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IRON RANGE STRIKE CALLED OFF: NOT LOST

EVERETT CITIZENS AGAINST VIGILANTES

The mob of hoodlums who have been terrorizing the city of Everett, headed by a drunken sheriff, have let up, at least for the time being, on their tactics. Perhaps this is owing to a scarcity of boot-legged whiskey and a consequent sobering of the thug-and-dictator, Sheriff Macrae.

On Monday all the members of the I. W. W. who have been held and beaten up by the vigilantes and sheriff, were released. These workers tell stories of Russianized methods and high-handed lawlessness by the tools of the Commercial Club and mill owners. The workers, while in jail, were fed on bread and water and beaten with, and without work, while under the supposed protection of the state.

The sheriff, fearing punishment, tried to make a "good fellow" of himself, to the men he had beaten and ordered beaten. He admitted he was carrying out the orders of the citizens. He said that he was going to be a foreman in one of the mills, and that he would, when he got the job, give work to the members of the I. W. W. The workers told him that there was no work so low in the I. W. W. as to work in the same mill with him, except with a special purpose.

The change of front by the officers, who still say that free speech will not be permitted, was due to the actions of the citizens of Everett and sabotage by the I. W. W. members, according to some of the Everett papers.

On Wednesday, the citizens met at the Labor Temple in Everett and censured the sheriff as an inhuman tool of the masters of Everett. A committee of two hundred was organized and a meeting arranged, with the citizens, in the absence of law, determined to take the law out of the hands of the drunken sheriff, and protect the workers in their right to free speech and organization. Hand bills were printed, calling for the cooperation of the workers, and for a mass meeting to be held in the public park on Friday night. That evening, between ten and fifteen thousand citizens determined to resist the vigilantes, met as an expression of their contempt for the sheriff and vigilantes. The sentiment was with the I. W. W. and the actions of the police force and other illegal gunmen and hoodlums was scathingly condemned.

Preparations had been made for a big meeting, but the demonstration was beyond all expectations. Some of the citizens, who had been clubbed by the vigilantes, gave their stories. The speakers were T. B. Webber, of the I. W. W.; E. C. Dailey, John Michel, Rev. Mr. Macgill and others. Owing to the applause, it was impossible for the speakers at times, make themselves heard. A collection of over forty dollars was taken. This collection, for the free speech fight of the I. W. W., was talked for even by a preacher, and would have been far larger but for the fact that the crowd was so great, and so closely packed, that the collectors could not get to other than the outer fringes. The governor of the state, who is reported to have been willing to use the national arm, to police and back the lawlessness of the sheriff, was to speak in Everett, Saturday. This fact was not advertised either by bills or in any of the local papers, as the bosses expected a hostile demonstration and a demand that he investigate and punish their tools.

The expression of hostility, to those who have in serving the bosses of Everett used every illegal tactic, is at present exceedingly strong. The vigilantes are, many of them, sorry for the part they took in the fight, especially as their names have all been printed in the capitalist papers of Everett, and they are being ostracized by the workers.

The sheriff said that the office of the I. W. W. will not again be troubled. He, however, said that before, and the members of the I. W. W. say that they have only the word of a liar for this. Precautions are being taken to see that he has to make good. A large number of those released have returned to Everett, and the office has been reopened.

Sheriff Macrae is facing a charge of piracy for his infringement of federal laws in connection with the shooting at the Launch Wadswater. The city of Everett is faced by a series of suits by citizens beaten by the vigilantes, and the masters of Everett will pay for their attacks on the workers through higher taxation, etc., as the result of the fight.

Will Strike Again, if Necessary to Release Strikers and Organizers or Use Job as Weapon; Monster Pennsylvania Strike of 40,000.

(Special Wire to "Industrial Worker.")

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 19th, 3:15 p. m.—The Iron Miners of Minnesota have called the strike off, for the time being. Meetings of all branches of Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union were held and the central strike-committee on Sunday, Sept. 17th, announced the vote.

The mine workers have made a good fight against overwhelming odds. Unorganized, when the strike began, with no funds on hand, they struggled along for more than three months. Headquarters and the unions of the I. W. W., with the donations received from outside sources, were able to meet every call of the strikers with money for relief, for counsel and for organizers.

The needs of the strikers were comparatively small, but they realized that the expense would soon be increased on account of the trial of Mrs. Masanovich, her husband and three other strikers, and the organizers, Carlo Tresca, Joe Schmidt and Sam Scarlett, who are under indictment.

Every striker has promised the men who came to their assistance, wholehearted aid, and pledged to go on strike again, and use their job as a weapon, if the men in jail are not released.

They are determined to stand by the union and will be prepared for action early next spring, at the latest.

Well organized, with funds on hand and with the other iron districts in line, they will then be able to strike the Steel Trust a blow that will count.

It is, now, the defense of the organizers and strikers

that is all-important. Nation-wide meetings will be held Sunday, October 22nd.

Raise funds, voice your sentiments against the imprisonment of these men.

The iron ore miners of the Mesaba Range have not lost. They won three months ago, when they went on strike. Never again will these men have to work under the deplorable conditions that then existed. The infamous mine captains will have to go.

The strike itself will have a place in the splendid record of the I. W. W. —William D. Haywood.

(Special Wire to "Industrial Worker.")

VIRGINIA, Minn., Sept. 19th, 9:45 a. m.—Strike declared off that fight for freedom of prisoners may proceed with renewed vigor. All must do their full duty. All locals and individuals should proceed to immediately organize defense committees, everywhere. —Joseph J. Ettor.

(Special Wire to "Industrial Worker.")

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 18th.—The strike of the I. W. W. coal miners in the Anthracite regions is a serious proposition.

Forty thousand men are out. The state cosacks have invaded the halls. Two hundred and sixty-one are under arrest on charges of "conspiracy," "unlawful assemblage," and "rioting." They are holding the workers for an aggregate bail of over half a million dollars. —W. D. Haywood.

BEING WORKED BY THEIR UNCLE SAM

On July 30th there appeared in the Seattle papers an advertisement saying that men were badly needed at Anchorage, Alaska, in the construction of the government railway. It stated that the contractors for the government were paying as high as \$6.00 a day for men.

The Alaska Engineering Commission sent out a wire saying they wanted 300 men at 45 cents an hour, board to be \$1.00 a day with free fares to the job.

Thousands of men responded to the call. They were willing to go to work for Uncle Sam and help "Empire build." They received a card to go and see the doctor and pass a physical examination. Those who passed thought they were lucky. They were not. It was those who failed who were in luck.

On Saturday, August 5th we left Seattle on the transport Crook, with shining eyes and smiling faces, for were we not to make that big stake that the migratory worker is always looking for.

The smiles soon disappeared. Some said that the grub was poor; some said it was rotten; some said it was worse than a farmer would feed his hogs. Hundred of remarks of various nature was made about it—and all of them were correct.

On August 11th we arrived in Anchorage and the anchor was scarcely on the bottom before members of the Engineering Commission were on board congratulating us on the good jobs we were going to get up the line. There was a special train ready to take us up to those heavenly camps.

The bad food was forgotten. We thought it was merely an accident. Accidents were the lot of the workers, however, and always disagreeable accidents. That night the men were ditched at Matamiska Junction, clamoring for work, clamoring for something to eat and a place to sleep.

There was no sign of the nice camp and the nice work. There was no one to show them how to do, or to care what they did. After passing the night in a wild animal fashion there was neither a breakfast nor work for Uncle Sam. The government representatives told us where there were a few jobs working with stationmen. After long walks through swamps up to our knees in slush, in the station camps we found many other looking for work. This was Saturday night and as they did not work on Sunday we could not get on till Monday. Monday we started to hit the ball, and slavery in Alaska under Uncle Sam is the most abject type of slavery. At noon six of the gang with me got fired. Four hours work at 45 cents is \$1.80, minus six meals at 33-1/3 cents, leaves six men broke in the jungles.

I have worked for various companies in Alaska as I am by no means a tenderfoot, but the rottenest deal I ever got in my life was from the United States Government on that job where the United States is building a railroad out of the very lives of workers. Everyone seems to be boss on the railway, but no one seems to be responsible for any method used to rob the workers. It is up to the workers to take action for themselves. The slavery here is making the workers rebellious.—S. W. Jack.

WORK PLENTIFUL, WAGES LOW.

FRESNO, Cal.—The employment offices here have all kinds of jobs for the Big Crook Dam, being built by the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation. The workers do not like to go there, as they do not like the "heads you win, tails I lose" bet of \$5.00 that the workers will not stay thirty days. Anyone not known to be an I. W. W. can get work. Many of the members are on the job agitating for better conditions.

Labor is very scarce elsewhere in the valley this year. Everywhere one meets farmers who are looking for men, but unwilling to pay a living wage. One of these farmers told me the other day that he would lose all the grapes on 200 acres owing to the fact that he could not get workers to pick them.

I told him that he was so much better off than I was, as even if he lost the grapes, he would still own the land, that I refused to lose any sleep over his troubles. If the farmers would pay decent wages they could get men, and if the migratory workers of California are inclined to rub it into the farmers, they are merely repaying the labor handed them, in the past, by the farmers. —J. E.

A GOOD HINT; USE IT!

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Prostitution, Red Light and Industrial

THE workers ask for bread—they send them an investigating committee. They want better conditions—they become a problem. Next to the making of laws, one of the pet diversions of our masters is investigation committees, that do not investigate. First, they prey on us and then pray for us, but always on us.

We remember when the unemployed was the principal subject for the investigators. They used to spend a vast amount of ink elucidating what was wrong with the hobo's soul. All were agreed that it was some soul twist, or metaphysical, psychological wander-lust which caused the hobo. No one ever thought of finding that the hobo's psychosis was an ache in the head, caused by an ache in the stomach.

Now the hobo is no longer being investigated by the best society. The tables are turned; the hobo is investigating the best society. He is finding there a great connection between the ache in his stomach and the way the "best society" makes its living. The hobo has become some investigator, himself, and has been dropped as too warm a proposition for well-manicured lady fingers.

The women of the red-light district have taken the place of the hobo as an amusement feature for the bosses' investigations. These investigations, amounting almost to a mania, has been devoid of results. One would naturally imagine that politicians, department-store owners and reformers, being in the prostitution business themselves, would be preeminently fitted to investigate other prostitutes.

One of the pet diversions of many society women, whose clothes are often bought at the expense of the virtues of their sisters, is to investigate the women of the red-light. They have discovered—or have they—that women are in the red-light because women are base and above all things desperately wicked. Something wrong with their souls! If they could only locate their souls, we feel sure that they would be able to examine them and prescribe a remedy.

But souls being as illusive as the promises of politicians, the only result to date is that the women of the *bon ton* are having their gowns cut according to red-light fashion plates, instead of having to import them in submarines from Paris. Investigations of the red-light districts by the makers of prostitutes are as big a joke as an investigation of industrial conditions in Colorado, by John D. Rockefeller, after he had ordered the murder of the workers.

But, prostitution and the red-light districts are not a joke. They are a gasty, emphatic commentary on the loathsomeness of capitalism—mother of many-formed prostitution. Prostitution can exist only in a dollar society. Slavery is itself the greatest prostitution.

There is tragedy, lightless, sullen, unmeasurable in women and young girls, many of them only children, born into a world that is a living hell for the children of the poor, under our "respectable" industrial system being forced to live, working, slaving, body-sapping, life-destroying hours for a wage insufficient to buy the food they need, not to mention the recreation and enjoyment they should have, if they are to serve as other than inhuman cogs in a murderous industrial treadmill.

There is tragedy, deep and inconceivable in women toiling at joyless tasks, giving no expression to the creative instincts, grinding out misery for themselves and profits for their masters. Along this road travel thousands of working women, with but death or the red-light district before them. The red-light is but the end of the road of six-dollars-a-week for thousands of the women of the working class.

Behind the houses where women sell their bodies to many men is the background of the department store, the factory, and the sweat shop, where women sell their bodies, and lives and ambitions to one man—their boss—in the United States, at an average wage of less than six dollars a week.

Free the workshop; and the work shop will free the world. Take the dollar mark off the labor, lives, blood, and sex of women! Prostitution, the effect will disappear with industrial slavery, its cause. As surely as patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel, so surely is the red-light the last refuge of many women of the working class, given the option of that or death.

No! Reformers, it is not the souls of women that are loathsome and vile. It is the industrial system which you—more vile—uphold that is responsible for the destruction of millions of our sisters. Their prostitution is the direct product of your system

of prostitution, and outrage and murder. You—and everyone worker or parasite who upholds the present system—are behind the prostitution of women. No man can be in favor of the present system of society, and against prostitution.

Bosses, your dollars are smeared with the blood of women, your houses are built from their tears and blood, your idleness is bought at the price of their virtue and womanhood.

Either With or Against Us.

ALL men held in the jails of the city of Everett, have been released. The officers, who have been trampling on all the laws, have said that they will not permit speaking on the streets. The I. W. W. say that they will have to permit street speaking.

The officers of the various cities can break the laws they have sworn to defend, when a single individual of the working class is before them. They can try him with clubs, steal his money and then place a charge of vagrancy against him. The unorganized migratory worker is at the mercy of the organized police forces, and the unmerciful clique which has the power of a czar over the lives and liberties of the unorganized workers.

Organization is power. This lesson has been taught to many of the officers of the various cities that have made a fight on the I. W. W. movement. In our infancy, when on the defensive, we have defeated some of the largest cities in the United States. The I. W. W. is no longer on the defensive. It has changed its tactics of passive resistance in free speech fights into a policy more in line with the development and spirit of the organization.

Everett has, to a certain extent, given in with the release of our members, but the fight and victory must be unconditional.

If the workers of America were organized as they should be, the police forces and their tactics of oppression, for the benefit of the bosses, would be both dangerous and impossible.

Every time an officer beats a worker on the head, every member of the working class, who, through lack of organization is powerless to aid, is helping the police force.

There is no fence on which the worker can sit in the war of the masters and workers. The unorganized worker is fighting for the boss, through the very fact of his being unorganized. Every worker who is unorganized is foolish in not using his power, added, through organization, to the power of other workers, for mutual protection against the masters and aggression towards industrial freedom.

The blame for the outrage of the workers lays basically on the unorganized. With the workers organized, industrial freedom is possible. Lack of organization means slavery for all; organization is the key to freedom. Workers of the world unite. Use your power, as the only social class who produce wealth, as a lever to raise yourselves to emancipation.

Appeal to Court of the Working Class.

AS in every battle between capital and labor, the courts are being used, by the masters, to keep the industrial slave in his slavery.

In Lawrence, Ettor, Giovannetti and Caruso were released, not as a concession to justice, but through the threat of a strike and sabotage by the workers in the wollen industry.

In Colorado after the murder of the workers and their women and children by a hiring governor and assassins, 256 members of the working class were railroaded by the courts to Canyon City to make the John D. victory complete, and legalize his murders.

Again, the courts are being set for another series of legal murders in Minnesota. The executors of Justice will sit with black gowns and carry out the dictates of their masters. Men dangerous to the masters will be railroaded to the gallows or the prisons. The courts will weave garlands of flowers for the brow of gunmen and crowns of thorns for the heads of the workers.

BUT, WILL THEY?

Beyond the courts in power and authority, in these cases, must sit the court of the workers in industry. Labor must use its coercive power on the murderers of Liberty or submit to slavery.

In the courts there is no justice, no concessions for the workers. They but shadow the master's side, in all industrial conflicts. All labor must awaken, use its power, as ruthlessly for the release of its fighters, as do the masters for their murder and imprisonment.

For the first time in the history of American labor, already there are forty thousand workers on strike for the release of labor's prisoners of war. As a background to the farce trials of the workers in Duluth must be a trial of the courts by the workers. As long as the legal murder of workers is permitted, no worker is safe.

The use of the courts for the oppression of the workers must be stopped through the expression of the industrial power of the working class.

If the workers of America are men, the prisoners of war in Minnesota will—and must—be released.

Boost for the Joe Hill Memorial Edition of the "Industrial Worker." We want photographs, articles and anything fitted for such an edition, as outlined in our last issue, as soon as possible. The size and quality of this issue is dependent on the response of the membership. A concerted effort, and we can make this special the greatest ever printed by the I. W. W. movement.

When I look on these crowded thousands, and see them trample on their consciences and the rights of their fellow men at the bidding of a piece of parchment, I say, my curse be on the constitution of the United States.

—William Lloyd Garrison.

Liberty and freedom, at present, are nothing else than the fragments of rights which the scaffold and the stake have wrung from the strong hands of the usurpers.

—Wendell Phillips.

What sort of justice is this, which is enforced by breaches of its own laws.

—Edmund Burke.

ORGANIZATION--THE THREAD THROUGH ALL PROGRESS

A Series by E. Mattson.

The Knights of Labor, which organization had existed in secrecy a few years, now came forward on the arena and in 1886 they counted over 700,000 members. This organization carried on an effective propaganda for the eight hour day, held public meetings, printed pamphlets, newspaper articles, etc.; everywhere they were preaching the necessity of a great general uprising of labor in support of the demand for shorter hours.

The list of May 1886 were set as the day when all working men should come out and by demonstrations show that they demanded the eight hour day, for which they also were on strike in many places.

Nevertheless, this eight hour movement and the K. of L. died a miserable death on the scaffold of Cook county jail, Chicago, as the result of the Chicago Haymarket "riot." (There was no riot except a police riot.) A number of men prominent in organizing and addressing meetings were hung and some imprisoned.

Now the A. F. of L. appears. It was organized in 1881.

We don't intend to talk too much about the A. F. of L. knowing as we do that that organization, its principles, methods and machinery are too old and out of date. Instead of regarding industry as one comprehensive whole, and organizing accordingly, the A. F. of L. seems to ignore industrial evolution. They don't seem to understand that the latest invention of improved machinery reduces the skill of the craftsman down to a minimum, thus bringing all labor down to the same level. Laborers are no longer classified by difference in trade skill. Furthermore, the A. F. of L. is not a class-conscious organization as it does not point out the antagonistic interest of capital and labor, and is based on "the mutual interests of capital and labor."

Nevertheless, the A. F. of L. has, through its organization, done much good for its members, such as securing increased wages, reduced hours and improved conditions.

Thus we have found, that all progress in nature and among men, if built upon mutual aid and solidarity. Organization is the red thread which runs through all progress. Organization has always been of great necessity.

But as one form or another of organization has, in days gone by, stiffened in its form, so that it no longer was able to maintain its standard demands, there is a newer, more modern, form of organization, which is being evolved. And thus we go upward and forward in evolution, the one form of society relieving the other, the one form of organization relieving the other. Today we face the same conditions where the old form of economic organizations are not modern any longer; we have reached to the one mile post along the road of evolution, where the old organization have stagnated along that road. Being there, we should not think that evolution has

been just as easy as to talk of the death of the caterpillar from which the butterfly has gone forth. It would be silly to say that the butterfly is less in the scale of evolution than the caterpillar. It is equally silly to say that the I. W. W. is dead because it has passed from the stage of organization, in our mind as to the I. W. W. becoming industrial power let us look at the battlefield of Labor. We are handing powerful blows to our enemy.

—J. D.

The I. W. W. has not passed from the propaganda stage. The best possible propaganda is that of the job. The theatre of the Industrial Revolution is the job; and the education of the worker through the expression of job power is the greatest propaganda. Any philosophy, which does not look forward to an expression in action, is valueless. The I. W. W. in job action is merely the philosophy of the I. W. W. in working clothes. To advocate industrial revolution as a propaganda, and not express it in job action, would be the utmost folly. Through job action we are giving our propaganda a concrete expression. It is not philosophy but philosophy in action that the masters fear. It is not only propaganda but propaganda in action that the I. W. W. has always advocated. Society cannot be revolutionized from an easy chair, or from around a spittoon.

—Editor.

SENTIMENT GROWING.

St. Maries, Idaho.—I held a meeting at the Labor Camp at Avery Sunday and collected \$22 for the striking miners and initiated seven new members into the I. W. W. We ran out of supplies and, while others wished to join, they had to wait till I got more supplies, for which I wired.

In the electrification camps of the Milwaukee railway the sentiment of organization is strong and many men are carrying the I. W. W. card and their number is growing.

—J. L. Turner.

The religious reformation of the sixteenth century was not the cause but the effect of the moving of the economic center from the manor to the city. And that was preceded by the rise of navigation and the discovery of the New World and new trade-routes, which indicate the rise of manufacturing industry.

—Joseph Dietzgen.

taken a turn in another direction, in that respect, that organization should not be considered any longer.

For the last forty years the working class all over the world have joined together in organizations. They have fought many a hard fight, strikes and hard ones, to help themselves and their fellow workers; but improved conditions and the rights of organization. We look with admiration upon all these. They have done and all that splendid things that so often has prevailed; how they aided each other in all ways; how they divided their last piece of bread rather than to become rascals; how organizations have brought published papers, pamphlets and books, and sacrifices of all kinds and forms have been made. Yes, we do admire all their splendid acts!

Again, let us admit, that all gains made in the product of organization and solidarity that all that has been built up—through one so severe sacrifices—organizations and their organs must undergo a change. If they, because of their "orthodoxy," will not acknowledge this, they simply must disappear (be destroyed) and give room for new ones.

This modern industrial society we are now living in, can—because of the invention of machinery—produce plentifully with less human labor and still each year have more profit. Within all industrial branches the same invention has improved conditions and the result, as far as the laborers are concerned, is that the armies of unemployed are increasing in dimension.

Facing these facts the only salvation for the proletariat is to organize stronger than ever before in history. And we cannot do this without learned historians or scientists to tell us this, because naked facts, like itself, shows us that plainly. Never before in history have the producing class been in more need of strong and aggressive organizations than they are right at this time.

If we don't want to go down in defeat in our struggle for life and human happiness; if we can't organize and hold and stick together, so that we can defeat that class of ever boss in history. And we cannot do this without learned historians or scientists to tell us this, because naked facts, like itself, shows us that plainly. Never before in history have the producing class been in more need of strong and aggressive organizations than they are right at this time.

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Taken to As each vehicle 1 over the brow of t to the north, and guarding each side all were loaded sum. Then the sm this city was taken hoping state police 1 alongside guarding While the conveya some men and wom some porches start situation. Three at goes into the cre over fences and up and in short order subsided.

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IN FAVOR OF BIRTH CONTROL.

It is against the U. S. laws to give any in-

We reprint from the Des Moines Tribune: Birth control is a necessity. It will mean less disease, crime, prostitution and attendant evils.

Dr. Gerlach Hill, Des Moines, endorsed birth control. "The question," said Dr. Hill, "is how the knowledge should be passed on to where the control should be placed."

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AMONG THE LOST ANGELS.

"Judge White, who sentenced the Plaza rioters of three years ago to long terms on the chain gang, was speaker of the day for the Los Angeles unions at their Labor Day celebration."

"Bill B. Cook who has served the capitalist class on the chain gang, was speaker of the day for the Santa Barbara unions at their Labor Day celebration."

It is reported that Woodlawn requisition for \$10,000 to prosecute the Caplan case has been turned down by the supervisors—his bill in the Caplan-Schmidt case having reached \$108,000.

"Whiskers" Whiffen, a former candidate for mayor and a candidate to succeed Sebastian, says he is offered the job for \$2,500.

The I. W. W. is still alive in Los Angeles, despite reports to the contrary. If you do not believe it, visit the Radical Club on Sunday night and look them over.

We have with us several celebrities, the most notable one being "Uptown" Sinclair. "Uppy" affects white pants—trousers I should say—'an' spends his time entertaining the intellectual 'fellow' of the species 'he is not recording "brain storms."

USE THEIR OWN WEAPONS. "Great Heavens, cries the magnate, the country is going to the bows-downs. It's going to hell bent for election! It's got to the place where labor union can demand and get action! Crush labor."

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That 35 per cent of the wives and mothers of workmen are forced to work to keep the wolf from the door?

That \$500 a year is the income of half of the wage-earning fathers?

That three or more persons occupy every sleeping room in 37 per cent of the workers' homes?

That economic pressure forces two-thirds of all children to leave grammar school before graduating and only 10 per cent finish high school?

That workers in basic industries are out of jobs one-fifth of the time?

PARAGRAPH PHILOSOPHY. By RAY MARKHAM. A creature who is so base, so utterly abandoned, as to insure his own bodily comfort, and peace of mind, at the expense of exploited childhood, or womanhood, is indeed so depraved as to be lost to all sense of shame.

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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.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allow one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one union in wage wars.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system." It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every day struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown.

Every subscriber will find a number opposite the name on the mailing wrapper or tag. Watch that number. It designates the last issue of the "Industrial Worker" you will get if you do not renew. This is issue No. 24.

We can repeat the victories of the middle West in the harvest fields of Washington, if the members will consult on that field. All members in the Western harvest or anticipating coming there should send to Richard Brazier Branch Secretary of the A. W. O., 115 N. Browne St., Spokane, for credentials and supplies.

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SOLIDARITY. English. Weekly, \$1.00 per year. Published by the I. W. W. Publishing Bureau, 112 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

"A BERMUNKAS" (The Wage Worker) Hungarian. Semi-Monthly, \$1.00 per year. 350 East 81st St., New York, N. Y.

"DARBINIKU BALSAI" (The Voice of the Workers) Lithuanian. Weekly, \$1.50 per year, 869 Hollins St., Baltimore, Md.

"HET LICHT" (The Light) Flemish. Monthly, 50 cents per year. Franco-Belgian Hall, 9 Mason St., Lawrence, Mass.

"IL PROLETARIO" (The Proletarian) Italian. Weekly, \$1.00 per year. Gen. Del Hannover St., Boston, Mass.

NORWAY PAPER ON WAGE SLAVERY

Wherever the workers are living, under capitalism, slavery awakens rebellion among the red-blooded part of the working class.

The movement for life and liberty by the workers is wider than any flag. Wherever man is robbed and persecuted and outraged these go deeper than a nationalistic faith, and in all nations produce the same result—a growing feeling of rebellion.

We reprint from "Direct Action," a paper published in Norway, the following—wherever might have been written in America, or wherever capitalism cursed and doomed the workers to slavery—as translated by Ed Larson for the "Industrial Worker":

"ONE FOR ALL; ALL FOR ONE"

"Think volumes could be written about the persecutions that the working class have been and are subjected to. They are driven from city to city, from town to town, from one county to another, and from country to country by the master-class.

"We owe a great debt to the nameless heroes who have defied the consequences of being jobless and blackballed, hungry and in want of many kinds, who have suffered even the tortures of prisons for their social ideas. In their path ideas grew. We began to see the class struggle and the need of organization. The worker's back began to straighten. We won victories on the economic battle field and became, at last, a class with traditions, with many proud memories of firm battles waged on the part of workers who refused to be willing slaves and who fought for the working class.

But, sad to say, it is often the workers, themselves, who expose the fighters who are fighting their battles, causing unnecessary suffering and spreading gloom. They are prospects by shortsighted cowardice and want of solidarity.

"Many examples can be furnished of where strikes could have been successful, but, when the masters got wind of them, they were crushed. The result became lukewarm. The militants who fought the hardest would have to leave the place, and the others who remained, dare not do anything, but utter a useless halfhearted protest.

"Such have been the conditions here and they are partly so today. It is evident that in spite of many years of organization we are loosing more than can be estimated through this halfheartedness. The impudence of the bosses is being carried on, and the lack of backbone of the majority of the workers; while their militant fellow workers are being chased from one place to the other.

"Discouragement and discord is easily created afterwards, and the workers driven out, have bitter experiences that mark them for life, and may possibly lose many of them to the labor movement. This is written because in many places, in this country, the most active workers are being crushed by the iron heel of capitalism. We, therefore, appeal to all workers to rise and fight this kind of dirty work, done towards the militant workers by the hired lackeys of the bosses and by the most cowardly of all.

"If they want to trample on every meek and feeble fellow worker, trample again by sabotage and obstruction. If they want to trample our fellow workers, let us trample their profits. Our slogan must be 'One for all, and all for one'."

READY FOR ORGANIZATION.

BALLARD, Wash.—After, for nearly twenty years, attempting to organize the shingle workers into a union, the A. F. of L. has left Ballard, like a ship in disarray.

The A. F. of L. pulled so many petty strikes that the workers are absolutely disgusted, and the mention of the shingleworkers union causes them to "hiss" it.

The writer has talked to many of the slaves about the One Big Union and they listen with wide open eyes, when I tell them of this form of unionism, as their only hope for better wages. Right now this union is ripe for I. W. W. organization. We have never had as good an opportunity. While the mills are short-handed many delegates of the Forest and Lumber-workers should get on the job.

"I have worked in all the mills here and I find that the most discontented of all the slaves are those working in the "Bull Pen" and at McDonald's, the latter especially. The dust in this mill would stagger a mule.

On Labor Day every mill closed down with the exception of the "Bull Pen" and about fifty men were canned there for not working on that day.

Come out here, industrialists; we can get these men lined up in the one big result getting union of the working class.

"ONLY A BEGINNING."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—This is only a beginning was one of the statements with which Frank P. Walsh, of the Industrial Relations Commission, accompanied a check for \$250 for the defense of workers on whom the "Open Shop" advocates are trying to saddle the recent dynamiting outrage in this city.

Robert Minor, who is in charge of the funds for the defense of the workers in these cases, said that he has been given great encouragement financially, recently, and believes that the workers are awakening to the methods used by the bosses to discredit these workers and remove the prominent men in the labor movement, through the use of the courts.

RED LIGHT WOMAN GIVES REASONS FOR PROSTITUTION

We use the letter given below, not because it is directed against Billy Sunday, who first introduced the language of the brothel into the pulpit and is coining his degeneracy into gold, but because it shows it is not something the matter with the souls of women that leads to prostitution. She says \$7.50 leads a street to white slavery—a hell on earth. She is right. But the average wages of the working women in uncivilized America is only, according to the Industrial Relations Commission Report, six dollars a week.

"Which to blame, the prostitute, poor victim, or the system which has made the six dollars respectable? Mr. Billy Sunday, Soul Saver, San Francisco."

Dear Mr. Sunday—I hear that you are coming to San Francisco to hold some meetings. This city is a good place to visit, provided you have plenty of money to keep you going while here.

I have heard a great deal about you and the way you got your money.

If you are not too busy grabbing the coin, you might visit the section of the city where I am compelled to make my living: I live in the Red Light District. I am called a prostitute and am not respected in present-day society. My object in writing you, Mr. Billy Sunday, is to give you an idea. Ideas are important to everybody. Even a preacher might learn something from a poor girl prostitute.

Listen, Mr. Billy Sunday, I am sick of this life. I do not want to be a prostitute. I can understand the kind sufferings, the remorse and sorrow of this vile and inhuman life where hundreds of girls must be injured each year to satisfy the passion of men, unable to marry and live in a clean and civilized society.

I am not here by choice, but because I could find no other way out of my poverty and misery. I am an American girl, born in Illinois, 26 years ago. I tried to make good and failed, and I now confess to all the world my sins and will do whatever I can to save the other girls from these hell-holes of a modern city.

My life is full of sin, despair and sadness. Oh if I could begin all over again, I would strive to be a better girl.

That's what all girls say, after they get down here and find out the truth about this miserable life. The outlook for me is dark, lonesome and sad—very sad. Sometimes after I go away from this place at night I cry for the mothers who are here, but when I get up each morning, I come back again to this horrible place, and why, oh why do I come back here? Because there is nowhere else to go.

The Red Light joints of San Francisco, no one can tell it in black and white. It's all black, so black, and just think only the poor unfortunate girl is always blamed for her own downfall. She is only the pawn in the game of white slavery.

SHUT DOWN IN GOLDFIELD.

GOLD FIELD, Nevada.—"On account of the changes in the ore-plantation has been abandoned temporarily at the mill of the Consolidated Mines Company, pending the installation of new equipment. For the time being the company will revert to the cyanide treatment of its ore."

So reads the statement of the management in the local paper. The company laid off at its different mines about 125 men and at its mill 30 men. It is rumored more men will get fired in the next future. In order to cut down the expenses the company did away with some high salaried officials.

Most of the men laid off, left the camp for other mining districts, the rest are waiting for future jobs. Times are pretty stiff at present and there is no chance whatsoever for new employment. A job of fellow workers, contemplating coming to Goldfield, still stay away.

In spite of the depression, two new saloons opened last week and gambling is running full blast. The district attorney recently gathered evidence against the gamblers and submitted the names of prominent citizens active in "Black Jack" to the Grand Jury. This honorable body refused to find "true bills," but law and order is sure on hand if some rebel would use the street corners for a speech. The Finnish socialists last week collected \$22 for the striking miners in Minnesota. The American socialist local had too much business for the election on hand to show their class-consciousness in donating or collecting money for the sufferers.—A miner.

CONDITIONS IN BEAN HARVEST.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Los Angeles is now operating a branch of the Agricultural Workers' Organization, Local 409, I. W. W. We have learned that many of our members are working in the bean harvest.

The job reports from Oxnard and Somas, Cal., say that the job conditions are: engine men, \$3.00; firemen, \$3.00; oilers, \$3.00; water haulers and packers, \$2.50; hoe down men, \$3.50; hooktenders and team hands, \$1.50. All the above workers are furnished board, reported to be fair.

The jobs are average; and there are fewer men than in the bean harvest there was last year. Job reports are asked from all members working in the vicinity of Los Angeles, as we are keeping a record of all jobs in this locality for the convenience of our membership.—Jack Cherbo, secretary.

This is wrong and unfair. Every time a girl goes down to a life of shame there is a man to be found who helped to knock her down—remember that, if you please, Mr. Sunday.

When I was 12 years old I became a member of the church. Oh, how proud I felt with the underworld! Once called a maid, proud in thought and deed, now sick, defiled, despised and degenerate—and why am I here? What's the reason? Listen, Mr. Billy Sunday, the reason I am here is because I could not get a pair of shoes. Oh, why am I here! Yes, because a girl cannot live on \$7.50 per week.

Do you know this Mr. Billy Sunday, \$7.50 per week is not living wages. You try it yourself and see how much you can get. \$7.50 per week leads straight to white slavery. I would give seven dollars and fifty cents a week to live seven days in a big city. There was no one to help me in my effort to be good. Say, Mr. Billy Sunday, there are six hundred of us poor girls in San Francisco. You are not coming to save us, but if you could, we would be worth saving. We are diseased, despised, destroyed, down-knocked down by a system known in some places as capitalism. Yes, we are the soiled sisters of the underworld, knocked down by the infernal system of capitalism. Do you see it, Mr. Sunday? If you don't, well, what's the use trying to show a preacher. You need the money and if you tell the truth about causes and conditions, the parasites will refuse to pay you to keep the slaves quiet.

Do you see it, Mr. Sunday, you used to pitch ball for a living and now you throw ball? The girls are here and they will die here. They have come here because it was the only way out and we will die to save other girls who might have come if we did not do so.

Oh, yes, we will die here—victims of a social system—the private ownership of life by a few parasites who exploit and destroy the family, home and religion.

Say, Mr. Billy Sunday, strike at the cause of prostitution, the sin and misery of life. It is private ownership of industries by a few who exploit the many. Rockefeller and Morgans at one end of the line, and prostitutes and I !!! at the other end of the line.

Mr. Sunday, you cannot keep the homes going if we have low wages, unemployment and child slavery.

I am only a poor girl in the underworld, selling my life away day by day. Soon the grave will close on me and I will be gone to the home whence no one ever returns. Good-bye, Mr. Billy Sunday. Good-bye.

MADAME LARAWAY.

A REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST!

Nampa, Ida., Sept. 17th, 1916. Editor, "Industrial Worker".

The "Industrial Worker" of September 16th, has just been read and I find it unusually good. I am anxious to see the Joe Hill Memorial Edition, and would send you a good article for it.

For two-and-one-half years nearly, I have been at the head of the Socialist Local here as Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Most of our members are so dead on their feet, they are doing no real good. We are so badly in debt that we have just voted to give up the hall we meet in.

After much effort, I got a bunch together and we put up candidates for members of the school board here.

Thirty votes were cast and I know that these were sincere, were non-socialist. We ought to have a party here, one that is humiliating and discouraging, and makes me feel like giving my energy, such as it is, to some organization that is ALIVE.

Recently I've read, "Direct Action vs. Legislation." It is the stuff for men with red blood, and ought to be in the hands of every Socialist and Wobbler.

"Sabotage," by Miss Gurely Flynn is another good one, and every working man should read it.

Knowing in 1910 that I would soon be thrown on the scrap-heap, I bought a good loom for weaving rugs and carpets.

Now being accepted beyond my best hopes and am about as well as I can do for a poor man as I understand your organization, I am not eligible to membership among the Wobblies. I want it, and my sympathies are with them as I can. One Big Union is the grand idea and could accomplish very quickly what the Socialists hope to win in the distant hazy future for our grandchildren.

There are a few of us (been one year) who need relief RIGHT NOW.

Yours for the One Big Union and revolution.—H. J. Stuart.

MASS MEETING FOR FELLOW WORKERS.

On September 22nd, 1916, the Minnesota Iron Range Strikers' Defense Committee of New York will hold an International Mass Meeting on Union Square during the afternoon. Prominent speakers will address the crowd in English, Italian, Spanish, Russian and Yiddish. We are planning to make this a huge affair for the freedom of our jailed fellow workers.—Iva Shuster.

feet and no shoes. There was no other way—the weather was cold, my feet were nearly frozen, and I had no one to help me, so I took the easiest way—I fell, and now I am disgraced, knocked out, no longer respected, no longer loved—simply an outcast, a white slave of the underworld. Once called a maid, proud in thought and deed, now sick, defiled, despised and degenerate—and why am I here? What's the reason? Listen, Mr. Billy Sunday, the reason I am here is because I could not get a pair of shoes. Oh, why am I here! Yes, because a girl cannot live on \$7.50 per week.

Do you know this Mr. Billy Sunday, \$7.50 per week is not living wages. You try it yourself and see how much you can get. \$7.50 per week leads straight to white slavery.

I would give seven dollars and fifty cents a week to live seven days in a big city. There was no one to help me in my effort to be good. Say, Mr. Billy Sunday, there are six hundred of us poor girls in San Francisco. You are not coming to save us, but if you could, we would be worth saving. We are diseased, despised, destroyed, down-knocked down by a system known in some places as capitalism. Yes, we are the soiled sisters of the underworld, knocked down by the infernal system of capitalism. Do you see it, Mr. Sunday? If you don't, well, what's the use trying to show a preacher. You need the money and if you tell the truth about causes and conditions, the parasites will refuse to pay you to keep the slaves quiet.

Do you see it, Mr. Sunday, you used to pitch ball for a living and now you throw ball? The girls are here and they will die here. They have come here because it was the only way out and we will die to save other girls who might have come if we did not do so.

Oh, yes, we will die here—victims of a social system—the private ownership of life by a few parasites who exploit and destroy the family, home and religion.

Say, Mr. Billy Sunday, strike at the cause of prostitution, the sin and misery of life. It is private ownership of industries by a few who exploit the many. Rockefeller and Morgans at one end of the line, and prostitutes and I !!! at the other end of the line.

Mr. Sunday, you cannot keep the homes going if we have low wages, unemployment and child slavery.

I am only a poor girl in the underworld, selling my life away day by day. Soon the grave will close on me and I will be gone to the home whence no one ever returns. Good-bye, Mr. Billy Sunday. Good-bye.

MADAME LARAWAY.

A BUM JOB.

FRESNO, Cal.—18 miles from Merced the work is being done on the State Highway. G. R. Daley of Fresno has the contract and is having a hard time to get men on account of the scarcity of men who will work under the conditions there. He has many catchers in the various towns. But the workers are so scarce, and this contractor is getting the kind of a reputation that means trouble later on.

It is reported the bosses change their watches so as to get more than the legal hours out of the workers. The camps are four miles apart and the workers get paid for eight miles every day with out payment. The noon lunch is brought out on the job and there is generally a coating of dust on it before it gets to the men. In the winter no one ever returns. Good-bye, Mr. Billy Sunday. Good-bye.

The stock is well taken care of, as they buy them outright, but the workers are only rented by the day, and any injury to their health does not come out of the contractor; and he cares nothing for their welfare.

When men quit they get their checks which are made out on San Diego bank and as identification is not called for, and they have considerable trouble in cashing them, this is also an insult to the men.

"JUNGLES" IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 11th.—"Jungles" feed given by Local 85, Branch 2, I. W. W., sent striking iron range workers to the lawn at Liberty Hall, 2941 Indiana Ave., Chicago's Radical center. "California Jack" Jungles' venture drew a crowd of more than 500. As much realism as was put in it in a can would permit was introduced into the "jingles" scene—all the imagination had to supply the grunt of the freight trains.

The "Jungles" was followed by the freight trains. Fellow Worker W. D. Rowley by addressing the situation on the Mesaba Range and the members of the local spoke on conditions in the strike region. The "Jungles" supper attracted a much greater attention from the newspapers and the public generally than it has been decided to repeat it the latter part of September.

All our liberties are due to men, who, when their consciences have been compelled, they have broken the laws of the land.—Dr. Child.

ITALIANS STRONG FOR OUR PRISONERS

The Italians have fallen in line with the miners' crusade against the steel barons who have all the enthusiasm of the proletariat in memorable days of the Laval strike. Textile workers. The whole resolute press and some prominent daily newspapers have made common cause with the strikers. Meetings have been held practically every Italian colony of any size and thousands of dollars have been raised to feed the strikers and for the delivery of the fellow workers in jail. Boston, Lawrence, Milford and Quincy, Mass., have contributed about \$200 each; Farrell, Penn., \$100; and other cities have made as liberal contributions. The Minnesota Steel and Iron Strikers' Defense Committee of New York City had received up to September 7th, \$35,000. In New York City, Philadelphia and Boston, protest-meetings are held almost daily to protest against the workers with the heroic struggle of the American Iron Miners against America's financial blackhanders.

The Italians realize the deep significance of this fight; they know that a victory for the Minnesota miners would be a mighty blow at the arrogance and pride of the industrial monster known as the United States Steel Corporation and a great step forward for revolutionary industrial unionism. America, they feel, will give themselves body and soul to the struggle.

The agitation started in this country among the Italians has already had an echo in Italy. Cablegrams from Prof. Adolfo Lucci and Arturo Caroti, Socialist members of the Italian House of Deputies, held almost daily meetings with the defense committee of New York City and the support of the Italian revolutionary movement and promise that the case of Caldesi shall be brought to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Socialist and labor press will ask the workers to the importance of this episode of the class war, and we are sure, that of fellow workers across the Atlantic will be their full sympathy in bringing pressure to bear where it will do the most good.

The whole agitation tends very logically to the proclamation of a general strike. The first launched by A. F. Fagan, Editor of "Il proletario," and an organizer of experience in Italy, who has been in America since 1892, and who has been in the forefront of the struggle since the beginning of the strike. He has brought his case before the tribunal of the miners of the pit and has asked the coal miners that he knows so well to be ready for any strike of the "general strike," eager and impatient, have all struck their first blow. All across the American Continent, the militant minorities are busy preparing their comrades for the coming assault. The general strike (whether it is general or not) is the essence of the working class action; it is the workers in arms; it is greater than the fact or the event proper; it is an inspiration and an education in itself. The general strike today is a necessary and a duty of the workers must prepare for it, the time for doubts and misgivings. If the United States Steel Corporation has finally resolved to crush the strike, it will do so at a cost of \$5,000,000. It will send its Minnesota and put ten of our comrades behind the bars of the Republican Bastille. The class-conscious workers of this country must rise as one man and strike the heaviest blow that can at the ramparts of capitalist power.—Canada.

IMPERIAL VALLEY CONDITIONS

BRAWLEY, Cal.—The Cotton Growers' Union of Imperial Valley in a meeting at Centro, Saturday, Sept. 2nd, decided to take advantage of the unorganized slaves in the district and keep the price of picking down to a minimum of 1 cent per pound.

The slave in an ordinary slave can make an average wage of 15 to 20 cents per hour of ten hours. This does not include board. The slave is supposed to live as best he can. He must also dig up his own picking and which costs from one to two dollars and does double duty as an extra wage. He must field all day and sleep in it at night.

In view of the fact that cotton is steadily rising in price; it is now 15 cents and will reach the 20 cent mark, seed cotton at \$30.00 a ton, and the grower is employing every freed slave he can get to be found here, John Farmer is wearing a watch that will not come off.

Preparations are also being made to meet the already overflying labor market by importing colored slaves from the South. Other labor will be shanghaied here by the office of the Federal Employment Bureau, a branch of which is now being opened in Brawley.

As may be expected, under these conditions, all labor agencies and especially the I. W. W. are very cordially hated.

All rebels coming South this winter should make this valley their headquarters; work should be done here if members will work on the strike. In addition to the bumper corn crop, harvesting will commence about November 1st.

Members coming this way from the West fields will find this a good field to put in some good ticks for the I. W. W. —N. E. Sprague.

There is mail at Local 493 Brawley, Cal. G. N. Anness and Mike Casey. See if it will be forwarded on notice to the secretary.

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