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ORGANIZATION IS THE WORKERS ROAD, FROM MISERY TO POWER!

I. W. O. CONVENTION IS BIG SUCCESS

By E. W. LATCHEM

Kansas City, Mo., May 23.—The first annual conference of the Agricultural Workers Organization of the I. W. W. has passed into history. All differences were threshed out and the decks are cleared for the coming year against John Farmer, for more of the good things of life. The organization which little over a year ago saw its inception in Kansas City and which came back to Minneapolis last fall with four thousand new members, was this meeting full of the enthusiasm which presages victory.

It took four days of continuous work, and as before a live organization; the meeting was extremely live. No attempt was made to rush matters. Every member was given a voice in the organization as he will have voice on the job.

Some departures were made from I. W. W. customs. All collections are to be discontinued at street meetings, with the exception of collections for defense funds.

The A. W. O. goes into the harvest this year stronger than any previous organization of migratory workers in the history of the labor movement. Their demands are for 100 a day for ten hours work. All other demands are the same as for last year with the exception of the demand that all men be hired either at the I. W. W. halls or through the delegates on the job.

Last year the A. W. O. went into the Kansas harvest with 100 members, some of whom were not paid up, on the books; this year they will have nearly 1,500. Last year 100 members grew into four thousand paid up members; this year we cannot keep up this pro-rata; there will not be men enough; but a close shop and an open union in the harvest fields is practically assured.

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A strong organization committee consisting of fellow workers F. C. Hanley, A. B. Graham, J. R. Brown, A. Wilson and James Gilday who is chairman of the organization committee, was elected.

The big convention, with the appropriate singing of "We are coming home, John Farmer, we are coming back to stay" adorned to the harvest fields of the continent.

At a strike while as in progress, John A. Moffitt, who is unparalleled in labor and was by the authority of Mr. Moffitt (the old one) was in Alaska, the federal workers to present committee demands, a commission call statements before a commission were interrogated the right in the case. into Camps. that the federal organization, through the camp horse back riding mission to do a charged the commission threats for pace, with the commission a solidarity among the workers, both the workers in Alaska and the might in job power.

BUG HOUSE
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W. STRIKE

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LLARD.
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STRIKE CALLED OFF
 (Special telegram Industrial Worker):
 Porterville, Cal., May 25.—The strike in the magnesite mines of the Porterville and Lindsay districts has been called off.
 HERMAN KUBOW,
 Sec'y local No. 313, Br. 1.

IMPORTANT MEETING.
 Please notice Special meeting of Local 121, I. W. W., at 779 Folson St. Exceptionally important business. Don't fail to attend. Tuesday, May 30th, 1916, 8 p. m. 23 corner of Local.
 GEO. SPEDD, Fin. Secy.

"THE I. W. W. WILL DESTROY THE HOME"



From Medical Review of Reviews.

YES—HOMES LIKE THIS

The parasite hirelings of capitalism says the I. W. W. will destroy the home. We will destroy homes like this—homes in which the children starved before birth lead sunless, joyless, stunted lives, homes in which motherhood is desecrated and hopeless. That one palace of needless luxury, sensual lust, and degenerate idleness may exist, thousands of homes like this are the crime and curse of America. They are the ghastly commentary on the barbarism of our so-called civilization, more ruthless than any savagery.

Over homes like these, shutting out the sunlight of hope, is the grasping talon hands of capitalistic greed and oppression.

We say it is not necessary to feed the bodies of infants, the virtues of women and the life and blood of the toilers to the vultures of privilege.

Our aims are homes where love can grow and blossom in the fruitful soil of childish, carefree laughter, where womanhood can attain heights as yet undreamed and impossible under slavery, where man clear-eyed and unafraid, an unbound giant can climb to heights that we in the slavery of modern industry can not fully conceive.

G. N. SNOW SHEDS. INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS. APPEAL FOR ACTION.

G. N. SNOW SHEDS.
 Scenic, Wash.—At present there are six or seven camps between Scenic and Tye. Grant Smith & Co. and Five are the contractors. Some work has been let to station men. Six or eight hundred men are employed and more coming every day from Seattle and Spokane. Wages, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per day—10 hours. Only a few get the latter however, and they seem to be very strong in the back, and by the same token, very weak in the head—if you could only see them writhing those long sticks of steel's you'd think so too. The \$2.50 guys are getting independent, very few of them stay more than a week and quite a few quit before they commence. The reason for that is because it is a dangerous place to work and also the price changed for garbages (\$6.00 per week) has a lot to do with it. There is a lot of work to be done on this hill this summer and it must be finished before Embro. The name was changed by run my trains next winter, and if the stiffs resist they are not wise enough, the most of them only want to make 5 or 10 dollars and then they are going to hunt a good job. As it is said but it's so. I saw a man going down on the work train the other day wrapped up in bandages, I suppose he was hurt somewhere on this hill but I could not find out anything about it. What used to be known as Alvin Station's now called Embro. The name was changed because of a wreck last winter near there in which 10 or 15 passengers were killed. If the traveling public knew how dangerous this hill is, especially in the winter, very few of them would be killed—they could go some other way. At present there are about 150 cans of black powder stored in a snow shed near Corea station. Nervous people might think it would be dangerous to have so much powder so near the railroad track; but the G. N. evidently does not think so. I don't know who owns this powder, but Grant Smith is doing some work near there.

INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS.
 New York, May 22.—Speaking on industrial efficiency at the Economic Club dinner-tonight, Howard E. Coffin, mechanical engineer and member of the naval consulting board, declared that the way of the future will be won not by armies and navies, but by the industries back of them. Warfare, he said, would resolve itself into a question of the ability of every man, woman and child in the country. The fundamental principle of industrial preparedness, he said, is to bring the industries into play without delay in an emergency.

As an instance of industrial unpreparedness the speaker cited England, where, he declared, "there are millions of men who are drilling with dummy guns, not one man in ten of the reserve force having an up-to-date rifle, because American manufacturers are behind in supplying orders."

APPEAL FOR ACTION.
 The state of California is beginning to boom. This is the I. W. W. opportunity of getting on the job to educate the workers to the crying need of revolt against the outrageous conditions under which they toil. We must not forget Ford and Suhl the two fellow workers, who at Wheatland did what they could to teach the workers the benefit of class solidarity and the One Big Union. The great task they took for, for us, we will have to continue. Prison for life was the verdict of the bosses' courts for both these fellow workers simply because they tried to raise the wages and abolish the damnable conditions in the hop fields of California.

We must have solidarity in our ranks to carry on the work they have so well starred. Let us through organization on the job and sabotage fight without compromise or retreat and the doors of the prison will be opened by the power of the working class for Ford and Suhl. Let us get into the hop territories and fight fighting blood in our veins and through job action avenge and organize to change the conditions. The bosses gold is covered with the blood of women and children. The workers get agony and death, the masters get the product of our labor and he who rebels has all the power of the courts against him. But the workers can through organization abolish these conditions and replace them with emancipation and industrial democracy.

This is our task. Let's get busy!
 Oakland, May 21,
 JACK CERRO.

U. D. W. AFTER RAISE.
 The United Dock Workers, an independent organization doing the trucking on the Seattle water front, have demanded more wages. They have been getting 50c an hour while the men working on the ships, belonging to the I. L. A. have been paid 50c an hour. The dock workers now want the same wages as the members of the I. L. A. for regular hours and a little better scale than the I. L. A. for overtime. The big difficulty is the old difficulty with all craft unions. The workers are organized for separation, not unionism. It is doubtful what the results will be till the workers organize together as they work together, that is in the I. W. W.

TWO DANGEROUS INSTITUTIONS.
 "I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies; and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.—Thomas Jefferson.

LUMBER INDUSTRY AND THE MACHINE

By EARL OSBORNE

The Lumber Industry is the Basic Industry of the States of Washington, Oregon and California. It is not so many years ago that this industry was practically a hand industry. But in recent years the Machine has come into being, and the old-fashioned production has gone to make way for the more up-to-date forms of production. The old Bull and Horse teams, that would at in from ten to twenty thousand feet of logs a day, have given way to the Donkey Engine, which will put in from seventy-five to one hundred thousand feet a day. Even the Donkey is giving way to the Steam Slicer, better known as the "Flying Machine," which will double the out-put of the Donkey. The old-fashioned Saw Mill, with its rotary or circular saw, dead rollers and out-of-date way of handling lumber, has practically gone out of existence, being replaced by the modern mill, with its steam saw, shot gun feed, stream nigger, live rollers and re-saw. The saw mill of a few years ago put out nothing but rough lumber, making it necessary for the carpenter to have a host of tools to build a house; today a man with the modern mill, with its steam saw and hand axe. When the lumber leaves the mill today, it is ready to be nailed up, window-sashes, doors, siding, etc., being finished by the machine.

What does all this mean? It means simply this, improved machinery, produces more lumber at a less cost. For instance, fifteen years ago, a fine Horse Donkey, with a crew of twenty-five men, would put in at least one hundred and twenty-five thousand feet, here is a displacement of one hundred men. The saw mills have installed labor-saving machinery to an even greater extent, they have gone out-side the industry, in their employment of labor, in fact the saw mills have done away with the Steam Slicer. You can get a complete dwelling house by parcel post now.

What of the worker? The workers built the machine, and in using it have perceived its faults, and have eliminated them, until the machine has reached its present high state of development, arriving at a stage where the man is displaced at least one-half the workers in the industry. What are we going to do about it? What does every body of men do when they want to promote their common interests?

What did the Boss loggers do when they wanted to maintain the price of lumber. Organize—Organize All Together—Organize that in every industry the workers can control the job, cut down the hours of labor, (Continued on page 4.)

BISBEE NEWS.

Bisbee, Arizona, May 21st.—The history of the Western Federation of Miners has been a history of lost strikes. But when it comes to teaching workers the need of the One Big Union the I. W. W. they have surely been a success. Repeatedly we have been able to show them as a tool of the mine owners to hold down the education and organization that would win for the workers. Looking back over their past defeats comes to Grapple Creek, Tullerite, Victor, Murray and Coeur d'Alene. We see them losing at Lead, South Dakota, Calumet, Michigan, Butte, Montana, and at Montgomery and Clifton. Here at Bisbee they lost out on account of the mine owners getting control of the few able speakers the union lacked. Fossilized tactics do not win modern strikes. The worker will have to get a modern organization weapon, such as the I. W. W. method and all quit at once, or use sabotage on the job to such an extent that no profit can possibly be made by the masters.

Last night Cleary, a lawyer, spoke here. All through his talk it was evident that he was studiously avoiding anything that would mean the education of the workers along class lines.

They are fighting the I. W. W. here, but in the end we will win. The members of the W. F. M. here are almost all of the "Let George do it" kind and they are being efficiently done by their self-appointed leaders.

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The I. W. W. is wide enough to make room for every workingman and so narrow there is not within it room for any parasites or grafters.

The working man who is satisfied with his condition, is satisfied simply because he does not see his condition of slavery in the light of what he can, through organization, become.

Any type of unionism which the paid prostitutes of the capitalist press will boost is a good union—for the boss. Any union which the capitalist class will attack is always a good union for the worker.

In Mexico, according to the capitalist papers, there is some hunger because there is not enough food to eat. On this side of the line there is far more hunger because the warehouses are filled with foodstuffs. Which method is the more insane?

Today the workers are running the industries of the world. Because they are organized by the masters on the basis of slavery; they give the vast value of that labor to their masters. Organized on a basis of slavery by the masters thousands, through ignorance refuse to organize on a basis of industrial freedom in the I. W. W.

Man has certain inalienable rights under capitalism including the right to work, when they will let him, to be robbed while he works, and to starve when he cannot get work. Actually man has no natural or inalienable rights except those which he has through organization the power to demand.

Liberty and power are identical. The first has never been achieved except through the use of the second. Our aim is an unshackled working class as wide as humanity. We know that we want and are through organization marshalling the working class to attain our aims.

A professor who has been studying the Monkey for years in a very technical and very dry book says that the mental processes of the monkey are like those of man. Judging from the manner in which some workers act, this statement should be changed. The mental processes of some workers are like those of the monkey. Others have no mental processes.

SHAME.

A San Francisco press clipping, which we have gone to an amount of trouble to verify, says:

"More labor trouble for the Union Iron Works here developed today when several hundred unorganized laborers quit their work after raises had been refused them. Committees of the strikers asserted that several thousand workers were out, but union leaders said that all union men were at work."

Dark is the picture the craft unionists paint when delineating the treason to labor of the scab. They but tell the truth. But darker and more degenerate is the man who claiming union principles, with a union card in his pocket scabs on the unorganized as they are doing at the Union Iron Works. These so-called union workers are bound hand and foot by their leaders, either for master class gold or from an idiotic more criminal, in the shackles of time contracts and craft autonomy.

The union leader who can complacently say that all union men are on the job, while the unorganized in the same plant eye on strike, has reached a depth of working-class treason and degeneracy which the unorganized scab can never attain. In comparison with leaders of this stamp, the national guard of Colorado, their hands red with the blood of the women of Ludlow were gentlemen and John D. Rockefeller junior, a friend of the working class. One can admire the capitalists who murder the workers in comparison with some of their putrid tools, paid by the workers, but to mislead and betray.

Believing with Tolstoy, that "the rich will do everything for the poor except to get off their backs." I believe that the

workers of America (who, in an unconscionable economic anomaly, include the poor of America) should shake the rich off their backs. I hold Labor responsible for its exploitation by the rich and powerful. I hold that only through the collective action of the toilers and producers in field and factory can the United States attain that right social and industrial condition wherein those who earn shall have. To hasten the coming of that right condition is the pressing duty of civilization; and Labor will have to perform that great duty.—Frank P. Walsh.

OUR SONGS.

The A. F. of L. with its over two million members has no songs, no great poetry and prose. The I. W. W. has an vast wealth of both, rising out of the toil and anguish of the disinherited. Only those who feel strongly and greatly break into song. Music is created deep in the very essence of things, and if really great can not belong to the shallow or the conventional.

Only great movements marking turning points in the history of humanity have produced great songs, appealing to the masses because they voice the inarticulate feelings and aspirations of the masses.

The Marseillaise—Itself a revolution—rose in the hearts of the oppressed of France goaded to revolt by the centuries of feudal oppression. It was the voice of the people thundering its discontent and disenchantment. The Marseillaise was not so much the voice of De Lisle as the voice of the France of '89, a France in revolt, as today Joe Hill's songs are the expression of the thoughts of our class, and our age moving irresistibly forward to a new era in the history of man.

The songs of our murdered fellow worker, shot into immortality by the prostitution of law in Utah, is the expression of the fighting, struggling thoughts and yes emotions—for poetry is in its very essence emotional—of the robbed proletarians of the 20th Century.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE UNORGANIZED.

Psychology has been loosely defined as the science of mental processes, and is, judging from the differences of opinion as to definition, as scientific as the economics used by college professors, wearing a muzzle that the truth may not be known, as they fear the students might learn to think.

We remember a college professor who, speaking in an I. W. W. hall, defined psychology as the science of the soul. A pesky wobbler who did not know that, to be really civilized, one had to accept without question certain facts, whether they are facts or not, asked: "Professor, what the deuce is the definition of soul?" The meeting closed with a bang like a North Dakota separator.

Accepting the first definition, however, we are driven to the conclusion that the member of the unorganized who develops mental processes does not long stay in the ranks of the unorganized.

Thought, logic, or philosophy is valueless unless they lead to action; but when the unorganized man begins to think the same economic factors, which cause thought, also drives him to action.

From one angle our movement is merely the greatest effort in the history of the world to develop a psychology, mental process—not a soul—in the unorganized. It is but an inevitable step from thought to the realization of his condition by the worker, and another to the red card of the I. W. W.

Ignorance is our greatest enemy as thought is our greatest ally.

THE I. W. W.—THE MILITARISM OF LABOR.

Preparedness is according to the lackey sheets of Capitalism the issue of the hour. Thanks to the loot and mismanagement of officials, the rapacity of small politicians and big business the army and navy is in poor shape. Every statement they make is an indictment of the efficiency of capitalism.

The issue can be fairly expressed, shorn of all bunk, in the statement—Small army, small loot—big army, big loot.

The bigger the army the better for the boss. Outside of the emense profits it affords them a chance to parade. Preparedness parades are now for the sleek, well-fed, pussy members of Commercial clubs. When the battle drums are heard, preparedness parades immediately change appearance. They become parades of workers, slaves to be fed to the slaughter-mills of capitalist greed.

For the boss, holding his power through, outrage and robbery, preparedness is common sense. For the worker it is damphool sophistry, ignorance and suicide. The boss peddles all the patriotism and the worker does all the dying. To the Militarism of Capitalism the workers has an answer, the Militarism of Labor—Revolution Industrial Unionism, with the tools of toil as weapons.

Napoleon said an army moves on its stomach, and once even partially organized, the Industrial militia of labor could give the army of capitalism a fatal stomach ache. A short time ago the miners of England, through their job power coerced the mother of parliaments, through the fact that coal is in modern battle as important as cannon. At Anchorage, Alaska, as printed in the last issue of the Worker, the workers used "Direct action" and through job power "regarded by Washington as the last straw" made their demands effective.

These are but portents of the supreme power of the awakened working class of the future, answering the might of employing class militarism in terms of job power, with the industrial militancy of Labor. The job where the worker has been robbed and murdered is the future weapon in the battle against all manifestations of capitalistic might and oppression. Once organized in the industrial field, class interest and class solidarity will be the efficient and sufficient answer to militarism and all other results of capitalism that can be destroyed only with the economic causes that produce them.

MICHAEL SHEA OF THE A. W. O.

BY RICHARD BRAZIER.

(Tune: "Dublin Bay")

Michael Shea he beat his way to the harvest fields last year, After he arrived he felt a fear he'd been handed a bum steer, When sowing in the breeding sun till it had sown the seed, Michael he began to think, and think damned hard, you bet. He said, "I've worked now sixteen hours, without a rest or stop And now John Farmer tells me 'in his straw-pile I must flop."

CHORUS:

Good night! I'm on my way, for working night and day Deserves some extra pay, For oh! I know these long hours, so weary are to me John Farmer I will see And now I'm busting 'bout doubling pay.

A "Wobbly" delegate out there said, "Mike, before you go, One thing you ought to know, we have the A. W. O., Instead of fighting this alone, just take this little bunch, Join the One Big Union, and we'll all go in a bunch, And make a play, for double pay, and a shorter working day And if John Farmer don't come thru, this is what we'll say."

CHORUS:

Good day! we need more pay, a shorter working day Or else your crops will lay, In the fields and rot away, the Sab-cat it will take a stroll, In your bank-roll eat a hole, So you'd better quit troubling 'bout our pay.

Michael said, "That's just the dope that brings me hope and cheer, You boys men have no fear, I'm going to join right here," Make me out a card right now, without delay, he said, I'm glad to line up with you, I'm proud to be a "Red," Now, Michael he's a delegate and knows the sab-cat well, And when he's lining up the slaves, you'll hear Michael yell.

CHORUS:

Oh! boys, you'd better all stay and fight for lots more pay, And a shorter working day, For oh! I know the A. W. O. is the Union for you; So workin' men, come thru, Then we'll have no trouble in doubling our pay.

SERVANTS AND MASTERS

By L. S. CHUMLEY.

The American, "middle class" and the "newly rich" are the most tyrannical and cruel of all masters of servants. These would-be-aristocrats, who have accumulated some wealth from child labor, embalmed beef, patent medicine, adulterated food, sweat shops, houses of prostitution, political graft, etc., most of whom are only a short distance from the pick and shovel, the wash-tub, now talk of "our ancestry," "culture," and "our social standing."

These snobs are the self elected pillars of society, they are the patriotic upholders of the present institutions of "property rights" and wage slavery. They indignantly deny that there are classes here in America. They bluster and blubber about equality and freedom, in their talk, but in practice, well that is different.

Just as soon as they get enough money to buy a Ford and hire a servant, they assume the posture of a feudal aristocrat. They tell their servants in words and actions, that "we are masters, you are servants," and that "masters are noble, servants are common." They make it plain that you were created inferior, and it is "God's will" that you remain ignorant, if educated you would be dissatisfied, you would seek to be a man, not a menial. They tell you that it is your duty to be servile and obedient, to do the personal tasks of another, to submit to the brutal and vulgar insults of your masters, and smile at the insolence of the master's children.

Servants, your place in life is an undesirable one, you are the disinherited of humanity, despised and degraded, spat upon by your masters and sneered at and rejected by the wealth producing workers.

Servility, meekness, and obedience are the qualities of character demanded of servants. And who will say that these qualities are admirable? "Obedience is characteristic of the herd. Disobedience is the stamp of the hero. Humbleness is a crime in a man, though it may be virtue in a woman." Servants, if you would, command the respect of the workers of the world, then cease to be servile and obedient, and prove by the spirit of revolt, that the last spark of manhood has not been smothered in your miserable soul.

We would abolish menial labor, though not by attempting to convince the masters that it is unjust that one part of the human family should forfeit everything that is worth while in life, in order that another part may have more than its share. Oh no. But we would impress servants with the ignominy of their degraded position. We would arouse servants to rebel against their arrogant oppressors, the parasitic ruling class, who keep them in vassalage. We would make servants so discontented with their low mode of life, that it would be dangerous for any master to have them around.

The spirit of revolt must be aroused. Remember, don't plead. Take, don't beg. Remember what Oscar Wilde said about begging. "As for begging, it is safer to beg than to take, but it is finer to take than to beg."

You must help yourselves. To expect sympathy from your master is like trying to get milk from the withered breast of a mummified pig. Your master is your enemy as you must be treated as such. He will only concede to you that which you are able, by organization, to take and hold.

Developments in the past few months give us hope that the revolt of the servants is approaching a national aspect. A few more rebels like Jane Street and we will have an organization that will cause the masters to shake in their boots.

BRAIN FURNITURE

"Man is the only animal which devours his own kind; for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor."—Thomas Jefferson.

"The earth belongs by right of use to the living; the dead have neither powers nor rights over it. No society can make a perpetual constitution, or even a perpetual law."—Thomas Jefferson.

A floating laborer without an I. W. W. card and some knowledge of Industrial Unionism is as useful to the working class as an actress without eyes to a movie picture firm. They are both blind.—William Tyson.

England has sown the wind of extortion and privilege and injustice and it is according to prespachates, reaping the whirlwind of dissatisfaction and revolution. No people worthy of liberty can be satisfied with tyranny and slavery.

A Washington Press despatch says the Oil Land Leasing Bill will be given precedence over the Child Labor Bill by the Senate. Certainly naturally, property is of far more value than human beings.

The Press are reporting that the Dutch are asking Wilson to stop the war. "Don't do it," Wilson you will get in Dutch with the Mission Trust. The Europe, be deluged with blood, American capitalism must be served.

WORKERS AWAKEN.

"Rise, like lions after slumber, In unquenchable number! Shake your chains to earth like dew Which in sleep has fallen on you! Ye are many, they are few."

And these words shall then become, Like oppressions tangled doom, Ringing through each heart and brain, Heard again, again, again!

SHELLEY.

THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY.

Where Liberty rises, there virtue grows, wealth increases, knowledge expands, invention multiplies human powers, and its strength and spirit the freer nation rises among her neighbors as Saul amid his brethren taller and fairer. Where Liberty sinks, there virtue fades, wealth diminishes, knowledge is forgotten, invention ceases, and empires once mighty in arms and art becomes a helpless prey to fiercer barbarians. Only in broken gleams and partial light has the sun of liberty yet beamed upon men, but all progress hath she called forth. Shall we not progress hath she called forth. Shall we not progress?

The Worker is fine. It is just what we needed.—George Legrand.

Will Jack Beaton please write to the Industrial Worker. Will learn something of its advantage.

The following mail is at headquarters, 155 E. First St., Salt Lake: Matt K. Fox, Geo. Christenson, W. J. Siegel, H. Swinsky, W. Wilson, Joe Dunn, Ernest Green, W. Atiles, J. Siegel—J. Wilson, sec'y No. 69.

The new Industrial Worker looks good to me. The short pointed articles are just the thing.—M. B. Butler.

Your paper is rotten. It hurts my business. The statements you make about me are not true. I can prove they are not by a Sunday school superintendent right here in New York.—J. D. Rottenfeiler.

WE ARE BULLDOG THE SMOG OF A NEW SOCIETY!

LABOR SPY MAKES CONFESSION

Fort Bragg, Cal., May 22nd.—P. C. Storm, a short heavy set, dark-complexioned individual, who claimed to be a member of Local 173 in San Francisco, a few days ago confessed to us that he was a detective working for the Janson Detective Agency with offices in the Mechanic's Building in San Francisco. He showed us one letter in which he is instructed to watch fellow worker Picinini and stating when fellow worker Panzer would arrive in Fort Bragg. He wrote them that he wished to resign as soon as possible and their answer was that they wanted him to stay until June 1st, as John Panzer would be in town for a few days and would create a stir.

He admits changing the agency with \$25.00 for an I. W. W. card and said that he sent the money in to fellow-worker Meyers in Seattle and it was returned. He did not think it good policy to join in Eureka.

When he first got to the job—if anything so low could be called a job—he was instructed to go to Eureka and get a line on John Panzer. He then visited Seattle and Willits and came on to Fort Bragg.

He offered to help us organize but, being suspicious, we told him we did not intend to do any organizing, just a little propaganda work.

The next development was that as the result of his efforts Picinini was discharged from a job he had in a store owned by a so-called syndicate.

Sympathetic Organization.
In line with the efforts of the Union Lumber Company here it is impossible, at present, to rent a hall, with the exception of that owned by the socialist party, Finnish branch.

The men in the saw mills here are discontented with the high-handed action of the mill owners and the unfair division of profit, where there should be no division, and a very few I. W. W. members on the job here would be able to pull a strike for better conditions.

The head office of the Union Lumber Company is in the Crocker Building in San Francisco, and they are shipping men here no fee and free fare. Strike leaders should come up here and get on the job. The Union Lumber Company will pay your way. (Signed)

John Panzer, M. Picinini, G. Bertini, Press Committee

There is no Meyers connected with the I. W. W. in Seattle. The detective, used to manufacture evidence, manufactured also the name of Meyers. The lie would probably have gone in a capitalist court, but not in the court of the working class and our members as judge and jury.—Editor.

INTERNATIONAL FALLS NOTES.
International Falls, Minn.
A scarcity of labor reported from here a short while ago, does not seem so much in evidence now. The International Lumber Co.'s big saw mill has started up for the season, and will probably run till the freeze-up in the early winter. In this mill there seems to be no set schedule of wages paid the workers, as the I. W. W. literature and the Company pays just what it has to; and that appears to be mighty little all things considered.

With their power properly developed, the saw mill slaves could change this civilized serfdom. As yet the message of the *One Big Union* has not fully penetrated their minds, but the circulation of I. W. W. literature and the persistent agitation of the few rebels here will in time bear good fruit.

The wages paid in this saw-mill are, for sweepers and slaters \$1.75 for a ten hour day, lumber piers 16c a thousand feet (contract work), teamsters get \$2.50 a day for green lumber amounting to 100 workers on the boom draw \$225, sawyers \$8.00 and carriage setters \$3.50. Much dissatisfaction is shown by some of the workers at these wages, but a good many of them illustrate the truth of the statement that "As the ass is grateful to his master for the fodder placed in his manger, so the timberworker is grateful to the boss for his job." The I. W. W. should take a strong foot-hold here directly its work is clearly understood, as this is a capitalist-ridden town and the effective form of organization along industrial lines is the only channel through which any relief will come to the workers.

HARRY M. K.

THE BOY WAS WISE
A youngster complaining of there being too many children at his home for the amount of food there was, was overheard by a sanctimonious parasite.
"My dear boy"—said the capitalist—"the Lord never sent even a mouse into this world without the bread to feed it."
"Yes"—replied the bright youngster—"The only trouble is that all the mice come to our house and the bread to yours."

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION REPORT

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL STORE CENTRE

Regarding concentration of wealth the Industrial Commission's report says:

"The ownership of wealth in the United States has become concentrated to a degree which is difficult to grasp. The recently published researches of a statistician of conservation views have shown that as nearly as can be estimated, the distribution of wealth in the United States is as follows: The 'rich,' 2 per cent. of the people, own 70 per cent. of the wealth.

The 'middle class,' 33 per cent. of the people, own 35 per cent. of the wealth.

The 'poor,' 65 per cent. of the people, own 5 per cent. of the wealth.

This means in brief that a little less than two million people, who would make up a city smaller than Chicago, own 20 per cent. more of the nation's wealth than all the other millions."

"Labor is the father and the earth is the mother of wealth," says Wm. Petty. Yes, and labor, by working upon the material of nature, and changing the form of matter, produce wealth in abundance and quality undreamed of in ages gone. That which we know about producing wealth has been learned by the slow and painful processes of experience.

Our modern skilled trades, so-called, are simply 'the tricks of the trade, learned by experience, and handed down from one generation to another to the present day.' Yet, under the prevailing system of doing things, 'The excesses fruit of all the ages turns to ashes on the lips of men.' An idle, worthless class are 'rolling in wealth,' while millions of those who produced it, all in poverty and misery, bow down by labor and deformed by want, are going down to their graves without ever having really lived.

Tricks of the Trade to be Changed.
All of the unnecessary misery! Damn such a system! It is infamous, and certainly ought not to be supported by any member of the working class.

But, say the pliers who are afraid of a name, the suckers who will stand for anything and line up in anything but the real movement of the workers for life and freedom: "It can't be helped." The hell it can't! Read the following from the report:

"The figures show that with a reasonably

equitable division of wealth, the entire population should occupy a position of comfort and security which we characterize as middle class."

The report goes on to show that the figures quoted do not really tell the whole story. It says:

"The actual concentration has, however, been carried very much further than these figures indicate. The largest private fortune in the United States, estimated at one billion dollars, is equivalent to the aggregate wealth of 2,500,000 of those who are classed as 'poor,' who are shown in the studies cited to own on the average about \$400 each.

Many people are horrified when they hear some agitator refer to our so-called "better citizens" as a gang of parasites. They really think it is terrible and ought not to be allowed. Such people should find the following paragraph from the report very interesting:

"From top to bottom of society, however, in all grades of incomes, are an innumerable number of parasites of every conceivable type. They perform no useful service, but drain off from the income of the producers a sum whose total is hard to estimate."

Kings of America.
The report points out that we have kings and an hereditary aristocracy in America; it says:

Besides the economic significance of these great inequalities of wealth and income, there is a social aspect which equally merits the attention of Congress. It has been shown that the great fortunes of those who have profited by the enormous expansion of American industry have already passed, or will pass in a few years, by right of inheritance to the control of heirs or to trustees who are not "kings of America."

They are frequently styled by our newspapers "monarchs of industry" and indeed occupy within our republic a position almost exactly analogous to that of feudal lords.

These heirs, owners only of the virtue of the accident of birth, control the livelihood and have the power to dictate the happiness of more human beings than populated England in the middle ages.

Don't Follow Business Themselves.
"The king can do no wrong," not only because he is above the law, but because every

function is performed or responsibility assumed by his ministers and agents. Similarly our Rockefeller, Morgans, Fricks, Vanderbilts and Astors can do no industrial wrong, because all effective action and direct responsibility is shifted from them to the executive officials who manage American industry. As a basis for this conclusion we have the testimony of many, among which, however, the following statements stand out most clearly:

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.:

"... Those of us who are in charge elect the ablest and most upright and competent men whom we can find, in so far as our interests give us the opportunity to select to have the responsibility for the conduct of the business in which we are interested as investors. We can not pretend to follow the business ourselves."

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan.
Chairman Walsh. "In your opinion, to what extent are the directors of corporations responsible for the labor conditions existing in the industries in which they are the directing power?"

Mr. Morgan. "Not at all I should say."

The report shows how these kings are unted and back up each other, it says:

"The families of these industrial princes are already well established and are knit together not by commercial alliances but by a network of intermarriages which assures harmonious action whenever their common interest is threatened.

Effective action by Congress is required, therefore, not only to readjust on a basis of compensation approximating the service of the industry by the central alliances but in the distribution of wealth and income, but to check the growth of a hereditary aristocracy foreign to every conception of American government and menacing to the welfare of the people and the existence of the nation as a democracy."

Fellow workers, we will have more to say on this point later, but at this time we will simply quote again the following from the introduction to this report:

"Political freedom can exist only where there is industrial freedom; political democracy only where there is industrial democracy."

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THE LUMBER WORKERS.
in the One Big Union.

The aim of the Industrial Union is to enroll all the workers into *One Big Union*, so abolish the army of unemployed, and so take away from the boss the biggest club he now holds over the workers, for every unemployed and starving worker is a competitor for the job you are getting from the boss.

Remember, as long as you leave any class of workers out of your Organization, the boss can fire you and step over to the unorganized army of workers and hire a scab, as you call them (and the boss don't care whether the scab is red, white or yellow). The oil mill is running as glibly as when you thought that the boss was identified with that of the boss, and you thought that you owned the job held, instead of only renting it, until the boss found another sucker willing to pay more rent for it—that is, work for lower wages.

Craft unionism is good only for the bosses and divided workers. On the other hand industrial unionism, which is the unification of labor, is the greatest weapon at the command of the world's toilers today—it gets the goods, that is why the bosses hate it.

"What are you going to do about it, Mr. 'Lumber Worker'?" It's up to you, its your move next. Shall we lumber workers be different, or shall we center our attention upon our class interests? Something must be done. Much can be accomplished through united action. If you, who read this, will go out today and organize the job on which you are working the day of relief will be nearer, and the *One Big Union*, and the organization means power, and is it only by power that freedom can be gained. This power I speak of is the power of class organization, class education, class action, class discipline—the working class united into great industrial unions, and all these unions welded into *One Big Union*, and all standing by each other in all things, and at all times, and everywhere, and all working as one to establish the great Industrial Democracy of the workers.

REMEMBER THE MONSTER CONVENTION OF THE LUMBERWORKERS OF THE PACIFIC COAST TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE, JULY 4th. BOOST, AGITATE FOR THIS CONVENTION. IT MEANS BETTER WAGES AND CONDITIONS—FOR YOU.

Jos. Cannon, member local No. 380, Tacoma, Wash., was killed by a G. N. train, near Leavenworth, Wash., April 19th. Relatives address unknown. Send any information concerning him or relatives to A. Jay Templeton, corner, South Mission St., W. e. matches, Wash., or to secretary Seattle local.

DAMNING FACTS.

The radicals of the world have been making certain charges against the management of industry in the United States. These statements are proved by a wonderful mass of evidence in the report of the Industrial Relations Commission. The nails that we have been driving into the coffin of the capitalist system of doing things, this report is a nail. No indictment against the capitalist and greed of the master class and their murder and loot has ever been made by a member of the I. W. W. more emphatic than the findings of this commission.

The report is through the education it gives the worker the greatest message to the present system that has ever been printed since the parable of the I. W. W. The industrial autocrats of the United States realize its menace and also none can be received from the government printing office.

The People's college, Fort Scott, Kansas, has saved for the worker the invaluable findings of the commission. Their vest pocket edition of the Report, is an arsenal of facts, a mine of facts the kings of industry, sitting on a throne of gold, in an ocean of blood, do not want you to know.

Who looks the industrial autocrats in the face of the witnesses and public hearings; the recommendations of the Commission; the causes of industrial unrest; the condition of the workers—both in industry and agriculture—it contains facts, figures and statistics; a study of employment; the graft in public utilities; irresponsible corporations; an account of how legislatures and courts are controlled by corporations; labor unions; violence and labor; Carnegie and Rockefeller foundations; prison labor; immigration; and a complete history of Rockefeller and the Colorado war.

They can be obtained through the I. W. W. Publishing Bureau, 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, or the People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas, or at any local of the I. W. W. Single copies, 10c. 100 for \$4.00.

FRESNO JOB NEWS.

Fresno, Cal., May 24th.—Was a plentiful amount about Fresno at the present time. A pipe line is under construction near Goshen Junction. Wages are \$2.50 for railroad work, and for haying \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day and board. At Crane Valley miners are paid \$3.75 and muckers \$3.00. The big Hetching project is paying \$3.00 for eight hours. The last mentioned is in need of men who can agitate and organize to improve conditions. Let us get together and build up an organization in this state that will be the means of freeing Ford and Sahr. Members go on any of these jobs can get camp delegates credited from local No. 160. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and we can get results that will surprise ourselves. PETER MACAVOY.

Somewhere among the truck that Jack London has written the statement that Chicago will be the born center of the social revolution in America. Our literary comrade derives his very visions through a general deduction of the "Philosophy of Misery."

Yet at the present time no locality within the labor movement is as deserving of this title as the city of Chicago.

Almost every hour of the day calls are being made for organizers to meet the frenzied demands of striking workers. The workers seem suddenly to have awakened to class consciousness and a sense of their master's growing wealth since war makes for the prices and the capitalist frankenstein manifest itself in war wages and shorter hours.

What a golden key this business is to open the door of labor's wrongs and lead us to freedom.

For the first time in Chicago's Rialto and restaurant life the transportation industry messenger string of lunch rooms answered the call of more wages and better conditions and went on strike, at 7 a. m., May 10th. The inevitable stools informed the boss that the strike was to occur at noon.

The unemployed were not scab, but the A. F. of L. was the first scab in its history, as usual, not that there the A. F. of L. had poor success.

Some of the railroad workers, tired of division and dissension, one part of the workers fighting the other, are tending in Chicago for delegates and organizers. Local 600 organized in the same manner as the A. F. of L. with its branches, will embrace all workers in the transportation industry in One Big Union of railroad workers.

1,000 expressmen, employed by various companies, are out on strike and so far have turned a cold shoulder to the A. F. of L. organizers. They refuse to be led in the usual way to the usual slaughter.

Everything here looks great for the I. W. W. This is our year.

LOUIS MELLIS.

WORTH-WHILE LECTURE.

Next Sunday evening at 8 p. m., at the I. W. W. Hall, 208 1/2 2nd Avenue South, Seattle, James P. Thompson will lecture on Economic Determinism. This is fellow worker Thompson's greatest lecture, and those who have heard J. P. Thompson know this means that it is going to be as logical, clear and humorous a statement of the principles of industrial unionism as has ever been delivered on any platform, at any time. In his analogies and comparisons, Thompson is unusually strong. He will criticize the sophistry of capitalism with sarcasm and laughter reinforcing an invincible logic. This meeting will be free to all members of the working class. The Worker is arranged for a stenographic report that we may be able in part to give it to our audience, too large, were it otherwise possible, to find seating room in any hall in America.

COMMON SENSE

A beggar stopped an English waiter and whined out a request for a penny to buy a cup of tea.
The waiter, hoping to shame the abject and bodied scoundrel, said sternly: "Could you do anything with a bayonet, my man?"
"I could fry a rasher of bacon on it, sir," the beggar answered.—Washington Star.

SPEED ARRESTED AND RELEASED

While holding a meeting at the corner of Post and Fillmore sts., on Friday evening the 15th, secretary George Speed of Local 173, San Francisco, was arrested on a charge of refusing to move on. This occurred after fellow worker Speed had been instructed by the police to refrain from holding a meeting on that corner. Fellow worker Speed was released on bail after spending about an hour in a cell.

On Saturday morning fellow worker Speed received a thirty-day suspended sentence. The Chief of Police was informed of our intention of holding future meetings on the corner disputed and gave us the assurance that we would not be interfered with again.

On Saturday evening we held a most successful meeting at the same location. Fellow workers Speed and Weir delivered able talks of Industrial Unionism before over five hundred people and over one hundred pieces of literature were disposed of.

Most of the members of this local have proceeded to the Porterville and Eureka districts to support the efforts of the *One Big Union* in these localities.

PRESS COMMITTEE