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## I. W. W. COAL MINERS IN COLORADO WIN DEMAND FOR CHECKWEIGHMAN ELECTED BY LOADERS ON THE JOB

**Solidarity of Organized Diggers Makes Possible Important Victory. Shining Example of What Economic Power Can Do. Inspiration to Coal Miners Everywhere.**

LOUISVILLE, Colo., Dec. 29.—The miners employed at the Crown mine won an important victory when Dave Allen, owner and manager, agreed to recognize the checkweighman elected by the loaders.

The struggle for a checkweighman started last September when about half the loaders called a meeting. Not getting a majority they tried again a few weeks later with no better showing. They decided then to wait until more organization work would be done, but kept on with the agitation for checkweighman. As the weights continued to drop while the colder weather brought about a greater coal production, the miners who had held back previously began to call for action.

On Monday evening, after petitions for election of a checkweighman had been circulated through the mine and signed by 69 out of 88 diggers, a meeting was held in Louisville, Green, one of the loaders, was unanimously elected as checkweighman, and a committee of three was elected to notify Allen.

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Tuesday morning, the 27th, the committee gave Allen the information. He flatly refused to accept any checkweighman and told the miners, "I don't know that you have any rights." He accused them of refusing to go to work but the committee and several others who spoke up, said they were ready to go to work as soon as Green went on the tipple.

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The miners made a stand on that issue, not one of them attempting to break the solidarity. The committee got the Industrial Commission at Denver on the phone and were informed a representative would be sent out the following day. They also called up the deputy mine inspector who arrived shortly after the call was made.

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Allen held out all that afternoon and the miners stayed one hundred per cent on the ground after four o'clock.

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Arguments with the boss were frequent but no rough play of any kind occurred. Several times a vote was taken, each time unanimous, that they were ready for work when the checkweighman was recognized and that Green was their choice.

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Of Wednesday morning all miners arrived in their digging clothes, ready for work. The deputy mine inspector was there, but Allen had gone back in the mine, so the men and the committee waited near the office for the representative of the Industrial Commission. He arrived about 10 a. m. and then the miners, including machine cutters and most of the company shift went down to Louisville for a meeting, leaving their committee and Green to represent them.

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At Louisville the meeting opened in the old I. W. W. hall with Fellow Worker Peter Bernal as chairman. After a short discussion a recess was taken to wait for the committee's report.

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Then the men got busy. A pit committee of three was elected. A motion was passed that each member of the pit committee be given credentials and act as mine organizers for the I. W. W. Another that a branch of 250 for the Crown mines be established and that the Crown mines be elected with business meetings to be held on the 15th and 20th of each month (payments are \$1.00 per pit per month and an assessment of 25c a pay for every employee (50c a month) be made to provide a fund to pay the pit committee when working on cases. A vote was taken and members join the I. W. W. met with only one or two objections.

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This vote was unanimously passed that if any member were fired for his activity in this struggle his case would be handled by the pit committee with assurance of solid backing by all the miners.

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Short talks were made by Green, Bernal, Montaga, Embree and many others and when the meeting was adjourned about 2 p. m., the joyous but hungry men trooped to their homes for eat.

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The defendant was not indicted until more than a year had passed after the time of the killings. It was after he had shown himself to be a valuable witness to the defense that "evidence" resulting in the indictment was presented in court. The same tactics had been used with other important defense witnesses in an effort to intimidate such witnesses and to discredit or bar important evidence.

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Technocracy and the I. W. W.

Technocracy, almost overnight, became the byword of the nation. Two months ago perhaps not more than a hundred or so knew the meaning of the term.

Technocracy is proving a deeper furrow in the public opinion of the world than any other movement since the days of primitive Christianity.

Small consolation also for the politically-minded zealots and dogmatists of America? They, and their well-worn theories, plans, plots and programs have been left completely out in the cold.

Withholding the amazing findings of Technocracy until after the election was a stroke of genius on the part of some member of that group.

The well-known "Two cars in every garage", the "two chickens in every pot" have disappeared around the mythical corner where prosperity is supposed to be hid.

Nor did the minor radical political parties fare any better. The campaign slogans of Socialists, Communists and smaller fry have not been left an echo in the popular mind.

Under present conditions many leading Technocrats sit, the zero hour in industry is scheduled for the year 1940.

No More Chain Work!

One of the most common types of criticism directed against the facts presented to the world by Technocracy is that it is all old stuff—we have been preaching that for years! Socialists, Communists and even a few I. W. W.'s make this remark and make it glibly.



T-Bone Slim

Jobless Buying-Power

Get this right. Don't let anybody tell you there's 12,000,000 unemployed in this country. Chop off that freedom of speech, if necessary!

There are 35,000,000 that imagine they have jobs. They are working for half pay—their buying power is cut in half—that makes them half-employed.

Then there are 12,000,000 "housebouds" who are totally without jobs—12 million and 17 1/2 million equal 29 1/2 million.

Then we have the part time worker working at "cut rates"—not many millions—say 5,000,000 (the rate cut is already counted; the part time isn't).

Then I said 35,000,000 are unemployed—does that prove me a liar? Not by the houlter dammit!

Think your country can stand it—without a showdown? There is no mistake in these figures—letta get your head under cover in the I. W. W.

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THIS IS THE TRENCH OF A MAN'S DREAM

Frozen to stone, high-towering, chill and stark; Against the gloom her mighty bosom gleams, Flashing an idiot's message to the dark.

What is this monster you have given birth, O warm, sweet-scented, mill-flour-mad Earth?

—R. C.

Tips to the Workers

CHARLES SCHWEIN

Profit above all things!

If the parasite class cannot get their customary swag from the earth and machinery of production, they just close down, and to hell with the human race.

Look at it this way for a moment: What right have the few who make up the employing class to appropriate unto themselves either the earth, its resources, or the machinery which produces 97 per cent of mankind for food, clothing and shelter?

And it is raw. Only the unthinking, unquestioning, unresisting aliveness of the masses makes such a thing possible.

The Michigan State Museum added 25,000 specimens to its collection last year.—Press report.

There are five hundred times that number of specimens' padding the pavement at the present moment. If it were possible to preserve them as museum pieces what a spectacle it would make for future generations.

People of a wiser and happier age would look at them and marvel. They would, no doubt, say, "Just look, such a huge number of them, and they suffered so much and put up with so much—and did nothing at all about it!"

Think of the millions in America, suffering as they suffer now, losing their jobs, their homes—their everything, and not even trying to get together and pool their power for self-protection! It seems unbelievable, but it is true.

In urging the workers to organize, the I. W. W. is merely urging them to exercise the oldest and most deeply-rooted instinct of organic life—the instinct to survive.

And if they don't organize, they won't survive. They will perish from off the face of the earth. And the sole survivor of the ghastly comedy of human "progress" will be a capitalist seated on his swollen money hoard amidst the wreckage of civilization.

UP-TO-DATE DEFINITIONS

by W. C. OLD

There are so many new capitalist sciences that it is hard to keep up with them, but here are a few and the latest definitions.

Psychology: The Science of Youidomism. Economics: The Science of Optimism. Safe, Sure and Sound Banking: The Charity for International Backstabbing.

Majority all the time. Labor Leadership: The Science of Persuading Proletarians that a "deduction from the paycheck" is "not a reduction in wages".

Farmlife: The Science of stuffing Starving Sobudsters with the insane idea of the "greenback".

Liberalism: The Science of substituting "the good" for "the bad".

Business Unionism: The Science of baiting Boobs with the notion that they can "win in the game" with the Bosses and not come out of it every time with the choice the Caucasian human gave the Indian.

Industrial Unionism: The Science that teaches that by Revolutionary Solidarity in One Big Union the Working Class can TAKE and HOLD the World for those who created it—the Workers of the World.

Take down the shutters from the windows of your mind! Brush out the cobwebs—let in the sunlight! Are you afraid of a New Idea? There's nothing in the world that can harm you, save and except your own ignorance.

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The ONE BIG UNION PLAN

Analysis of the Arrangement of Chart Industries

The Chart Explained in Detail

For instance: A salesman or clerk in a store whose work would be a member of the organization, or a branch thereof, in which are organized all workers engaged in the shoe industry.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES No. 100.

A. Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, 110. All workers on farms, irrigation work, cotton and sugar plantations. All workers engaged in the raising of cattle, livestock and other animals on farms, etc.

B. Lumber Workers Industrial Union, 120. All workers in forests; rangers, foresters, etc. all workers engaged in logging operations, in saw and shingle mills, and preparing wood for fuel and manufacturing purposes; collectors of sap, bark, etc.

C. Fishery Workers Industrial Union, 130. All workers in fishery and fishing ponds on the lakes and rivers; oyster and clam-bank keepers. Workers engaged in collecting of pearls, corals and sponges. Workers in fish hatcheries, rivers, etc.

D. Floral Workers Industrial Union, 140. All workers engaged in orchards, gardens, vineyards, truck farms, green- and hot-houses, on fruit farms. All workers engaged in silk cultivation, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF MINING AND MINERALS, 200.

A. Metal Mine Workers Industrial Union, 210. All workers engaged in mining of gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, platinum, iron, etc., in mills, smelters, refineries and other reduction works. For the present, this division also includes quarry workers, such as those engaged in mining of salt, sulphur, clay, borax mica, bromine, graphite, etc.

B. Coal Mine Workers Industrial Union, 220. All workers engaged in coal mining, lignite, anthracite, bituminous, etc. in the production of coke, briquettes, peat and turf, and in the distribution of these products.

C. Oil Workers Industrial Union, 230. All workers engaged in the production of oil, and in refining, gas wells, filters, etc. and in the distribution of these products.

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### Canadian Road Camp Slaves are Strongly Urged to Join I.W.W.

Intolerable Conditions Demand Organized Action. Measure of Self Protection. I. W. W. Presented as Only Adequate and Modern Union.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont.—Have you ever stopped to consider your future? To consider ever stop to consider what you are going to do when you leave the road camps?

Will there be room for you in the camps and mill, railroads and factories after next spring? If not, what are you going to do? Let's consider your chances!

A modern flour mill produces 30,000 barrels of flour a day per man. A shoe factory produces over 15 pairs of shoes a day per man. A modern brick plant produces 400,000 bricks a day per man.

One man produces 4,000 tons of pig iron per year. In agriculture you make tons in one hour what it took him 3,000 hours to do in 1840.

An auto chassis factory produces 10,000 chassis a day with 34 miles of piping with only 200 men working in the factory. One man loads all this with the aid of machinery.

The same applies to all industries more or less in the same degree. In short, "man productive capacity has jumped nine million times."

This increased productive capacity has forced you first to the breadline, then to relief camps and now to labor at road building at no more than poor quality grub and tobacco. This system can't be changed.

Only the Roman slave days will be in the fields tilled all day in chain gangs both in slaves and on rails, on which roads the slave-drivers feel and work for their lives.

They force their boys, drawing their golden-ornamented chariots. You are today building the roads on which the masters of the present system will drive their powerful automobiles.

The only difference between your status and that of the old Roman slave is that your chains are not wrought of iron. Your chains are wrought of laws, which forbid you to do this or to do that; they are wrought of the knowledge that no citizen has made it impossible for you to help away from other men. You are forced to stay in those camps because you have no other place to go. That knowledge is the chain that binds you to slavery as bad as the Roman slaves of old endured.

There are several ways out for you. One of you may find a million dollars! Is it possible?

Another of you may win the Million Sweepstakes. MAYBE! Or then you can sit the unequal struggle, and I commit suicide. But that is cowardly!

These are your chances—right? Let's face the alternative! Why stay as individuals when your chances are so slim? TRY TO ORGANIZE! IT GENERALLY BRINGS RESULTS!

These camps will not continue in indefinitely. None of you would wish that. Since there is no going back to the industries for the great majority of you workers, some scheme must be devised which will lead capitalism, the system responsible for all this hunger and misery in the midst of plenty, to its doom.

That system has been devised. It is known as the Workers' Commonwealth. A new system of production for use instead of profit. Since we are producing more than we are needed at the machines for only a short time, therefore the I. W. W. factory will be the Four-hour Day and the Four-hour Week!

Mainly, we will have lots of time to enjoy our products then, and time to enjoy them. Under the present system we cannot enjoy the results of our labor, because they belong to some individual. Therefore, those products must be distributive to us.

We must be able to control both production and the machinery for its control must be directly under the control of the workers, and say there. How can this be possible? It is very simple. Organize the workers!

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### Western Construction News

SAN GABRIEL DAMNO. 1.—The contract for the San Gabriel flood control dam No. 1 has been awarded to the West Slope Construction Co. at the figure of \$8,600,327. The dam site is near Azusa, Calif., some 35 miles from Los Angeles. While the project has 20 days in which to sign the contract to make it official, they have indicated that such would be done and that their Los Angeles office is already being established.

It is estimated that 1,000 men, skilled and unskilled, will be employed on the project, which will require six years to complete. The company has declared that Los Angeles county labor will be used as far as possible. This, however means little except in the case of unskilled labor for surface work. Actual construction may be expected to begin sometime in February. Wage scale is unannounced.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, San Jacinto Tunnel.—This 13-mile tunnel has begun preliminary work on road/paving into the various adits and shafts at which sites camps are to be built. Date of tunnel construction is still uncertain but should begin very near future.

DOTSEBO, COLO., CUTOFF.—This 38.5-mile single track line from Dotsebo on the R. G. W. near Golden, Colo., to Greystone on the Denver & Salt Lake R. R. has already begun construction with a force of approximately 200 men now working on the line. The contractor, J. B. Beckel & Kaiser, the three main contractors, have formed a new company under the name of Utah-Beckel-Morrison. All three are active in the construction of the Co.'s. J. B. Beckel Dam. There are five tunnels on this project and practically all the work is in a mountainous region. On account of the high altitude and heavy snowfall, full scale work will not be in operation until early spring.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, San Francisco, Calif.—Work on the \$32,000,000 Golden Gate bridge has begun. Contracts call for completion by Spring, 1935, a time of four years' operation. Eight different contractors have received awards for the various parts of work and construction is to be speeded.

SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BRIDGE.—Bids on this San Francisco Bay bridge will be opened on Jan. 21. The contract will call for four deep piers to carry the towers of the double-span suspension structure and the central anchorage; also alteration to San Francisco Harbor Pier 21, estimated at \$9,000,000. Bids will be shortly called for an construction of the East-Bay structure involving 21 piers from Yerba Buena Island to the city, for a total cost amounting to \$2,100,000, estimate.

BOULDER DAM.—The excavation of the rock work under the dam is now well advanced. The dam is overtopped on account of the thousands of inexperienced workers applying. Heavily and high jack-hammer men in demand on account of the scarcity of experienced in this line. The coffee fund is nearly completed and preparations are being made to start putting out the kyanite. The work is to be done by day, 10 hours.—60-G-2.

The price of mechanical production is amazingly fast that a vast amount of manufacturing machinery, only a few years old, is being discarded during the 1929-31 period as obsolete.

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## Dividends Soar, Wages Drop

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The claim has frequently been made that all classes have suffered equally during the present depression and that while the absolute hardships of the urban wage-earners may have been greater than those of the owners of industrial, commercial and financial property, their relative losses have been larger. It is important, therefore, to consider the actual facts, and after this is done to draw certain conclusions as to a proper public policy for the future.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics assembled monthly figures on the total amounts paid out in wages by some 16,000 manufacturing concerns which in 1929 employed approximately 42 millions of workers, or about 45 per cent of the wage-earners who were then engaged in manufacturing. The relative amounts of what thus paid out are shown in the following table:

Relative Total Amounts Paid Out in Wages by Manufacturing Establishments Reporting to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Year	Relative Amounts Paid out in Wages (1926=100)
1926	100
1927	97
1928	90
1929	80
1930	69
1931	63
1932 (first six months)	59
1932 (September)	58

It will be seen from this table that the total amount paid out in wages to manufacturing concerns did not increase from 1926 to 1929; it was the same in the latter year as in the former. During 1930 the total fell by 20 per cent, to a relative 80, and during 1931 the total fell 20 more points, or 25 per cent, to 60. The amount paid to the workers has continued to decrease during the present year. By June it was only 59 per cent of what it had been in 1926 and 1929, and by September only 58 per cent. This great decline in total wage payments was the result of three associated features of the depression, namely: (1) the decrease in employment, (2) the decline in output for a very considerable fraction of the wage-earners who were still fortunate enough to have a job; and (3) reduction in the hourly rates of pay of those employed.

It is of course true that against these reductions in the total wage payments should be set the decrease in the cost of living during this period. If we take the average for 1929 as 100, then the average for 1930, according to the surveys of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was approximately 97, and for 1931 approximately 88. By June of last year the cost of living index, however, had fallen to 80, a decline of 20 per cent from the 1929 level. If we take the index of relative total wages paid to the workers by the index of urban living cost, our resultant index of the relative actual purchasing power of wages is as follows:

Year	(1929=100)
1929	82
1930	68
1931	68
1932 (estimated)	64

The real wage of the workers in manufacturing was, therefore, 18 per cent less in 1932 than in 1929.

Total Interest and Dividend Payments by American Corporations by Years, 1926-1932.

Year	Total Dividend and Interest Payments (in millions of \$)	Relative Amounts (1926=100)
1926	4391	100
1927	4571	104
1928	6028	137
1929	5986	136
1930	8578	195
1931	9368	213
1932 (first 9 months)	5413	123
1932 (estimated)	6800-7200	155-161

It may be noted that the payments of interest and dividends rose, from 1926 to 1929, by no less than 73 per cent, or from 4.4 to 7.6 billions of dollars. The actual payments were as a matter of fact virtually a full billion dollars more in 1929 than they had been in 1926. This was for the most part made possible by some of the large earnings which were made in 1929 but which were not distributed until the following year. While the total of such payments fell in 1930 by about 350 millions, the level was still approximately eight per cent above that of 1929 and no less than 87 per cent above that of 1926. During the first nine months of 1932 the total distributed by the corporations in dividends and interest was slightly over 5.4 billions of dollars. At this rate the total for the year will probably range between 5.8 and 7.2 billions. The former figure would still be 55 per cent above the 1926, even if 11 per cent below 1929; while the latter would be 64 per cent above the 1926 level and only five per cent below that of 1929.

Thus we are led to the following startling conclusion: American dividend and interest payments by corporations increased by approximately 73 per cent between 1926 and 1929, while total wage payments in manufacturing rose only 20 per cent.

In 1930 interest and dividends increased between 13 and 14 per cent as com-

pared with 1929, or to a height of 96 per cent above 1926, while wages in manufacturing were 20 per cent below their level for that year.

In 1931 interest and dividend payments were still above those in 1929 and 87 per cent above those of 1926, while wage payments in manufacturing were 40 per cent below their totals for both 1926 and 1929.

A while dividend and interest payments did begin to fall off in 1932, wages declined for the nine months from January to September, 1932, averaged less than 43 per cent of their totals in 1926 and 1929, the level being only 59 per cent of the 1929 and 64 per cent above those of 1926. It should moreover be remembered that the total in wages and interest was at a real income of the stock and bondholders even greater than is indicated by the monetary figures alone.—World-Tormentor.

Let labor-saving devices save labor and release humanity from drudgery for higher things.

Job-sharing, 30-hour weeks, six-hour days will soon be the order of the day when the machine is properly harnessed and human labor is reduced to a minimum.

### Exploiters in Australia Seek to Put Iron Hoop on I. W. W.

MELBOURNE, Australia.—For the past five years the Industrial Workers of the World have been holding a meeting every Friday night at the South Melbourne Market. The formation of the One Big Union. During the whole of this time the meetings have been conducted in a friendly and uncomplaining manner, any kind have been made against them. Recently, while the first speaker, Fellow Worker Fletcher was addressing the audience, the crowd were moved on by the police and the speaker's name was taken and a summons issued to appear at the South Melbourne Court, Friday morning, July 1.

One of the reasons why this action was taken is that the authorities are endeavoring to stifle all criticism of their new Unemployment Relief Scheme. This scheme will have the effect not only of reducing the cost of sustenance and lowering the already pitiful conditions of the Unemployed, but will also have the effect of providing certain Employers with cheap labor, thereby breaking down the conditions of those who are still in employment.

The present apathy of the workers in the struggle with the employers. These defeats were caused by the masters' policy of divide and conquer; by which they pitted one section of the workers against the other. In the same manner they play the Unemployed against the employed and vice versa.

It is most necessary that the I. W. W. message of Industrial Solidarity through the One Big Union of Employed and Unemployed be broadcasted and accepted by the workers. The I. W. W. is continuing with its meetings and intends to carry on at all costs.

NEW YORK CITY.—The necessity for maintaining the Industrial Worker as a vital organ of the organization is being realized by the New York Workers.

The first step towards helping the press will be an entertainment and dance to be held at Masonic Temple, 310 Lexington Avenue, Saturday, January 13th, Admission 50c. Starting at 8:30 P. M.

Other means of helping outside of social affairs to build the circulation will be reviewed at the affair.

All-Well-known erstwhile I. W. W. editor Justus Eberly will speak.

Readings of many reports, tap-dancing will have Harry Engels with his funny sketches.

Be sure to come and bring your friends! We are told there are four-hundred criminals, perhaps a few. But if you will give me the use of One Million dollars and I will see to it that I will give you to take the inmates of any prison in America and make 90 per cent of them useful and law abiding citizens within a year.

I would cure them of crime by Solving Their Economic Problems For Them. That is all that is wrong with them—they have been victimized by society—caught in the machinery of our barbaric Social Order and have gone down in the brutal struggle for Bread—HAPPY OF CO-operation.

APRECIATION FROM WALLA WALLA  
Dear Fellow Worker,  
Your splendid letter of December 22 received was found everything as usual here. Bert Bland and myself extend our deep true appreciation to the GDC for the Christmas check.

It goes beyond all doubt that the GDC never forgets the Class War Prisoners. The GDC has a great struggle ahead of them and the members must have a strong defense and the GDC must have the full co-operation of all the wage workers from all walks of life, also from all lovers of liberty and justice. On with the good fight!

We all extend thanks and appreciation to F. W. Chas. Harmon of Seattle for the several boxes of good food and also thanks to Mrs. H. Stone of Seattle for the good food.

As we can only write once a week, this letter issue do for all our fellow workers and friends.

With the very best of good wishes to you all, I remain,  
Yours for the Solidarity of Labor  
(Signed) Britt Smith.

### Country Baked Only 75 Parasites have Million Buck Income

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Treasury Dept. today reported that only 75 "parasites" in the United States had net incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1931. The total net incomes of these 75 top rich men was \$168,997,683.

The average, the all but incredible, grip of some forms of privilege on the economic life of the nation, is shown even more vividly by these figures than by those of a year or more ago.

The year 1931 was the second full year of depression. It was a 15-month nightmare, and 1932 set a new record. There could be a worse panic year—until 1932 came to broaden our understanding.

At the very end of the year, about 4,000 workers in the United States were out of work. By the end of the year, the number had doubled, and fully 8,000,000 persons were unemployed in 1932.

There were no regular incomes of any kind, gross or net; they were living on savings, borrowings, public funds and charity.

Jobs were scarce and the unemployed were forming a nation of disabled numbering some 34,000,000 persons—more than seven times the total population of the United States at the time of the Revolution. In addition to the total loss of jobs, wages had been slashed time and again, and part time had become the rule in many industries.

But in the same year, "only" 75 super-rich men made net profits of more than \$1,000,000.

Record Bank Failures  
In 1931, 2,238 banks had failed in the United States, tying up or wiping out assets to the value of \$1,615,000,000. The previous year had seemed bad enough, with 1,435 bank failures, involving deposits of \$884,716,000, but 1931 set a new record.

Record Unemployment  
The year in which 75 men collected net profits of \$168,997,683, more than the wealth of super-rich men is conspicuous. We find 504 men with net incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1929, 149 with such incomes in 1930 and 75 in 1931. The total net income of men in the million-dollar class was \$1,185,000,000 in 1929, and \$1,615,000,000 in 1931.

Deep Ours to Evade  
The real drop in these giant incomes is doubtless much less than it seems. Our income tax laws are so cleverly contrived that many evade, especially in hard times. If a man bought a certain stock years before, say, \$100 a share, and the market price rose to \$170 a share, he can sell enough of that stock to "establish a loss" of a 300 a share. He may have "sold" it to a partner or a member of his family, to a well known Wall Street reporter, and it is a claim for "loss" on every share he held.

A year ago, when the tax schedules for 1931 were being compiled, B. C. Forbes, a well known Wall Street reporter, said that every rich man he knew was "establishing losses" in this way.

Compared With Charity's Dole  
But, as we reported, the incomes of 75 super-rich men are of possible \$168,997,683. The \$168,997,683 which they collected as net profit in 1931 is nearly twice the \$88,000,000 that the Federal Government collected in 1931 in 400 cities and towns of America.

It is more than twice the \$76,000,000 which the R. F. C. had loaned for relief purposes up to December 1.

It is almost three times the \$55,000,000 which the Administration and Congress were trying to save by cutting the wages of Federal workers.

In a year of national disaster, with banks smashing, factories closing, stores going out of business, farmers going bankrupt, workers by millions going on the breadline, "only" 75 men managed to make more than \$1,000,000 clear profit each—\$168,000,000 for the lot, or an average of \$2,173,000 apiece.

Did someone make more than a million dollars last year? Yes, but not a return from Moscow?—George L. Knapp.

Prosperity's Mythical Return  
After citing facts and statistics indicating that the business curve has risen to show a depression level, the author can not even reach that height; that commodity prices have been falling for several weeks, and have now reached the low point of a sharp decline, but can not even reach that height; that unemployment has now turned down again; that while certain industries involving consumers goods showed a slight gain, primary industries, like steel and aluminum, were less affected, and that "there is no sign of a continuation of revival in important financial factors." The December issue of Fact for Workers contains the "so-called revival has petered out. It is encouraging in the sense that the former steady downward trend was arrested, but offers no evidence that the depression is over."

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