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## AGITATE—EDUCATE—ORGANIZE—FIGHT FOR THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

### THE VANCOUVER STRIKE

**BUILDING TRADES STRIKE STILL ON IN VANCOUVER, B. C.—MASTERS WANT PEACE—SOME CRAFTS TURNED DOWN BY INTERNATIONALS.**

The Industrial Peace Association in Vancouver is trying to do its part toward getting the men to go back to work in the building industry here. This association is somewhat along the lines of the Civic Federation, inasmuch as it is a disinterested organization, interested in settling the strike. How it can be disinterested and composed of business men whose business depends upon labor exploitation, no one seems to know. The organization is supposedly composed of those who are not building employers and who are not union men. From that I suppose they must be pinks and scabs, only the capitalist press assures us that these men are "peaceful and respectable business men who wish to promote peace and happiness." We know for whom the "peace and happiness" is intended.

The strike situation is still the same as last week. The building contractors are unable to take more contracts and afraid to even bid on them because of the uncertainty (to them) of the strike. There are millions of dollars in contracts to be let and no one to take them, says the dope sheet.

The press of the bosses in other cities are advertising that the strike is over and that men are wanted. The result is that many union men have come here, only to find the strike still on. These are fellows who are broke. The unions here have had to either take care of this extra burden or raise money and send them back. Why in hell can't the crafts of other cities at least keep their own members posted on what is going on? But that is craft division.

The local glass workers, also on strike, have practically been abandoned by their general organization. Six telegrams have been sent from here, calling for aid, by the glass workers to their general officers. But up to date with the strike on for a month, there has been no answer or notice taken. If the workers telegraphed that they had money to send there would be an answer quick enough. Many of these same men are thoroughly disgusted with craft division and are beginning to study industrial unionism.

The police, as usual, is being used to watch the pickets instead of thieves, pickpockets, hold-up men, forgers and the like. A fellow who started in with considerable business acumen to collect funds under false pretense of aiding the strikers, was not stopped by the police until the unions got busy. Then "accidentally" the fellow with others got away. This may be only an incident, but looks bad at this time. While the strikers are being watched, the scab employers are allowed to litter the streets with material.

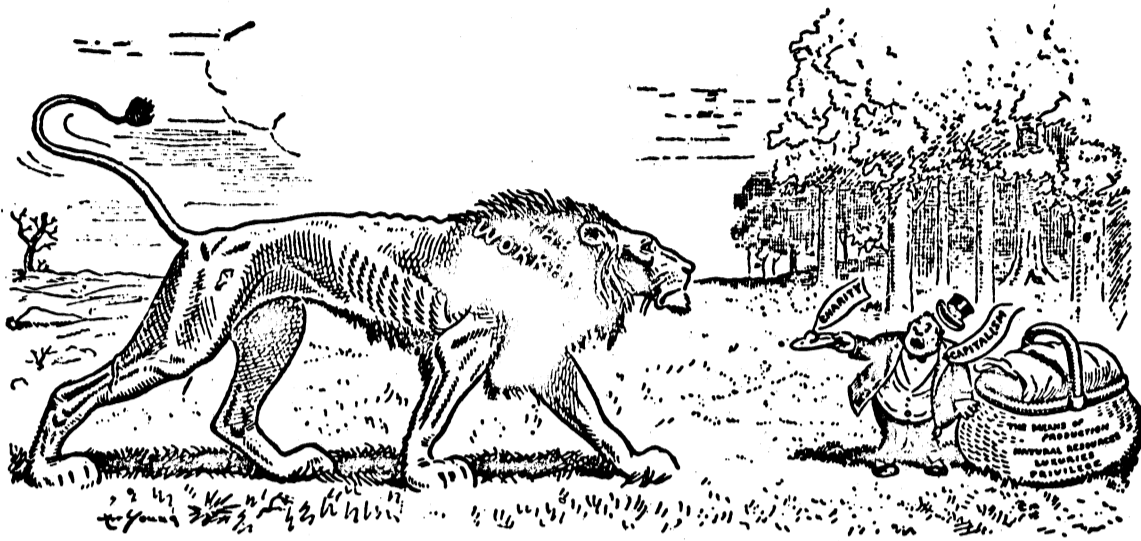
The independent contractors, those who are not in the trust, met with the Industrial Peace association and decided upon a committee with power to arbitrate. One scab herder after a violent speech against the unions, made a motion for the open shop, and was not even seconded according to the capitalistic sheets. This only shows that the little skinnners are coming down many good notches. At first there was nothing but open shop, now, according to their own information, there is not even a second. A little more and their skin game being about all in, will force them to give in.

The unions published the second weekly issue of the "Strike Bulletin" to enthuse the members to stand firm. The only deplorable feature of the paper is its political dope at a time when there is a strike on and not an election. I suppose the committee does not like to hurt the feelings of the labor politician who is paving the way for a nice fat job. If this is the method he uses, disregarding the present struggle to boost his position, I feel sorry for the following. They will be sacrificed like others many times before, to the ambition of a few.

The unions are still hanging on and the fight continues.

If the pickets here were to use cameras and publish the pictures of the scabs, there would not be a scab left on the job. Even a few men making the rounds would do the work.

JAS. S. BISCAY.



GIVING A CREAM PUFF TO A HUNGRY LION.—From "Life"

### PARASITES WOULD CUT WAGES IN SPOKANE

**"LABOR IS A COMMODITY," SAYS REAL ESTATE SHARK—IS NOT WORTH \$3.00 PER DAY—SHOULD BE SOLD AT MARKET PRICE.**

In no town or city in America have the master class and the grafters exposed their position quite so well as have these same people in Spokane in the last few weeks. The \$3.00 wage scale for common labor has had the effect of drawing fire from our oppressors and in such a manner as should redound to the best interest of every worker in America.

The boss has cast aside any cloak of hypocrisy that heretofore he has ever hid behind and has come out with the cold truth, regardless of whether he is drawing \$20.00 a day himself as city commissioner, or whether he be a land shark that is living off the slave who is trying to pay his monthly installments on a small home.

The town is full of idle men as well as the country at large. The master class wants cheap labor and they know that if they can pull off any restrictions that may exist, which is of benefit to a small army of workers on city work, that they can get the result of competition which exists among the workers in the scramble for bread.

The Commissioner of Public Safety in Spokane, who draws \$20.00 a day himself, has openly declared that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY THE SAME AS BRICK AND LUMBER," and that common labor is not worth \$3.00 a day. Another, a real estate shark, doing the largest business in Spokane in the way of buying and selling property and taking advantage of the slave that has to buy on the installment plan and the big interest graft, openly says that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY, THE SAME AS SUGAR OR ANYTHING ELSE. COMMON LABOR IS NOT WORTH \$3.00 PER DAY."

These statements on the part of our masters, has had the effect of drawing the fire from a great number of workers in the city, in their endeavor to protect the \$3.00 wage scale and thus make things a bit happier for their wives and children at home. If happiness can be secured with the paltry sum of

\$3.00 a day, especially as work is not regular and the worker averages but half a year's work at the best.

The Spokane master has advanced no other argument except that "LABOR IS A COMMODITY" in his contention for cheaper labor. He has made the issue clear and has left the worker with only one thing to do, and that is to GET ORGANIZED and GET ORGANIZED RIGHT. Organize to stop competition by reducing the hours of labor so that all may have employment. There is nothing else to do. It is our only salvation and the sooner we proceed about the task the better for us. If Hayden, Grinnell and the other defenders of cheap labor were in the same position as the workers today and possessing their knowledge of economics, what do YOU suppose Mr. Worker they would do? Why, they would immediately get organized to stop competition among themselves and if the unemployed army stood as a danger post to their welfare they would FIGHT to shorten the hours of labor. They would work night and day to benefit themselves and make such a barrier that their enemy could not break through. Not a moment would be delayed, they would meet every night if necessary to accomplish what they were after. They would complete their organization with the quickest dispatch. What are you doing to protect yourself from these leeches of society that are yearning for more and more profits from the sweat of blood of your hides? You are writing a few nice articles for the daily papers, and appealing for sympathy from the general public on the grounds that you need the \$3.00 to support your wives and children, etc. You appeal for the money that you may educate your children and thus make them GOOD CITIZENS, etc. All of this is rot and rubbish in the ears of the boss. The master class wants more profits and if wage slavery had not been more profitable than chattel slavery, we would still have had chattel slavery. What does the boss care about your wife or your children or their education? What does he care about your wife being an invalid or about the death of your child? The heart string and the soul of the boss lies in his pocketbook and he demands and must have

ever more and more profits. Hayden needs \$20.00 a day to live on and if his wages were cut to \$5.00 a day (which is \$2.00 a day more than he says you can save money on), he would immediately STRIKE by quitting the job and as far as he was concerned the city could go to hell or the garbage heap. Cut out this rotten sentimentalism and get down to business. There is only room for one organization of labor in this country and two organizations only divide our forces and makes us half as strong as the ONE UNION. One hundred unions only cuts our POWER up and makes us 100 times weaker than we would be in the ONE UNION. Don't appeal to the PUBLIC. There are only two classes in society and they are either grafters and thieves or workers. Who do you suppose is the public? There is no use appealing to the master class for the right to live and get more enjoyment out of life. To do that would cut into the enjoyment of the boss. What YOU have got to do is to appeal to the members of your class to GET ORGANIZED. GET EDUCATED. GET THE FIGHTING SPIRIT. Become rebels against a system that places human life with cowhides, lumber and brick. Instead of sneering at the speeches you hear from I. W. W. men, you should be glad that men are brave enough to fight against such fearful odds. Instead of sneering at the flag which represents the blood of your own class, you should reverse it as an emblem of liberty. Instead of staying outside of the INDUSTRIAL UNION, you should get into it and help it to grow and be a power in the country; you should buy literature and get your fellow worker on the job to read it and when it is gone you should spend your nickels for more literature and you should endeavor to pay attention to the movement in general, because only by our united efforts will we be able to put overalls on the boss and make the insultor do his share of the work of society. Think it over and you will become convinced like the rest of us have; that there is an urgent necessity for a LARGE TRUST which embodies all the workers of the country and of the world, regardless of occupation, because LABOR IS A COMMODITY and COMPETITION IS HELD.

#### FROM SACRAMENTO, CAL.

Local 71 is doing good constructive work and when the big longshoreman arrives we will no doubt put the finishing touches on the slaves, who are already awakened to the fact that there is a class struggle. F. H. Little, who wintered in Shawtown (Fresno) will keep the workers interested at Fourth and "K" streets until J. P. Thompson arrives. Big "Bill" Haywood will lecture at the Old Pavilion Saturday, August 26, under the auspices of Local No. 71, I. W. W. Yours for One Big Union, FRED HEYER, Fin. Sec. No. 71.

The price of foodstuffs is so high in Western Bohemia compared with the low wages that workmen practically never taste meat. They live on soups, black bread and potatoes.

#### A PETTY REBEL.

Mayor-elect Stitt Wilson and Commissioners-elect John A. Wilson and E. O. Turner, who comprise the working majority of the new Berkeley city council, have agreed on the appointment of Redmond C. Staats, former city attorney, with F. W. Dorn as his assistant. "Reddy" Staats is a republican, but has been something of an independent man in politics. He is a political associate of Friend W. Richardson, editor of the Berkeley Gazette, and a leader in the Lincoln-Roosevelt League, who was one of Stitt Wilson's strongest supporters in the municipal campaign.

"Rastus—Mighty mean man I'm working for. Rufus—What's the matter? "Rastus—Took the legs off the wheelbarrow so I can't set it down an' rest.

#### HARVEST IS RIPE.

Edwald, Wash., June 30, 1911. Tell the workers that the harvest will commence here in about two weeks. The crop is good and the field is nice and ripe for agitators. There is one slave driving scissor-bill here that a bunch of I. W. W. men could do good work on. This fellow will need a threshing crew soon and he is something fierce as a slave driver. Hope the boys can get out on the job. Get the harvest stickers working. B. C. STORK.

Eighteen thousand men wanted. So says Charles Harris, director of the State Free Employment bureau of Kansas. Twelve thousand must be had at once, he says, as the crops are getting ready all together. How about that pamphlet, the "Farm hand and the city worker," also the harvest stickers? Go to it.

### SENTIMENT IS GROWING

**THE OUTLOOK IN CALIFORNIA—THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR THE ONE BIG UNION.** (By Geo. Speed).

As some things have transpired in California, which indicates the growing influence of the I. W. W. both from the economic and political side, I thought I would drop a few lines to the "Wogker" giving a few of my views.

The first to recognize the I. W. W. as a growing force was Andrew Furuseth, President of the Coast Seamen's Union and right-hand man of slimy Gompers. Two years ago he drafted a resolution for the organizing of the migratory unskilled workers as he say in the I. W. W. a menace to the bunco game being played by the A. F. of L.

At that time, in presenting his plan, he branded the I. W. W. as a scab organization, but when challenged and defied to make good his statement, he squealed like a stuck pig, whereas proof galore was furnished of scabbery on the part of the A. F. of L. and his own dirty part in it. His proposition was adopted by the Labor Council and State Federation, funds called for and organizers put in the field. Up to the present no results of any importance have been attained. Their effort will be in vain even if successful. This floating and unskilled hobo labor which Furuseth is going to make respectable, has had some experience. It knows that the A. F. of L. has ever ignored and held them in contempt. It further realizes that it is the basis of all industry and is becoming the all important factor.

The sentiment in favor of THE ONE BIG UNION is making rapid headway, while on the other hand the chloroformers of the A. F. of L. stripe, will have their hands full to hold in check men and women they have so long duped with fairy tales of "victories gained" and "to be gained." High dues and heavy assessments, with no visible improvements in conditions, is having its effect. Even now when organizing a new union they deceive the workers by giving them small doses of industrial unionism. The slogan "Industrial Peace," "No Trouble," showed its head when an appropriation of \$500.00 was voted to carry on the defense of the McNamara brothers. When a suggestion was offered to hold a protest meeting the pot-house polities held up their hands in holy horror and screeched "we want no trouble," "a fair trial," etc.

Two resolutions were presented by the I. W. W. to the Labor Council, one on the eight-hour day and the other on the general strike the day McNamara goes to trial; they were both tabled without being read and our A. F. of L. socialist friends sat as still as a "bump on a log," yet they claim to be staunch supporters of Industrial Unionism.

Truly the future is bright for the Industrial Union.

#### A LETTER OF INTEREST.

Chicago, Ill., June 30.

"Industrial Worker," Box 2129.

Spokane, Wash. Fellow Workers: Fellow Worker C. H. Shepherd, General Secretary of the New Zealand Industrial Workers of the World, writes to the general office and states that they would like to have some good Industrial Union agitators visit that section of the world as soon as possible.

The New Zealand section of the I. W. W. is contending against great odds and Fellow Worker Shepherd feels that if they get one or two agitators on the ground from the United States they would be of great help in getting a good strong organization in the New Zealand working class centers. With best wishes, I am, yours for Industrial Freedom, VINCENT ST. JOHN, General Secretary.

Ah! It is the monkey again. In Fulton, Ga., some French cotton experts are to teach monkeys to pick cotton. If the experiment succeeds a monkey colony will be started. You see monkey power (or labor) would be infinitely less than human labor.

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Why should one be so poor-spirited as to think nothing of oneself?—Dostoevsky.

**WHERE IS YOUR AUTO?**

When a JUDGE says that more convicts are needed so as to make work for skilled labor, he is but trying to use the skilled man as an ally to the boss, so that men can be railroaded to the pen and then to the convict camps to make good roads for the parasites to spin along on in their automobiles. What is the matter with the workers getting a few automobiles? How many workers in American can boast of owning an automobile? Why don't you own one? You produce all the wealth that the other fellow now has that does nothing, and yet you will go about in your rags and a pack on your back and still find excuses for your poverty and will laud the ambition and energy of the boss in being smart enough to have a good home and an automobile and a few thousand or a few hundred thousand in the bank. True, the boss is rich because he has sense enough to exploit you of four-fifths of the product of your toil. Are you in favor of this business continuing? That's the question and the one that YOU, Mr. Worker, have got to answer soon or go lower in the strata of society. It's a cowardly slave that is satisfied to go about with nothing while producing automobiles for the master and be satisfied with the result of his labor. Be a man and FIGHT for your own. Get organized industrially where labor can act together.

**PENS ARE FULL.**

John N. Munro, warden of Nanaimo jail and formerly provincial constable here, passed through the city with 26 prisoners, whom he was transferring from New Westminster to Nanaimo. Owing to the great number of vagrants being sent to the provincial jail from points along the line it is altogether overcrowded, but in Nanaimo there is still room for more.—Vancouver "World."

It is gratifying that there is still room in one jail in British Columbia for vagrants and tramps. There will soon be more room in British Columbia for them, as several convict camps are about to start up and New Westminster penitentiary is being enlarged to "accommodate" 260 more visitors. Isn't it a beautiful system? This overcrowding of jails in the summer time is a true weather vane of the economic bondage under which we are subjected. It states as clear as words can tell of the hardships that thousands, yes, millions, are enduring. The boss now must have good roads and the convicts (his victims) will be forced to make them, and the remuneration will be a bare existence and an armed guard for company to see that he does not leave his task. If he rebels he will be shot down like a mad dog. Have pity for the worker that you see shooting off firecrackers on the 4th of July. Don't abuse him. He don't surely know any better.

**HOME FOR LOGGERS.**

The Pacific Coast Loggers' Association (an industrial union of slave drivers), at their recent meeting in Vancouver, B. C., discussed the feasibility of establishing a "home for loggers." That this is a scheme to shift the wornout lumberjack on the state for to be cared for is quite evident. Surely these capitalists have not become so generous as to actually provide a shelter for the men who have given the best of their lives to make others rich. This is an insult to the logger. The man that works daily and produces wealth in abundance and has the intelligence of an ant, would scorn an offer from a parasite to shelter him in his old age. When the loggers as well as the rest of the workers will unite into ONE BIG UNION, there will be no need to accept any charity or gifts from parasites who revel in luxury from the toil of slaves. The ONE UNION of the workers will put overalls on every capitalist in the country. To hell with their gifts. Fight for your own and then you will not need to be an object of charity.

**EIGHT HOURS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

A Superior Court Judge in California has declared that the eight-hour law for women is unconstitutional. Does that leave us as workers a duty to perform in the way of organizing the workers to refuse to work more than a certain hour a day, or does it leave us to still continue on trying to

get LAWS passed in the interest of the workers? This is a big question, that is, it seems to be a big one in the mind of the gent that is looking for a fat job in some parliament building, but to the worker it should be as simple as shooting fish in a well. There is not a law that can be passed so long as capitalism exists that is in the interest of the worker, but what can be declared UNCONSTITUTIONAL by the seven old capitalists that are above all courts and legislatures, viz., the SUPREME COURT. When the workers are organized in the industries and they write the law in the union hall and enforce it on the job and that law says WE WILL NOT WORK MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS, what is the boss going to do, and what is the supreme court going to do? The sooner we awake to the fact that it is FORCE that is required (ORGANIZED FORCE) the better, it will be for us. It's high time that we called a halt to this old rotten superstition of waiting for someone to do something for us. Any time the capitalist class grants a shorter work day to its slaves, it is for the purpose of heading off a move on the part of the workers which will amount to more than the boss is willing to grant. Look at this thing as you may and you have got to come to the point that we will get nothing but what we are prepared to TAKE. If you want some plaything on the side, go to it, but don't forget that the workers have got to be INDUSTRIALLY ORGANIZED.

**BADLY TREATED.**

A few days ago in the city of Spokane, a leading citizen, one who had been a Police Commissioner, and had run for office on the new commission form of government, was arrested for refusing to "MOVE ON." It was evidently a new officer who had committed this awful outrage by arresting such a leading citizen. On arriving at the police station the prisoner was loud in his denunciations of the police and the man that had arrested him. He said he was handled as "if he were a tramp or hobo." This statement coming from an ex-Police Commissioner proves conclusively that these "good citizens" consider themselves better than a man that has been forced to tramp in search of work and it knocks out all argument in favor of "EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW."

Let the scissorbill ponder well over this remark by an ex-officer of the LAW. Remember, it is all right to pull and manhandle a tramp or a hobo, but to put the hand of the LAW on one of these "darlings" that live from the toil of others and the police stations will be made to ring with the denunciations of those who would dare to touch their precious bodies. This gentleman (?) that refused to "move on" with the rest of the common herd, was immediately released from custody after he had told the "bulla" a few things and informed them "where to get off at." Wonder if this little incident might not wake some slave up to a realization of the existence of a class struggle and the necessity of getting organized into ONE UNION OF THE WORKERS that could FORCE justice.

**ENLARGING PRISONS.**

Prisons in general, both in the United States and Canada, are being enlarged to accommodate the new arrivals. At New Westminster, B. C., a wing to the present monument of persecution is being constructed to hold 260 more victims of capitalism. It's one of the signs of increasing civilization.

**BARBAROUS LOWER CALIFORNIA.**

Americans from Lower California, who have recently arrived, tell a tale of horror and persecution on the part of the Mexican authorities that is sickening in the extreme. Peaceful residents have been tortured and murdered by the Mexican soldiers at the behest of Governor Vega of Lower California. This is the new regime under the Madero government. If there is any difference between the Madero set of thieves and the Diaz brand, it is not discernible yet and is not likely to be. All the misery and bloodshed that has taken place in the past few months has done nothing to make the lot of the worker happier or his burden lighter. Time, money and blood has been wasted for the purpose of putting another landed aristocrat in office. The workers have yet to accomplish something for themselves.

**HARMONIOUS CONVENTION.**

The convention of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers has just adjourned. The newly elected president, Fellow Worker Emerson, writes us that the convention was a very harmonious one and one that any wage slave might be proud to have been a delegate at. The timber workers of the South have decided to battle for their industrial freedom and the delegates in voicing their sentiments in the matter have left no room for doubt as to the attitude of their organization in general. The labor movement is not hard to understand. We are living under a system called civilized, but in truth is far from civilization. It is based on property rights and human needs are a second consideration. We have a form of slavery that is just as degrading and humiliating as any chattel slave system that ever existed. The boss makes no apologies when he states that labor is a "commodity" and he wishes to have it sold to him on the market the same as anything else where there is competition. To say that labor must unite, does not mean to unite in sections with state lines, or any agreements that will hold the workers to the boss while another army of workers are going down to defeat. The class struggle is so apparent that "he who runs may read," and as no one can deny truthfully the existence of the class struggle, it is apparent to the most simple in our ranks that there is need for ONE BIG UNION of the working class.

We trust that the timber workers of the South will prove true to the acts of the convention which has just passed into history and will battle for Industrial Freedom and make such arrangements whereby they will be in close touch with the army of workers that are congregating together on industrial lines. Organization means system. Let us have an organization and a system that can be understood by every slave in the world. Good luck to the Southern lumber jack.

**FREE SPEECH FIGHT IS NOW ON**

TELEGRAM.

Chicago, Ill., July 7, 1911.  
Industrial Worker, Box 2129, Spokane, Washington.  
Free speech fight opens in Duluth July 12th. Reinforcements wanted on ground soon as possible.  
VINCENT ST. JOHN.

**PARADING IS DANGEROUS**

**THE PARADE IDEA—DANGEROUS TO WORKERS—GIVES BOSS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SLAUGHTER—QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED NOW.**

The street parade or procession is an old institution coming down to us from the very dawn of private property and its consequent organization of the forces of violence. The dominant class of the past days displayed its power and glory by parading after some victory, thereby impressing the populace at the psychological time. These parades kept the toiling slaves and citizens satisfied and enthused in carrying the burden of a class of violent oppressors. So we find the ancients paraded as great warriors, exhibiting their trophies as fruits of valor and prowess.

There were also religious parades since times immemorial, to impress the people through the means of pomp and ceremony the supposed necessity of superstitious belief in the unknown. Parading became a custom, a habit. Later on, the rising Bourgeois paraded when victorious in wringing some concessions from the governing feudal aristocracy, and the feudal aristocracy paraded its success in momentarily throttling the efforts of the Bourgeois.

Today, after a war, its customary for the masters to parade the troops, and even in times of peace the hired assassins of the dominant class are paraded to overawe the radical and enthrone the dense unthinking subjects. All governments govern a subject class; one class rules the other, though ostensibly it be a republic.

The idea of parading has become so imbedded in the minds of people in general that even the most revolutionary organizations have a tendency to retain this custom of antiquity. The question naturally presents itself: is it a good thing for us?

Simply because its an old custom is no reason why it should be retained if it is useless or harmful. The argument is often advanced that it enthrone the workers, when we, as a revolutionary organization, go out in parade. While this in itself may be true: do we not force the attention and consequent violent action of the enemy towards us, by openly exhibiting our opposition and numerical weakness? Do we not mass ourselves at a time when the enemy is superior and can easily take advantage of our grouping to set us back with acts of violence, discouraging a great many, as in the past? Is the capitalist not ready at any time to start trouble with thugs and "pinks," throw the blame on the workers and under the pretext satiate the desire of vengeance against the rebellious slaves? Has not this proven true in Chicago in 1886 and in nearly every May day parade where great numbers drew the attention of the enemy to our growing strength? Has any of this unnecessary sacrifice of blood and lives forced upon us helped to advance the movement? Are we to follow the sheep-like game of martyrdom, or, act like fighters, taking advantage of everything which helps us and giving the enemy little opportunity to deal us a blow without being hurt in return?

These and other questions should be considered carefully, then we should act along lines of least resistance and least sacrifice on our part, toward the goal before us. We should always act to our own best advantage and welfare, giving the enemy no chance to take advantage of us to do us harm.

The question of parade or no parade should be settled by the I. W. W. before the coming eight-hour demonstration of next May. Being an open enemy of capitalism, firmly resolved upon the overthrow of the present system as soon as possible; we, as an organization, would be playing into the hands of the enemy by massing ourselves invitingly for the attack of the enemy. We expect no quarter; then, why give the enemy a chance at us? While the capitalist feel perfectly safe, the parade of slaves passes unnoticed; but after a long agitation to shorten the hours of labor; do we expect this to pass unnoticed? The bosses have used violence before whenever it served their interest, they will do so again for the same reason. If we teach the parade idea, we will be preparing our membership for the slaughter which will come sooner or later if we group ourselves to the advantage of the enemy. An idea once taught cannot be stopped in a moment, especially when the habitual period of parade arrives. Many would complain and some even oppose the sudden discarding of parading. Even the revolutionary is a creature of habit and environment.

Would it not be far better for the welfare of the organization to drop the idea of parade entirely? Then in order to use violence against us, the enemy must hunt up the individuals and cannot act against a great number as readily as if we were grouped within easy access. To get a great number of individuals singly would mean much trouble and expense, the parade saves all this for the enemy. Capitalism would be forced to openly show its hand in each instance of individual oppression, while with the mass the old "riot" excuse will suffice to turn public sentiment against the workers butchered like sheep in a narrow lane. A mass parade would only contain mem-

bers and sympathizers, both undesirable to the enemy whose interest is to cripple the revolutionary organization and discourage the sympathizers. He has often been able to do this with one blow.

It is not a question of showing off our courage and willingness to die like sheep without helping the movement, but of tactically retaining our strength for a more advantageous time to deal a blow instead of having one dealt us while on a useless parade. Our mission is to organize and fight so as to give the enemy no advantage against us, retaining every advantage on our side that we can, in order to bring the day of economic emancipation the sooner.

Let us, therefore, take this matter under serious consideration and prepare ourselves to struggle along lines calculated to our best advantage, without exposing our membership to unnecessary hardship and avoidable sacrifice which does not increase our power or strengthen our position. Think this over.

J. S. BISCAY.

**ORGANIZATION IS THE THING**

**SPOKANE WORKER ASKS SOME POINTED QUESTIONS—USES FABLE OF FOX AND GOOSE.**

Spokane, Wash., July 2, 1911.—To the Editor of the Chronicle. Please allow me a small space in your paper to express my views on a question of serious importance to all humanity. It seems there are a few very selfish people who try to believe that the laboring men of Spokane receive more than their share. One of these selfish beings has declared that a man can support a family and lay by some money on \$2.50 a day.

Another says that the \$3 scale retards improvements. Shame on all such remarks. Then they say that the city can not afford to pay \$3 a day for labor.

Now, Mr. Grinnell and a few others, how would you like to support your family on \$2.50 per day? I think you would be deprived of many luxuries that you now enjoy.

**Rich Would Reduce.**

You will notice that all the advocates of a reduction of the city wage scale are men who have been more fortunate than the writer and many others, men who are drawing a good salary from the city, or otherwise and do not realize what a hard time the laboring man has to exist.

We hear no protest where some city official asks for a raise or an appropriation to secure an automobile so that he can take life easy. There are men in the city's employ who do not perform one-tenth part as much actual work in a week as the common laboring man does in one hour, but he must be well paid and if he kicks the city fathers will give him an assistant to help perform his duties.

**The Mayor's Table.**

Why should it cost Mr. Mayor or any one else more to supply their table than it costs me to supply mine? Am I not entitled to live just as well and wear just as good clothes as any one else?

Or, because my mental faculties are defective and fortune does not smile on me am I to be cut down to a mere pittance that the city may be able to pay exorbitant salaries to support those who neither spin, nor do they toil?

In a late issue we read of some large investments, where it says they are indicative of prosperity. They say the banks are full of money and that shows good times.

**Can Not Get Money.**

What benefit is it to me if all the banks are loaded down with cash if I have no opportunity to get hold of some of it? It reminds me of the fox and the goose that were wrecked on the island. Mr. Fox took possession of all the provisions. When Mrs. Goose became hungry she began to kick about hard times.

Mr. Fox said: "Tut, tut, Mrs. Goose, you have no kick coming; there is just as much grub on this island as there ever was. This hard times story makes me tired."

So it is with the advocate of a cut in the city wage scale. You will notice that they are all men who have plenty and care little for the man who does the work.

**GRANT MCKAY.**

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You are entitled to just as much as you have POWER enough to TAKE. You are entitled to all you produce when you are organized strong enough to get it.—Ed.

Humanity has not a moment to lose. Too much nakedness; too many houses of shame; too many convict prisons; too many toilers; too many defalcations and crimes; too much darkness. Such society requires prompt succor. Let us seek out the best. Go all you in this search! Where are the promised lands? Civilization must march forward.—Victor Hugo.



