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SHALL OUR FELLOW WORKERS BE MURDERED?

GRAFT AND SLAVERY AT ANCHORAGE

Methods of Gummy-Sack Contractors Used by U. S. in Building Railroad; Bosses Charge High for Good Jobs.

Graft! Graft! Graft! and then slavery and more graft, is the story of Uncle Sam's method in building railroads in Alaska. Jim Hill, the great slave-driving railroad builder, and he would make the migratory worker eat his blankets. Many of the workers here are shivering in the blankets.

The Alaska Engineering Commission brought two ship loads of workers here, with the promise that they would be furnished room and board free, if they stayed three months. The government is now using the methods of the gummy sack contractors, and they are letting the men go in order to avoid furnishing transportation. Cooks and waiters were brought up here to stay all winter, but no workers who had the money to make a getaway would remain here. Those who earn their fares back will be lucky.

The work here is one petty graft after another. Superintendent Jimmy O'Reilly got a job at section boss to a Greek for \$500 each towards his get-rich-quick scheme. The Greek did not pan out as well as the Greeks thought it would. Two of them wanted their money back and he refused to refund. They went to a member of the commission and for this reason—or some other—he was let out.

Shovvy up Jones, the road master, suffered the same fate altho his prices were higher. He sold a job at section boss to a Greek for \$500—jobs each high working for the government. The Greek discovered, what any I. W. W. could have told him, that no job was worth a hundred. The Greek did not make good, perhaps because some other worker had a hundred to pay for a job. He wanted his money back from Jones and got a beating instead. The graft system works fine except that it does not build railroads. They have been working here for two years and they have finished 50 miles of railroad. It will take 25 years to build the road, at the present rate of progress. Young men with a pull are given soft snaps and the worker who does not come across—works. On the work that is finished there were no tunnels, it was all light grading.

Now they say all the appropriation has run out. On October 1st and 2nd they laid off 2000 men. The men were many of them Blackwell Lumber Co., where Organizer Rowan had to fight the boss last Spring. The bosses and their suckers seemed very tame; and the sentiment for organization is stronger than ever. In most of the camps there are members of the I. W. W. working.

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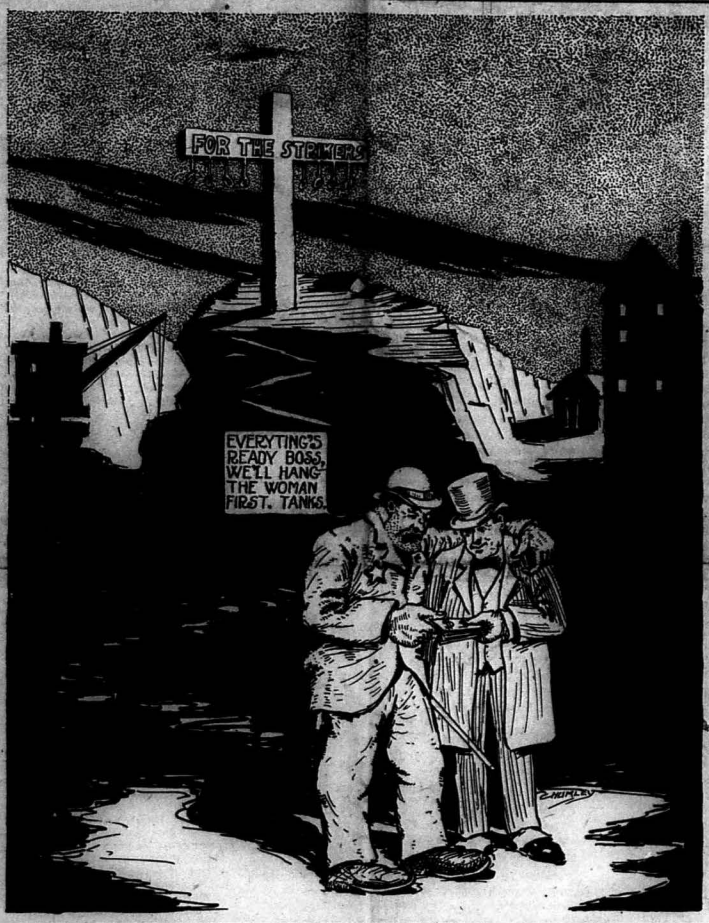
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BOSSSES TAME; WORKERS JOINING I. W. W.

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CLOSE SCHOOL TO GET HELP.

WENATCHEE, Wash.—The most of the farmers here are now paying the I. W. W. scale. They are paying \$3.00 a day, thank the Lord—I mean the wobblies.

High school was let out in order that the high school boys could take a part in the fruit picking, in competition with the migratory workers. The apples are ripening very slowly and the work will continue, from present indications, till the last of November.

Fellow Worker W. R. Brown, who is the stationary delegate here, reports that many new members are lining up here daily. One of the great needs is for more class-conscious workers who will go on the job and help in the work of education, agitation and organization.

—E. Hans Sietsoo

A NEW JEWISH PAMPHLET

The Industrial Worker is in receipt of "The I. W. W., its Principles and Methods," a pamphlet issued by the Yiddish I. W. W. Publishing Association at Brooklyn, N. Y. The editor has found it curious, arousing, owing to its limited education.

Others who have read it say it is a dandy and the Jewish workers responsible for it are entitled to praise from all the membership and a wide circle of Jewish readers for this new pamphlet, which although written in a language we cannot read, tells us a story of enterprise for which the I. W. W. movement is famous.

One thing lies between the worker and emancipation—ignorance.

ALL LOCALS SHOULD SEND DELEGATE.

The Tenth Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World will be held at Chicago, Illinois, Monday, November 20th, 1916. Convene at 9 a. m. in Masonic Hall, Bush Temple, Chicago Avenue entrance.

The Bush Temple is located on the corner of Clark Street and Chicago Avenue, conveniently situated—good rooming houses and hotels nearby.

Every union should send a delegate to this convention. Business of great importance for the future of the organization will come up for action. Necessary changes in the constitution will be made to conform with the demands of the growing industrial unions. Plans for organizing will be mapped out, a general review of two years' work of the organization will be made.

PROGRESS AT MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Greetings from the East to the West. In the I. W. W. they are one in the militant spirit of revolt.

The Gurley Flynn meetings have come and gone; and from a viewpoint of organization and finances to carry on the fight for our prisoners, they were a success.

Flynn went after the bosses with her usual vim, and we cleared over \$85, and lined up six new members.

REIGN OF TERROR AT EVERETT

Workers are Being Arrested; Lodged in Jail and Floated Out of Town; Citizens Start Boycott; Fight Still Continues.

The Reign of Terror, instituted by the drunken officialdom of Everett, since abetted by a number of businessmen who pursue their nefarious activities under the guise of a "Vigilante Committee," has abated somewhat in brutality. The determent consisted of a large number of Everett workers and citizens have influenced the vote-hungry band to mitigate their violence.

But free speech has not yet been won. Workers passing through Everett are promptly arrested and searched for cards. If they are found to be members of the I. W. W. they are floated out of town after a night in the city jail. If money is found upon them, they are forced to pay their fare out of the county; if they are broke, the county pays it or they have to hike. Let this be a hint to all workers passing thru the bloody city to be broke. The higher the expenses of the officers, the detestable tax-payers scream; and eventually they will realize that it is cheaper to allow us to organize in peace than to expend large sums of the taxpayers' money in an effort that anyway will prove fruitless in the end.

The hall is still open and the work of organization can go on apace. A new secretary is installed and is eager to welcome all logging camp, saw-mill and other slaves who desire to line up in the One Big Union.

A boycott of those business men who have participated in "Vigilante" outrages has been started by many citizens. This will help a little.

Kitty Given Toe Treatment.

But, we must by no means consider that this fight is won, or even half won. Free speech has not yet been secured; our hall may be closed and our secretary deported any moment. Until a complete victory is ours we cannot afford to relax our efforts one iota. New methods have been used in this fight, a rich and nourishing mess of cream has been provided for the kitties; also its claws have been well sharpened.

Both men and money are urgently needed by the free speech committee. This arbitrary jailing and deporting of I. W. W. members must stop. The I. W. W. is growing; it is entering the field of organization with a vigor and determination never before equaled. The work of organizing the workers of the lumber industry has been started and it must go on!

Everett is a strategic point for the organization of the Forest and Lumber Workers. Therefore, we must have free speech and full opportunity for organization in Everett.

The I. W. W. is many times larger than it was in the days of bygone fights. Yet, those fights were won. It should be a much easier task now to whip Everett. And Everett will be made to see that when we want free speech we usually get it!

This is an affair for the members of the I. W. W. Let them respond to the appeal with their wonted courage and enthusiasm, and the day will be ours.

All members passing through Seattle should report to the free speech committee. Funds should be sent to Free Speech Committee, Box 85, Nippoo Station, Seattle, Wn.

SAN PEDRO AGITATION.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—An extremely successful meeting was held at San Pedro under the auspices of the Los Angeles Local. This was the first of a series of meetings to be held there, as the longshoremen are extremely dissatisfied with the craft unions, which they hold responsible for the defeat of the longshoremen here through their division of the workers.

The speakers were T. B. Webber, who has recently arrived here, and J. T. Doran. Both the speakers were heard with the closest attention, and the facts which they set made their impression on the workers. Members of the I. W. W. who are longshoremen can do good work for the I. W. W. by going to San Pedro. —Jack Chervo.

The Domestic Workers' Industrial Union, I. W. W. Local 113, will give a masquerade ball, November 7th, at the Denver Dancing Academy, 1747 1/2 Arapahoe St. There are lots of delights coming this way. Tickets on sale at the girls' headquarters, 404 Charles Building.

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As a member of the I. W. W. I am always interested and anxious to hear of or see any organization that would be an improvement on our organization, as it means more power, and more power means more success.

HEARD BY THE TRAVELING DELEGATE.

Farmer to friend:—"Have you started yet?" Friend—"I intend to work tomorrow. Just came in town after men. Don't see many around here." Farmer—"All the hobses want four dollars a day."

DID HE SNIFF, SMOKE, OR SHOOT IT?

Has the reporter who used to take a shot in the arm and write the "Special Cables from the Front" for the fallen sisters of the press taken to writing the I. W. W. capitalist sheets...

PREAMBLE I. W. W.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

by the law of supply and demand. Does any man want to work for a living? If the demand for available labor goes down, does any man want to work for a living?

He said that the open shop precedent established at Everett, with the organization of a committee of deputized citizens, would vitiate the industrial life of the city. His speech was followed by a laudation of the business men of Everett for the success they had achieved in suppressing excessive labor agitation.

Under the head of suggestions he says, first: That "delegates to the A. W. O. at the general convention should put a motion to form a National Industrial Union of Agricultural Workers," which means that half of the membership of the A. W. O., as it is now, would have to transfer out, or there is over and go into recruiting locals, or else...

THE HIRED MAN. Mrs. Skimmick to visitor:—"Who have you working for this summer?" Visitor:—"Got no one now, had one man for a while but he's gone."

The Langum committee of "representative citizens" are sorely pressed for anti-Van Lear men. They have recently reached the Van Lear headquarters to the effect that, it was the intention of the Langum forces to march through the Van Lear parade in the morning, pulling Langum chestnuts out of the political fire by inducing the I. W. W. to march in a manner which would paralyze the efforts of intimidating business men who favor "Van Lear."

These conditions can be changed and the interests of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

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In the next suggestion he says that the N. I. U. of Agriculture should only pay \$5 per capita to the general organization. Fifteen cents is ample enough to take care of the organization, and they have all they can do to manage on that. It looks to me as though if the general headquarters only received 5 cents they would have to close up.

Harvest Hands—"Yes, how many men do you want?" Farmer—"Well, by heck, I don't know, tell the truth. I had a man last fall; though perhaps I might get another. Darn it, he was a good man. Best man I ever had on a team. Fall him \$40 a month for up and saw him raining he would feed his team; all the chores around the place; light the fire for the women folk; fill the wood box; and separate the milk. If breakfast was not done then, he would split some wood. And say, he only paid me an egg for breakfast. Never had a man like that before. Sorry I did not pay a man like that."

If the Langum committee of "leading citizens" have the idea lodged in their skulls that the I. W. W. organization is composed of amorphous and willless suckers, who are willing to lend themselves to any unwholesome bankers' organization, they are sadly mistaken.

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