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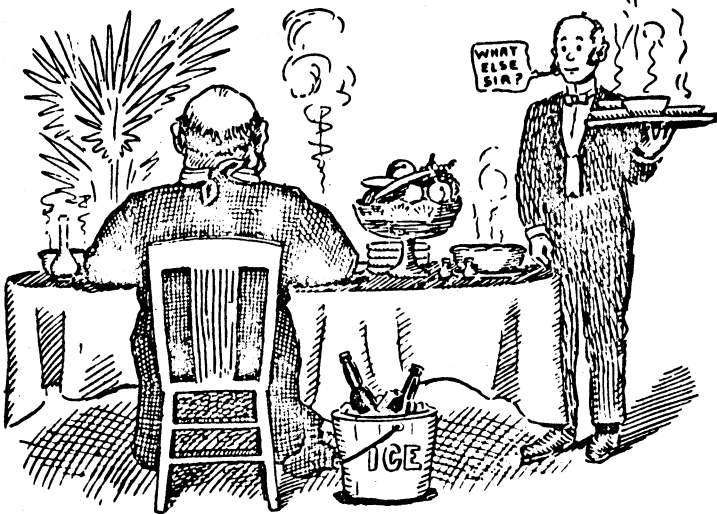
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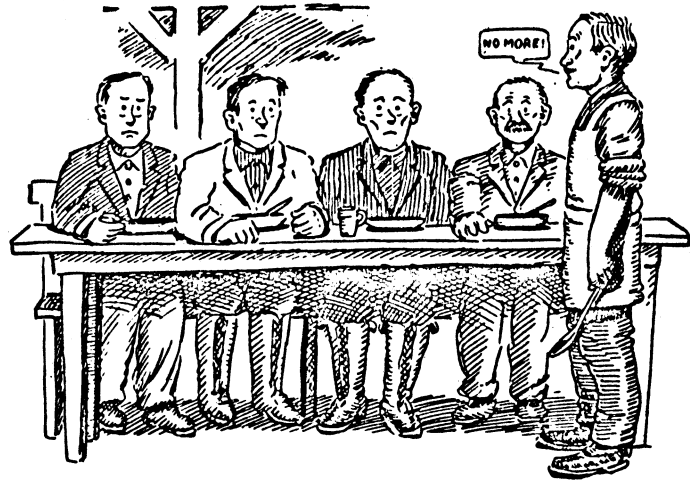
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SEATTLE CELEBRATES MAY DAY.

1500 in March—Easter Willie Gets Educated.

For the first time in the history of the I. W. W. in Seattle we celebrated May 1st, Industrial Labor Day, by holding a parade. Hitherto we had been content in merely giving a lecture on that date. A large number had their misgivings as to the possible success of the venture, which was further intensified by a drizzling rain starting in a few hours before the appointed time; but all doubts were quickly dispelled when one sized up the crowd which congregated at our headquarters a short time before the march was to begin.

Despite the fact that we had but a few days for preparation, and no advertising of any kind having been done, we had a large turnout. The papers placed the number in line at a thousand; but those who witnessed the parade state that twelve hundred would be a conservative estimate and that the number would approach closer to fifteen hundred. This is a big showing, especially as no other organization outside the Russian workingmen's Union participated. There was but one thing lacking, and that, a red flag. True, we had several red banners and the sanguinary hue was much in evidence in all directions—red ribbons in the buttonholes of the marchers and on the numerous small banners bearing inscriptions and epitomes of what the I. W. W. is striving and struggling for. Altogether we made an excellent appearance as we marched four abreast and with steps quickened to the time of the band which had been employed for the occasion. We covered the principle thoroughfares of the city, and as we entered Second avenue and the band ahead struck up the Marseillaise a cheer thrilled out all through the ranks. Having covered the line of march and returned to the entrance to our hall we were roundly cheered by a large crowd of onlookers and sympathizers who had congregated to watch our return.

The parade finished, we assembled in our hall where an excellent program had been arranged. It was not long before the hall, though a large one, was filled and many hundreds turned away. The meeting was opened by the singing of the red flag, and as it was concluded and on the Fellow Workers raising the red banner a loud cheer rang out from those assembled. The Russian Workingmen's Union next rendered a selection in their native tongue and the remarkable unity and harmony with which they sang showed the excellent training which they had received, and though most of the audience were unable to understand the words each one instinctively felt his pulse quicken as the strains of the Marseillaise broke forth. A selection given by several Swedish Fellow Workers was also well received and they were roundly applauded. Nor was the singing brigade of the I. W. W. behind the time, though they showed their lack of preliminary training and were far outdistanced in point of technique by our Foreign fellow workers.

Fellow Worker Foss of Tacoma, visiting Seattle, acted as chairman of the evening and introduced as speaker our able comrade Floyd Hyde, who was fully equal to the occasion. His remarks upon the kidnapping of the McNamara's and what the I. W. W. would do under similar circumstances if they had the numbers which the A. F. L. has, brought forth a storm of applause. It seemed that on this night every one present seemed to be in a state of enthusiasm and the Fellow Worker's address was frequently punctuated by long and

loud applause as he traced the forces at work to divide the working class, picturing in glowing words the abject poverty and misery which is the portion of most of the world's workers, how the lives of women and children are being ground into dollars, and concluding by picturing what the future had in store for the workers if they but act together and cast off their backs the leeches of society—the capitalist class.

Enthusiasm ran high this evening as each one seemed to breath inspiration from the other. Here, assembled under one roof were to be found representatives of almost all nations, yet no room for any race or national prejudice. But one spirit animated the entire assemblage and that the spirit of CLASS SOLIDARITY. It is times like these that raise men's thoughts away from the sordid details of the everyday struggle and place them in a vantage point from which one may look off into the future and see that gladsome time when at last labor shall reap its full reward; when freedom and enlightenment shall be the heritage of all.

And so Seattle has for the first time celebrated May Day in a befitting manner. It is but right to assume that further celebrations will far outdo the past one.

This article would not be complete without recording an incident which occurred as we were about to set out on the line of march, especially as it has furnished a considerable amount of amusement for the boys here. It is not told because we glory or take pride in the act, but merely as an indication of the sentiment for the I. W. W. existing among the assembled onlookers. We had just left our headquarters and were marshalling our forces on a side street when some wise guy dressed in his nobby Easter suit walked over from the opposite side of the street and said: "They are nothing but a bunch of anarchists; they wouldn't work anyway." No more had the words passed his lips than that part of his physiognomy suddenly collided with a big bunch of knuckles and Nobby Willie found himself sprawling in the gutter. He picked himself up and amid cries from the crowd, "soak 'em again," he "beat it" down the street. And so ends Seattle's first May Day celebration. All members are highly elated over the success, especially as it was purely an I. W. W. affair. The sentiment expressed by the onlookers for the union was surprising; the one task before the I. W. W. is to crystallize this sentiment. It is a hard task I admit. Let us but rise equal to the occasion and the future is ours. So vamoose yo, cynic; 23 for you knackers. Back to your hole skeptic. Industrialism is a growing vital issue.

SEATTLEITE.

MORE CRAFT SCABBERY.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.—Two hundred building laborers went on strike today demanding an increase of 50 cents a day and a closed shop. Plasterers have signed an agreement for \$4.50 a day, but the laborers in the other building trades have not met with compliance of their demands. Union carpenters, who went out two weeks ago, are still on strike.

As long as labor unions pay officers more than they can earn at their respective trades, these officers will prefer those jobs to work. See—"Peoples Press."

STRIKE

5000 CIGARMAKERS STRIKE AGAINST PRISON SENTENCES—AMERICANS DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE.

TAMPA, Fla., May 11.—Five thousand cigarmakers are on strike here today as a protest against the upholding of prison sentences on leaders of the riots that grew out of a recent walkout by the circuit court. The strike movement may be deemed contempt of court and arrest of the leaders is anticipated today.

Most of the strikers are Italians and Cubans. American union men have declined to participate in a strike of all trades.—"Chronicle."

Hurrah for the d— furriner! "The Americans declined"—Sure they did. They have always declined to stick together and in doing so they are only true to the craft union movement that they have been educated in for the last 25 years. With a bunch of sacred contracts holding them back it is hardly to be expected that they would do anything else but decline. "The leaders may go to jail—Intelligent workers don't require a lot of leaders. When men understand what they want, they just AGREE to do something and there are no leaders. What's the matter with arresting the whole 5000 for contempt of court? What's the matter with organizing the working class industrially into ONE BIG UNION and tie the whole country up for awhile and then see how the CONTEMPT OF COURT will work out. The first thing the boss will have to do will be to build a few thousand jails and hire a few thousand thugs to guard them. Neither the city of Spokane or Fresno had room for a few hundred Free Speech fighters, so it is unnecessary to dwell on the outcome of a general strike. The boss would be whipped to a frazzle and that's all there would be to it. The workers can get any old thing they wish any time they stick together and will organize where it is possible to stick together. Agitate for the ONE BIG UNION and the universal eight hour day in 1912.

MADE THE "GOAT."

I will say that this whole business is a frame-up from beginning to end. I have been made the goat of a gigantic plot to wreck union labor the details of which will come out at a proper time. When I was seized in my office I was given no opportunity to consult friends or attorneys, and I had no chance to wind up my business affairs or personal affairs. I was whisked out of town and out of the State before I had an opportunity to prepare any defense, despite my protestations of innocence. If this arrest was not a frame-up, why were such methods adopted? This is the first statement I have made to anyone since I was taken from my office last Saturday night.

JOHN J. McNAMARA.

USELESS.

Recently a lawyer in New York jumped out of a tenth-story window, leaving a note saying that he did so for the best interests of society. So far it is to be regretted his example has not been followed. "PHILISTINE."

FOSTERS IGNORANCE.

Craft Unionism fosters ignorance of working-class economics. Industrial Unionism holds aloft the torch of enlightenment.—Ex.

SAVE OUR BROTHERS' LIVES—AROUSE THE TOILING MILLIONS—DON'T ACCEPT THE SALVE OF "FAIR TRIAL."

By Daniel T. Murphy.

Once again the enemy of Labor has stretched out its tentacles, grasped our brothers and ruthlessly dragged them from out midst.

Once again the beast of oppression has fastened its claws on the necks of our fellow workers.

The oppressors of Labor are weaving the rope to strangle workingmen because they dared to stand for the working class.

Workingmen and working women will you stand idly by inactive and indifferent while our enemies are rushing our brothers to the gallows? No, of course you will not.

You remember the Haywood-Moyer-Pettibone case. The working class saved those men's lives by their prompt and determined action. The working class can save the lives of our brothers now incarcerated in the bastille at Los Angeles.

You have not forgotten the Chicago Martyrs. You have not forgotten Pennsylvania, Idaho, Colorado and elsewhere in the United States.

You have not forgotten the battles of the working class in other countries.

Why should we forget Labor's battlefields where workers' blood has been shed in defence of our class. Indeed we would be base ingrates to forget those who have suffered for us. Then let us not forget our brothers in the dungeon at Los Angeles. Rally to their aid. They need your assistance.

Are you going to permit a Los Angeles tragedy to be inscribed into a history that has been written with Labor's blood or will you call—Halt?

History repeats itself. Again the McPartlands and Orchards with other names, are endeavoring to railroad workingmen to their death.

The mercenaries who are hired to do the dirty work of the persecutors of Labor have been busy.

"GREAT" (?) Detectives already have discovered "PLANTS," of course they have. A "GREAT" Detective if he cannot "PLANT" or cause to be planted, is not a "GREAT" Detective.

Working men and women, organized or unorganized, hasten to help our brothers. Save their lives. Their fight is our fight. If we permit them to railroad our brothers to the gallows you cannot tell who the next victims may be. If you are in favor of better conditions for Labor the vengeance of the despot may fall on you next.

Working men and women you must act and act quickly if you want to save your brothers' lives. This is no time for petty quarrels. Cast aside your little dissensions when any member of the working class is threatened for daring to fight for the class to which he or she belongs. Therefore go into action immediately. Hold monster meetings in every city, town or village in the United States and form a Defence League to save our brothers from the gallows.

The I. W. W. has already got into action, that same day these men were kidnapped the I. W. W. held meetings in defence of those men and although the men under arrest are not members of the I. W. W., in a class war between the working class and the exploiting

class the I. W. W. holds that an injury to one worker is an injury to all workers.

The slimy San Francisco Chronicle in a feeble effort to besmirch the character of revolutionary workingmen and women, editorially refers to class conscious wage-earners as loafers, hoboos, Anarchists and SOCIALISTIC MURDERERS (read editorial "Socialism and Murder," San Francisco Chronicle, May 2nd, 1911).

Now it would be almost impossible for a hobo who has been forced by damnable conditions to the Hobo Strata of society by such parasites as the owner of the San Francisco Chronicle to fall to the level of a Mike De Young, and if perchance he did sing to the depths of moral turpitude of a San Francisco Chronicle chronic assassin of working men and women characters, hoboos would despise him for the lowest hobo has somewhere in his make-up at least a spark of manhood and who can say the same for a Mike De Young.

Organized capitalists see the handwriting on the wall. The masters of our daily bread hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of the awakening wage-slaves joining the ranks of the Revolutionary Proletariat and in desperation they are using every effort to keep the wage-workers from uniting in a revolutionary class-conscious Industrial Union. Therefore do not allow the false leaders to betray the hosts of Labor any longer. Too long have we permitted the traitors to keep us in bondage to the robbing master class. Beware of the Labor Judases amongst you. The working class must emancipate itself. You must fight your own fight and to do so successfully you must organize in a Revolutionary Industrial Union.

When despicable capitalistic sheets like the San Francisco Chronicle malign the Industrial Workers of the World because they are striving to educate their class to emancipate themselves from economic servitude and because they dared to help their brothers in Los Angeles jail when their lives are threatened, that should encourage you to greater efforts to solidify the wage-slaves into a Revolutionary Industrial Union.

Do not believe the lies of intellectual prostitutes that are paid to vilify the character of those wage-workers amongst you who are giving their best efforts for Industrial Freedom.

What is the reason that prompts the San Francisco Chronicle so viciously to assail the I. W. W.? Because the exploiting class to which Mike De Young, the owner of the Chronicle belongs, knows full well that the I. W. W. stands fearlessly for the working class, and consequently the parasitical class dreads the I. W. W.

Do not be misled by the falsehoods printed in the Capitalistic papers, magazines, etc., it is not even advisable to use such papers, magazines, etc., for toilet purposes because of the contagion that lurks in their pages, especially the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, etc.

The capitalist class hates the I. W. W. because the I. W. W. is always in the front fighting Labor's battle.

Our brothers are in prison in Los Angeles and the I. W. W. rushes to their assistance. Ring the Tocsin! Sound the Alarm! Call the toiling millions to our brothers' aid.

Don't be lulled into inactivity by the salve of "FAIR TRIAL."

They will only get a "fair trial" if the working class are aroused.

To action working men and women. Do your duty.

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SEATTLE CELEBRATION.

That Seattle I. W. W. had a rousing time on May Day and that it will redound to the best interest of the Industrial Union movement is what any sensible person would think after reading the article describing their first May Day parade. It shows that the workers are coming together, that petty bickering has no place in their ranks, and that they understand that the word SOLIDARITY means to UNITE, to join together for a common purpose and that purpose is to overthrow the existing system of capitalism with all its attendant miseries, and establish in its stead a system whereby labor will receive the full social value of its toil.

MASTERS ARE FRIGHTENED.

and if he can't he will be given a pick and shovel and if he WON'T use that he can go to hell and starve. We are starving now looking for work, The boss will starve if he refuses to work. The American SCAB has found his way to Paris and it certainly is a nice commentary on the workers of this country when a city has to be placarded with such notices as "Down with the American Scab!"

MORE PERSECUTION.

The arrest of Antonio De P. Araujo in Calexico, Cal., on April 20th is but another attempt by the United States to assist the old tyrant Diaz to subdue the revolutionists who are fighting for liberty in Mexico. When the soldiers of the United States can arrest an unarmed man on American soil and place him incommunicado without any reason whatever, it is high time that we were using our voices and power to obtain his release.

Araujo is one of the stalwarts in the struggle for freedom in Mexico. Although not bearing arms, his work was of great importance. He was just about to tour the United States for the purpose of making clear to the people anything that they did not know about the troubles in Mexico and the objects of the Mexican Liberal Party. We were just getting busy to assist in this speaking trip when word comes of his arrest. That he has been arrested by United States officials for the express purpose of blocking this trip, is easy of understanding. Every liberty loving person should rally to the defense of Araujo, as it means his death at the hands of that blood stained, heartless old despot, Diaz, if he is given over to the tender mercies of these slave owning bloodsuckers who own Mexico.

TRAPPED.

A front page cartoon in the Los Angeles Times of April 17, shows Uncle Sam holding up a cage containing three rats, the rats representing the McNamara brothers and McManigle. In the same paper we find columns dealing with a "FAIR TRIAL" for the men. If all the evidence is in the favor of the prosecution and they are to have such a FAIR TRIAL, why all the UNFAIRNESS that was used in spiriting the men away from their homes without giving them that FAIR start, which was to see if there was evidence enough to take them to the State of California on. If we did not know the capitalist class and such papers as the "Los Angeles Times" we might be gulled into accepting this "salve" about getting a FAIR TRIAL.

AMERICAN SCABS.

Why is it that American workmen are being looked upon as the biggest scabs on earth? There must be a reason. The American produces more than any other worker in the world for the same amount of wages. That is it costs less to produce an article in America than it does in France, Germany, Italy, England or any of the European countries. How is it that in France the workers will enter into one union and will take the most drastic action to save one of their fellow workers from serving a prison sentence or to save his neck from the guillotine? The workers will strike together in any country in the world to a greater extent than here in America where we are ground down under the iron heel of capitalism the most.

NOW A DAILY.

From far away Nome, word comes that the "Nome Industrial Worker" has been launched as a "daily" on March 1st. Heretofore the "Worker" has been semi-weekly. The "Nome Industrial Worker" is owned and controlled by Local No. 240, W. F. M., and the paper is fortunate in having one of the best editorial writers in America to throw the ink and teach the workers the need of one revolutionary Industrial Union to embrace all workers and the absolute necessity for DIRECT ACTION on the job. The "Nome Industrial Worker," as well as Local 240, W. F. M., are opposed to any affiliation with the craft unions on the part of the W. F. M.

For such a paper, with such an editor and such a union, we wish a bounteous supply of prosperity and long life. Let the good work go on.

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THE MOVEMENT ABROAD

ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

International Bulletin of the Syndicalist Movement. Address: 38 Rue de Sevres, Clamart Seine, No. 189. France. Clamart, April 23, 1911.

The Syndicalist Movement in Italy: The three-yearly congress of the Confederazione Generale del Lavoro will be held at Padua during the last week of May. The programme is very long and contains amongst other points the following: (5) Reorganization of the Confederazione and changes in the statutes. (6) Co-operatives; a direction to be given to co-operative societies and their relation with the labor struggle. (b) The relations of the various categories of workers in co-operative societies. (7) Social legislation. (a) Insurance against sickness and old age pension. (b) Various laws. (8) Civil service. The definition of the rights of workers in public service to belong to the Workers' or the Officials Confederazione. As it is seen, the subject of discussion are not of a nature to frighten the bourgeoisie. This is quite in conformity with the outspoken reformist tendencies of the Confederazione. But it must be borne in mind that the Padua congress is far from representing all the organized Italian workers.

The Ferrovieri (railway servants) hold a meeting on the 24th of April. This congress will be of great importance as the delegates will examine the situation created by the Sacchi bill which in the opinion of many railway servants has introduced only imaginary and petty ameliorations. Besides the railway men will define their attitude towards the Confederazione Generale del Lavoro and this decision will have a great influence on the future of revolutionary unionism in Italy.

The Labor Exchange (Camora del Lavoro) of Mirandola (15,000 members) held a congress of agricultural laborers, of whom 10,000 are belonging to the Camora del Lavoro.

As usual spring has awakened the spirit of fight in the ranks of the workers. In the Bologna province the 15,000 locked-out masons have been holding out these 40 days. In the Parma province the bootmakers (1200) are already 20 days on strike, the tilemakers of San Michelina and San Leonardo 10 days. Besides in the country a great struggle is in preparation for the application of the scale of wages adopted by the Labor Exchange, a struggle in which about 20,000 peasants will be involved. In the Ferrare province a great agrarian fight is expected—if the landowners do not give in before—in which 40,000 to 50,000 agricultural laborers will participate. Generally it is anticipated that the summer will be very active, especially in the Emilia region. On the 1st of May the weekly L'Internazionale di Parma will be again the organ of Italian industrial unionism. ALOESTE DE AMBRIS.

FRANCE.

The reinstatement of the French railway servants has become a pressing question. The Minister of Public Works has addressed a letter to the companies reminding them of the decision of the French Parliament which asked the Government to use its influence with the companies to induce them to take back the workers who had been dismissed after the strike. It remains to be seen if the companies will be obdurate or if they will follow the example of the Western State line which has taken back all the dismissed workers.

GERMANY.

The eighth congress of the German Trade Unions will be held at Dresden from the 26th of June till the 1st of July. The preliminary programme contains amongst other questions the following: The propaganda among non-German speaking workers; the women's secretariat; the Central Secretariat of Labor; an entente with the Central Union of Distributive Co-operative Societies; home employment, etc.

AUSTRIA.

The Nationalist division in the Austrian trade unions. The negotiations which had been opened in order to reconcile the German and Czech workers in Austria, the differences between whom we have repeatedly mentioned, have failed. The Czechs insist on maintaining in every respect their national autonomy in the labor movement. The only point they have agreed to is an understanding with the German trade unions for strikes and other labor struggles, but also this on the basis of autonomy, that is to say, they stipulate that the direction of all such movements in which German and Czech workers take part, shall be entrusted to that organization to which the majority of the strikers belong. The negotiations between the two national organizations have now been broken off.

SPAIN.

A Solidarity Strike at Lisbon. In view of the scant news from the Portuguese republic, it is interesting to see in "La

Vie Ouvriere" of Paris, the details of a solidarity strike at Lisbon. On March 13, at Setubal, a small town on the mouth of the Sado, the soldiers fired on the workers on strike. Immediately the committee of the trade union congress organized a large meeting where it was decided that the trade union delegates should hold a conference the next day in order to issue an answer to the firing at Setubal. The 36 trade unions who sent delegates were in favor of a general strike of 24 hours on Monday, March 20. It is difficult to imagine the effect of the strike. The bourgeois press has tried hard to diminish the importance of the strike, but our comrade-workers estimate the number of strikers at 70,000 men. The government promptly raised the cry, "The republic is in danger," and sent the volunteer regiment against the strikers; hence numerous encounters. Towards 4 o'clock a delegation of the strikers went to the government to explain the workers' demands. Received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, they were asked to return at 10 o'clock, when the government would have arrived at a conclusion. Returned at 10 the delegates were informed that the government had conceded all the demands of the strike manifesto; the dismissed workers all taken back, the dismissal of the Mayor of Setubal who had taken a very hostile attitude towards the strikers. These facts show that the new regime inspires yet little confidence in the working classes, and on the other side the growth of capitalism. The number of strikes in the last month—77 from October 3 till December 3—indicate that the republic has been a deception for the working classes.

Another 24 Hours Strike.

As a protest against the terrible accident in a blouse factory in New York where a fire caused the death of 143 victims, owing to the negligence of the employers, a general strike of 24 hours was proclaimed in the town. Over 150,000 workers held a silent and imposing procession in protest against capitalist exploitation which is responsible for such a disaster. The funeral of the victims on April 5, also took the character of a gigantic protest by the working class population.

TOO MANY SLAVES

WOULD AVOID LARGE FAMILIES. LARGE FAMILIES A CRIME, SAYS DR. ROBINSON.

New York, May 2.—Race suicide is a bugaboo and large families a crime, says Dr. William J. Robinson of Mount Morris, N. Y., a practicing physician and president of the American Society of Medical Sociology, who strongly advocates the giving of the proper information to the people as to how to keep down the birth rate. He expects to draft a bill making such information legal.

The birth of a child, he says, often brings gloom and misery into the household. The first child is a treasure, the second and third less so, and the fourth is openly unwelcome. Families, he says, which have started out with bright prospects and all the comforts of life, are often plunged into the lowest depths of abject poverty because of too many children. It not only causes poverty, but ignorance, idleness, sickness, crime and death. Dr. Robinson laughs at the claims of the disciples of Roosevelt, that people will stop having children, and in half a century the race will die out. This, he says, is a groundless fear and a silly calumny on the human race.

"The parental instinct," Dr. Robinson says, "is a pretty strong instinct. The parents are rare indeed who do not wish to have at least one or two children. Those who have seen the anguish of some wives who have remained childless will not share the fear that when the knowledge of the means of prevention of large families has become common property, the race will die out. No. There will be fewer children, but they will be brought into the world with pleasure and hopeful expectations." —Spokane Press.

CHANCE TO ORGANIZE.

I am working for the Standard Oil Company building earth tanks for oil five miles north of Bakersfield, Cal. There are 350 men in the camp. Wages are \$2.50 and a few receive \$2.75. I. W. W. men can get on here any old time. Agitators are wanted as there is a good chance to organize a local. D. F. RUBY, Member of 66.

Are you talking to the other fellow about the fight the I. W. W. will make on May 1st, 1912, for the Eight-Hour Day? Agitate all the time and thus prepare the ground for the big fight. Read the "Worker."

MUST AN INNOCENT MAN DIE IN SING SING? LABOR BOSS IN BOOSTER'S BRIGADE

THE CASE OF VINCENT BUCCA FORI. Little over a month ago a terrible catastrophe occurred in New York City.

The building was one reported fire-proof by the State Inspector. The girls were penned in like rats in a steel trap; exit gates were locked by the employers' orders that they might be searched before leaving at night.

MURDERED by grafting politicians, grasping landlords and bullying avaricious employers! The two members of the Triangle firm who escaped from their offices safely enough, have been formally indicted for murder.

A half dozen different departments hurriedly "investigated," each anxious for exoneration and to shift the responsibility. New York past through its usual spasm of horror and indignation.

While this horrible torture of human flesh and loss of human life was the topic on every one's lips, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World was being tried for murder in the Brooklyn Court House.

Our fellow worker, a member of Shoe Workers Union No. 168, is a quite unassuming young man.

His grandfather fought under Garibaldi and during his youth, working with his father as shoemaker he learned his trade.

Last summer he went in to the J. M. Dodd factory, but conditions were unimproved and when in October an attempt was made to form a union Buccafiori was one of the first to respond to the call.

One Italian workingman, Marino, deserves to be known for the cowardly stand he took

against Buccafiori, to curry favor with the authorities. Pretending to qualify as "an interpreter" for the prosecutor office, he found it necessary to speak through an interpreter in court.

But Vitelli reckoned without the powers higher up, who were not quite ready to precipitate trouble with the I. W. W. and Buccafiori was reinstated by Treat, the superintendent.

On the morning of December 2nd Buccafiori waited for work at his bench for three hours. Finally the foreman approached him and ordered him to get out calling him a spy and a ruffian and many vile names in Italian.

Buccafiori retorted, "You are the ruffian here. You want to take the bread from my family simply because I belong to the union."

Vitelli, raging and swearing, rushed at him, grasped him by the coat and struck him in the mouth causing blood to flow profusely. The other workers surrounded Vitelli and attempted to restrain him but he ordered them back to their benches.

Vitelli died a few days later. While he was in the hospital his wife refused to visit him and his funeral was attended by one old man who worked in the shop.

Buccafiori was arrested, charged with murder and held in the Raymond street jail for five months. In the interval counsel was retained and funds were raised by his union and family.

While he was being held his fellow workers rebelled against their outrageous conditions and their splendid struggle and uncompromised defeat are now known and admired generally.

I attended his trial, which lasted but a few days. The jury, consisted of petty business men and bosses. The judge, W. J. Kelly, was at one time counsel for the Long Island Railroad.

But all reference to the Union or its relation to the case, the crux of the entire matter, was ruled out by the judge as "immaterial, irrelevant" and a dozen or more adjectives used by the learned legal lights when the truth must be kept out of court.

The responsibility for his life rests upon you, revolutionary men and women! Give him your sympathy, your oratorical support if you will, but make it effective with financial backing.

Make all remittances payable and address all communications to Charles Linfante, Treasurer Buccafiori Defense Committee, 10 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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PARIS

MASTERS AFRAID OF FRENCH INDUSTRIAL UNION—AMERICAN SCABS NOT WANTED.

By William Philip Simms. (Paris Correspondent of the United Press). PARIS, April 21.—Because French labor is so unreliable there is to be no International Exposition in Paris in 1920.

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BOOSTER'S BRIGADE

BE A BOOSTER. Do you know there's lots o' people, Settlin' 'round in every town, Growin' like a broody chicken, Knockin' every 'good think down? Don't you be that kind o' cattle, Cause they ain't no use on earth. You just be a booster rooster, Crow an' boost for all you're worth.

The members of No. 13, San Diego, Cal., have sent in \$4.00 the past week for sixteen quarterly subscriptions to be sent to the workers in San Diego, Cal. The members of No. 13 are selecting the names of workmen from the city directory. This is fine work and should be followed by other locals.

Charles E. Chambers sends in money for four yearly subscriptions to be sent to saloons and places where workers congregate in Goldfield, Nev. This is also work that will result in effective propaganda for Industrial Unionism—Who's next?

Thomas Whitehead sends in \$4.50 for subscriptions from Seattle; \$1.50 goes to Solidarity for combination subs.

Vancouver locals get busy. Took in twenty members last week and are talking of increasing the bundle order. They now take 300.

Fellowworkers Nelson and Biscay have sent in \$4.50 for subs from Vancouver the past week. Hurrah for Vancouver.

Ernest Rupert of Seattle donates \$2.50 to the "Worker" and wishes it success and a long life. Rupert knows how to make it live.

GOOD SUGGESTION.

It has been suggested that there are many men in the ranks of our union who could draw a cartoon and thus save the expense of paying an artist every week for this work. We would be pleased to have any one forward suitable cartoons for the "Worker."

AN APPEAL TO SOLDIERS.

Comrades:— In these stirring days of the twentieth century there is a great need for careful thought, especially with regard to the position of the enlisted men of the army and navy, toward society in general and the working class in particular.

We boys of the army have of late been reading (at least I have) severe denunciations of the soldier in many newspapers and magazines, especially those socialistically inclined.

I have come to the conclusion that the only real use there is for the army and navy is to protect the stolen wealth that is now in the hands of the capitalist exploiter.

ORGANIZE ON THE JOB WHERE YOU ARE ROBBED

STRIKE ON THE JOB WHERE YOU WORK—WORK ON THE JOB WHERE YOU STRIKE—SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON INTELLIGENCE.

Vancouver, B. C., May 2, 1911. There are at present two strikes on in Vancouver, B. C. Both of these strikes are on in the same industry, "the building industry."

The Carpenters' Union demands an increase in wages; they have stickers out all over town that read, "We demand a living wage," "Don't be a scab," and other mottoes of that nature.

The Plasterers' Union has not struck at the boss for a living wage, but allowed its membership to remain at work. The Plasterers' Union, like the bricklayers, the plumbers, the electricians, the painters and all of the different unions, are on strike against their fellow workers to see that they do not get that LIVING WAGE that they have been longing for.

The strike extends still farther. One-half of the organized carpenters are on strike against the other half (they are on the work). Now an unorganized scab is bad enough, but an organized scab is far worse: He pays dues for a license for the right to scab on the scab. For example, a strike is on, the boss refuses to recognize your union demand, which is an increase in wages of 25c per day (from \$2.75 to \$3.00). Now the first thing he does is look for scabs, and in order to induce these scabs to come and work he offers them \$3.25 per day. They come and work. The union man says he is scabbing, he is unorganized, but gets

25c more for his work than the union demands. Now the good union man stays out on strike for 25c less than the non-union, unorganized scab is getting!

Well, that is A. F. of L. unionism; that is craft unionism; that is the kind of unionism the boss believes in. It is the kind of the politician, the preacher, the priest and other capitalist rif-raff believe in, but it is not the kind of unionism the I. W. W. believes in.

The I. W. W. agitator is pointing out the weakness of the present strike in Vancouver; pointing out that there are two unions on strike; five or six other ones still working on the same building.

Remember, fellow workers, that the reason the boss would oppose a strike that could force from him an increase in wages is because that "just in proportion as the wages of the worker increase, just in that proportion does the profit of the boss decrease."

Craft unionism is, in the proper sense of the word, a form of disorganization that seeks to take from that which you now have. The Bible says, "He that has much, more shall be given unto him; he that has not, even that

shall be taken from him." The A. F. of L. then is of divine origin because it will carry out the above passage to a letter. A form of organization that is good for the boss is no good for the slave (A. F. of L. is preferred by the boss). A form of organization that is good for the workers is no good for the boss (I. W. W. preferred by workers). The I. W. W. does not confine its demands to a living wage, but sees farther, calls for the workers to take as a substitute the full product of their labor. Nothing less will content them; they are dissatisfied, discontented and radical. But they justify their radicalism and discontent by historical facts that cannot be disputed: They are unanswerable truths. "Without change progress ceases," so while we are in the minority today, sneered at and laughed at by the capitalist class and their institutions of worship that are filled by ignorant, pious followers, we will be contented with knowing that our unpopularity is due to the fact that we are "RIGHT!" In order to determine whether a man is right or wrong, all you have to do is see just how popular he is with the masses. Organize your MIGHT, then you can establish your RIGHT.

FORREST R. EDWARDS.

A wise man feels grieved at his powerlessness to do the good which he desires to do but he does not feel grieved because people do not know or because they judge him wrongly.—Chinese Wisdom.

The cause of the strike appears to have been the desire of the French laborers (the American and English hands refused to walk out) to prolong what they secretly knew to be "a good thing."

They were working eight hours a day when the union permits a ten hour day. Their wages were above the union scale and they had several other advantages. Brown decided that if his park was to be opened on scheduled time, April 16, he would have to get more action on his lot, so he gave instructions that the men were to work ten hours a day, that they should be paid additionally for the extra two hours of labor, and that a night shift should be put on.

The French hands refused to work more than eight hours a day and objected to the employment of a night shift. They struck. Posters flooded Paris of the most violent kind. One of them was headed: "DOWN WITH AMERICANS AND JEWS!" It went on to state that unless self-respecting people banded together to resist the invaders, "decent people" would be driven from Paris.—Vancouver World.

"By my love and hope, I conjure thee: Cast not away the hero in thy soul! Maintain holy thy highest hope! I do not exhort you to work, but to fight! I do not exhort you to peace, but to victory! Let your work be a battle; let your peace be a victory!"—Neitzsche.

"No man is great enough to be another man's master." Just think over that, and see if it is not a great big truth!

The man who leads in prayer seldom leads in anything else. "PHILISTINE"