a contract with the United Mine Workers of America and he to sign as president, but the contract has been

signed by Mr. McCullough, the vice president, on behalf of Lewis, who could not be present, and not as an officer of the U. M. W. of A., but as an individual "representative" of the Anthracite Mine Workers. They were going to get rid of the check off system at any cost but they didn't do it. But one thing has been made clear to all those that are willing to see and that is the fact that the organization, more and more, seems to have no other aim or reason for its existence but how to steal the courage to work to collect dues. The whole discussion did not center around as to how to get at the bosses and get more to eat, more wages, shorter hours; Oh no! but how we can arrange it with operators, so that they will collect our dues! Shame on such an organization, whose ideals and principles are so base that they would lower the dignity of the working class to the point of asking their every day exploiter to be their financial secretary in fact and practice. The whole proposition as proved to the world, that in spite of all the claims of the ability of T. L. Lewis as a labor leader, made by the capitalist press, he is better fitted to represent dogs than he is men. No man would have allowed the mine owners deliberately to insult him; they were not only anxious to insult him, but when he accepted their insult without remonstrances, he proved himself before the world when he made the statement that "Shorter hours, increase the intensity and efficiency of labor." (See Anthracite Strike Commission's Report, page 519.)

Mr. Lewis says that he recognizes the right of the operators to own the mines and that they have the right to run the same as they see fit, surely all the Bears will agree to that—"like master like slave."

Mine workers! during all this controversy there has been but one group of men, members of your class, suffering the same miseries that you suffer that has had the courage to work out in the open and tell you, at all seasons that you were being led to a sure defeat and betrayal. That group is organized in the Industrial Workers of the World.

The labor misleaders lured you in to the false idea that you had millions of dollars at your back in case of conflict with the oppressors, these were false promises, but if it were true that you could ever have sufficient funds to beat the bosses, there would be no necessity of a strike at all. Industrial freedom for the coal miners or any other portion of the working class cannot be attained by money, not by buying it, not by pitting money bags of the workers against those of the shirkers, but by the organization of the entire working class freedom can and must be attained. All other methods means sure defeat.

The Bitter Pangs of the Past and Their Lesson. The bitter defeats and betrayals of the past should all serve to teach you the lesson, yes bitter lesson; but such is the struggle, and only those men that are willing to carry on the struggle, are worthy of the name of honorable members of the army of toll; all others are mere camp followers.

The Industrial Workers of the World has raised the banner of revolt against the masters of the coal mines; it bids all true workers gather under its crimson color. You are not invited into an organization or contract with the check-off system howlers; we would not lower ourselves to any such demands. You are not invited to a love feast or a peace-conclave with the operators. No, fellow workers of the mines, we don't invite you to a peace conference, we invite you to the fight, to the struggle—invite you to men; to take your place in the ranks of brave men and not cowards. Cowards cannot attain peace. Peace is not attained by crying and begging, but by the fact that is based on the condition that we will enjoy the product of our toil, all other is illusion. We have no fear of the conflict with the employers, we invite the struggle knowing that once our energy is put to use it will be to our benefit. We can and we will be victorious, we must use our power, between it and our emancipation there stands—nothing.

Organize your force, Fellow Workers; but organize right, organize in the Mine Workers Unions of the Industrial Workers of the World. Gather courage, strength and hope. Peace is not attained by crying and begging, but by the fact that is based on the condition that we will enjoy the product of our toil, all other is illusion. We have no fear of the conflict with the employers, we invite the struggle knowing that once our energy is put to use it will be to our benefit. We can and we will be victorious, we must use our power, between it and our emancipation there stands—nothing.

JOS. J. ETTOR.

FROM NO. 17, W. F. OF M.

Wallace, Idaho, June 5, 1909. The labor situation in Wallace and vicinity is very dull. Very few men are doing any work. The small mine owners are hanging on to what they have got and taking advantage of the labor that is unemployed. The most of them are paying wages in mining stock. Some half stock, and half cash, leaving the worker after paying his board, one dollar to the good. Very few are paying cash. There are close to 200 miners in Wallace today looking for a chance to go to work. Competition is very keen and the mine owners have the money where they want them, fighting and struggling to get their daily bread. A few get work at the scab employment office, but they seem to have all the men they need as there are quite a number of the faithful walking the streets with the hungry look of a prostitute on their faces. It is a great detriment to the workers, this stock proposition; they work a few months and come to town with a bunch of stock they can hardly give away, no better off than when they started; they couldn't get a meal or a bed for the whole of it. They might just as well work for their board; in fact lots of men look upon it in the same light. There is nothing to do. Their credit is no good. They can't live without eating, too honest to steal, and when the mine owner offers them grub and the rest in stock, in return for their labor, they are ready to take it. A chance in a hundred making wages out of it. If you strike it, an assessment on the stock when a man's broke, practically annuls his labor. As long as they can get men to work for stock there will be no wages. There seems to be no limit to the capitalistic greed. They advocate the competitive system among the workers. They found out themselves that competition meant annihilation, so they got together and combined. Capital to day is international. In order to compete with them for supremacy, labor must be international also. The sooner the wage slaves see it, the more power they will have to fight and get back what rightfully belongs to them. It is up to the workers to emancipate themselves. The producers should be the ruling power. By their lack of interest in their own welfare they allow a few individuals to exploit them. Earth and man belong together, labor saving machinery also. Quit fighting for the few crumbs the capitalists throw to you, for with concerted economic political action

you could have all you produced. The workers must own the means of production. From the beginning of history, the earth has been held by force. Whenever stronger force appeared on the field, they took possession. You workers should be the strongest force today instead of being slaves. But all you look for is work! As long as you have a little money in your pocket, and a job, you imagine you are going to be a capitalist yourself some day. Quit those pipe dreams! Don't be satisfied with your miserable little pittance, for you will wake up some day with nothing—the rest of us. At the time of creation man was the only thing created that was exempt from the dominion of man and today, you allow yourselves to be exploited by a few individuals. It is a disgrace to the world that such a condition should exist. Unless you are all organized industrially together you must forever be slaves. Craft unionism must be eliminated, the sooner the better. The workers belong together, from the lowest to the highest. Your interests are identical. You have only one foe to conquer and that is the tottering capitalistic system. Unite together and instead of brotherhood of man being a fantasy of the brain, it will become a reality.

The above article was unanimously adopted by Wallace Miners Union No. 17, W. F. M., June 5, '09, and that a copy be sent to the Spokane labor papers and the Miners' Magazine. Received your admirable little pittance, for you will wake up some day with nothing—the rest of us. At the time of creation man was the only thing created that was exempt from the dominion of man and today, you allow yourselves to be exploited by a few individuals. It is a disgrace to the world that such a condition should exist. Unless you are all organized industrially together you must forever be slaves. Craft unionism must be eliminated, the sooner the better. The workers belong together, from the lowest to the highest. Your interests are identical. You have only one foe to conquer and that is the tottering capitalistic system. Unite together and instead of brotherhood of man being a fantasy of the brain, it will become a reality.

SAM KILDURN, Sec.

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE FIELD, FACTORIES AND MINES.

Organizer Jos. Ettor is now in the New England states on an organizing tour for the National Industrial Union of Textile Workers, I. W. W. He had an excellent meeting in West Hoboken, in Italian, and is holding fine meetings in New Bedford, Lawrence and other places.

Joe J. Ettor will return to the Scranton (Pa.) district at the end of June. The I. W. W. is making excellent progress among the coal miners in that district, and this week the first union of coal miners in another district organized with 22 members for the start, and they will open the field for systematic propaganda in that county, Washington County, Pa. Most of the members of the new union have been converted by the Confederation of Traveling Unions. They know what industrial unionism is. On his way back to Scranton Ettor will stop over there and make arrangements with these pioneers for future constructive work. General Organizer W. E. Trautmann was called away last week to the Berkshire county district of Massachusetts to address a meeting of a textile workers' union, with a membership of 380. By request he addressed another meeting of the same union in the last week of June. They know what industrial unionism is. On his way back to Scranton Ettor will stop over there and make arrangements with these pioneers for future constructive work.

Hotel and Restaurant Workers of New York City soon in the near future. The I. W. W. is making excellent progress among the coal miners in that district, and this week the first union of coal miners in another district organized with 22 members for the start, and they will open the field for systematic propaganda in that county, Washington County, Pa. Most of the members of the new union have been converted by the Confederation of Traveling Unions. They know what industrial unionism is. On his way back to Scranton Ettor will stop over there and make arrangements with these pioneers for future constructive work.

The Italian Propaganda League of New York City is going to do some constructive work in the near future. The members took a firm resolve not to allow any past grudges and quarrels to interfere with their work for the I. W. W. Two meetings have been arranged by them to organize workers in their respective industrial unions. That ought to show what propaganda clubs may be good for.

An Independent Union of Glass and China Workers, with headquarters in Hoboken, had General Organizer W. E. Trautmann as speaker in the last meeting, and after all the past errors had undergone a critical review it was decided to call a mass meeting for Saturday, June 19, in Bagelmann's Hall, 107 Washington street, Hoboken, N. J., in which General Organizer W. E. Trautmann will show the glass and ceramic workers why they should organize in the Industrial Workers of the World.

Attention! Propaganda League of New York City (English) meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at 250 W. 125th street, New York City, N. Y.

Send for application blanks for all kinds of industries to New York headquarters, also for leaflets. There are three now in print, one for metal workers, the other for woodworkers, the third for city passenger traffic workers. Another is in preparation. Contribute your share so that the work will not be interrupted.

The Polish branch of Textile Workers of New Bedford, Mass., will start a semi-monthly publication in the Polish language. There is no Polish paper in this country supporting the I. W. W. or advocating revolutionary industrial unionism. That paper, which will be owned by the I. W. W. local, will fill a great need. Subscribers are solicited as soon as the first issue is published.

The Hungarian Metal Workers, Independent, had General Organizer W. E. Trautmann as speaker, and another meeting for him is arranged for June 11. It's about time for our Hungarian fellow workers to see that as an independent organization they are not contributing their share toward the awakening of their fellow workers in other industries who languish under the lash of fearful exploitation and are beginning to look for the I. W. W. as the only hope for elevation and final emancipation.

Paterson (N. Y.) fellow workers are preparing for great things as soon as work starts up again in the mills. Everything is dull now, hundreds are without a job, and after a few weeks of unexplainable "prosperity" for the mill owners industrial stagnation has returned with more appalling results than ever before. Organize workers to operate the mills and factories through your industrial organizations and industrial misery will cease.

But the members of Paterson, though most of them are without a job now, are contributing their share to the propaganda fund. In spite of all the reverses they had to suffer they are hopeful that the I. W. W. will re-establish solidarity among the workers in that district.

Local Union No. 420 Woodworkers meets every first and third Wednesday. (From I. W. W. Reporter, New York.)

NOTICE. Industrial Union No. 434, Spokane, meets on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., instead of Friday, as formerly.

"LAST OF ALL THE VALIANT DEAD." We publish this week notice of the death of Fellow Workers Kondeck and Bertram of the I. W. W. of Spokane.

Bertram died of scarlet fever at Mead, Wash., and Kondeck was killed by falling timber at Boville, Idaho. These two men were the victims of the employing class. The death of both of them was needless. But they did what they could in their lifetime against our enemy.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT. The industrial unions of the I. W. W. of Spokane have levied an assessment of 25 cents per member for the months of June, July and August, 1909. This assessment must be paid in order to be in good standing.

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IMPORTANT! WE must have our own I. W. W. Labor Exchange. Do not fail to write to your union or to the Editor of the Industrial Worker about the job you are working on. Hours, Wages, Grub, Discount, Poll Tax, R. R. Fare, Etc. We will print this job list every week. Subscribe for the Industrial Worker.

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