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MIGHT IS RIGHT

All Woodsmen, Attention!

Some Questions Relative The Proposed Strike of the "International Union of Shingle Weavers, Saw Mill Workers and Woodsmen."

The question is being asked: "What position is the I. W. W. going to take in the pending strike for a shorter workday on the first of May?"

I am not sure that I can give a satisfactory answer to that question, but will, however, offer my opinion on the matter.

As to the eight-hour day agitation, I don't think there is any doubt in the mind of anybody that we, of the Industrial Workers of the World, intend to carry on this agitation. We have done so for years. In fact, we are the Pioneers of this movement that is now claiming the attention of all men working in the Lumber Woods. It has cost us four years of agitation and thousands of dollars in money to develop this movement that is now expressing itself in the A. F. of L. Then you ask us, what position we are going to take in the matter? Why, it seems to be rather absurd, to think that we would lay down, or that we would repudiate the positive position we have taken on this important movement in the past. Then, again, we have already taken a position that we, not only want a shorter workday, but, by God, we are going to keep fighting until we get it.

You know, Logger, that were it not for the long years of constant and persistent agitation carried on by the I. W. W. in the Lumber Camps, that the A. F. of L. would not be bold enough to undertake the job of getting it on May first. They know that we have paved the way, that we have prepared the ground, and, if they did not know this, they would not undertake to organize this strike without first preparing the ground.

The question, after all, resolves itself into this one thing: Do you want a shorter workday, Mr. Lumberjack? If so, get yourself in position to fight for it. Never mind what the I. W. W. is going to do. We will be on the job as usual, doing our part to whip the Lumber Trust. The great question agitating the minds of the officials of the A. F. of L. is, not what position the I. W. W. is going to take in this move for a shorter workday, but what position are you, Mr. Unorganized Lumberjack going to take on the matter? Never mind the I. W. W. If you show the same fighting spirit in this fight as the I. W. W. boys have shown in the past, or will in the future, you will have your hours of labor reduced to a very noticeable extent.

I shall, in my next article, deal with other aspects of this proposed strike. I shall ask the Shingle Weavers, WHAT POSITION ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE IN THIS FIGHT FOR A SHORTER WORKDAY?

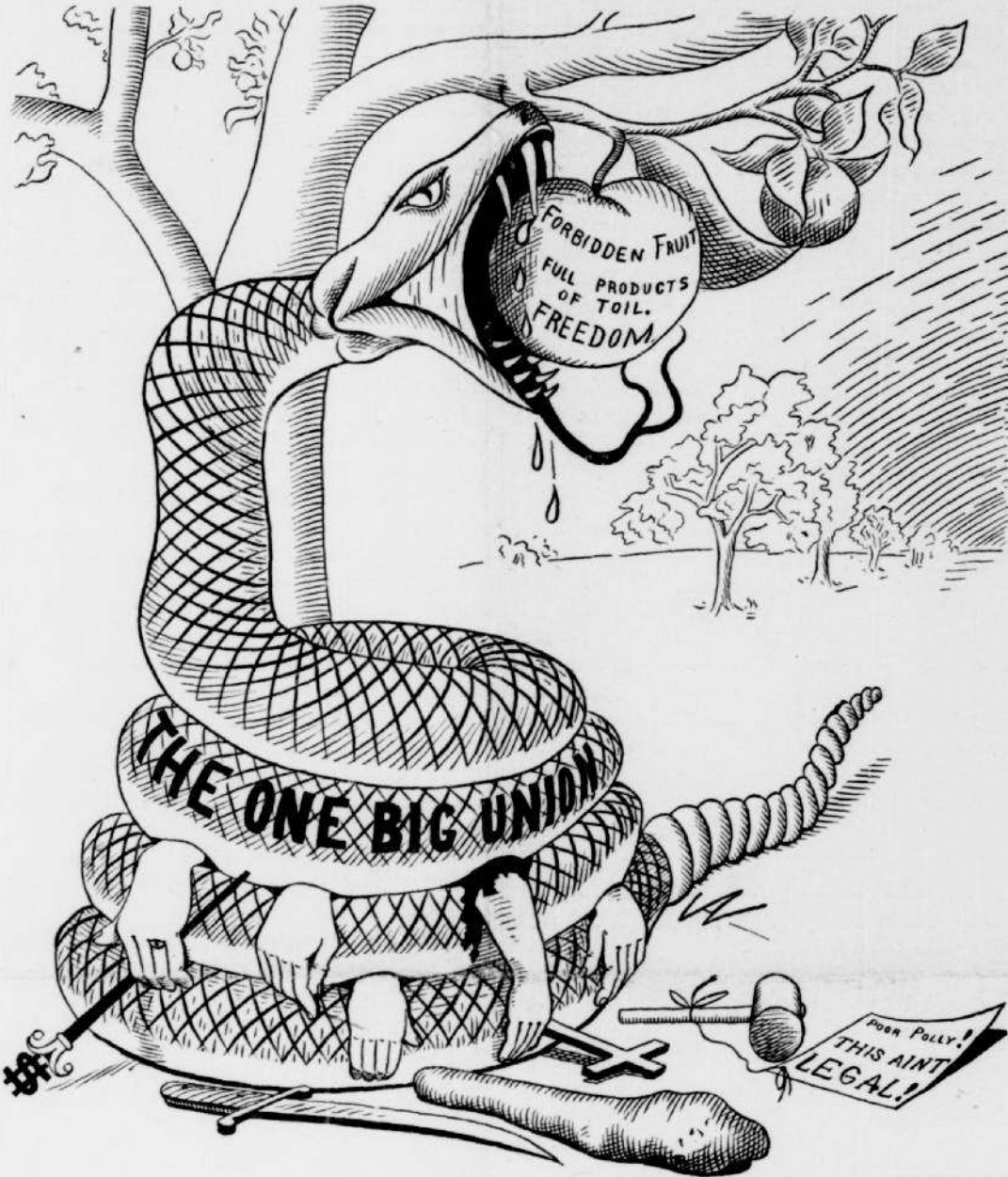
Yours for Industrial Freedom,
FORREST EDWARDS,
Secy-Treas., N. L. U. of F. and L. W.,
Western District

I. W. W. IN A NUTSHELL.

ONE BIG UNION is a simple proposition. It means all workers in a given shop in one shop branch. It means all workers in a given industry of a locality in one Local Industrial Union. It means all workers in a given industry throughout the nation in one National Industrial Union. It means all workers of all national industrial unions of all industries in ONE BIG UNION OF THE WORKING CLASS, with International affiliations. Are YOU in?—"Solidarity."

FUNDS OF WORLD'S UNIONS.

It is officially estimated, in a statement issued yesterday, that the accumulated funds of the world's Unions stand at just over \$100,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 is redited to British Unions, \$10,000,000 to German Unions, and the remainder distributed in proportions not stated among the workers of all other countries where Unionism flourishes. The combined membership of all known Unions is returned at under sixteen millions, Great Britain having one-fourth of these members—London "Daily Herald."



Bodineites Nailed to Cross.

The Bodine outfit have covered this port with a dodger which, like the outfit that got it out, starts at nowhere and end there.

It claims to be a part of The International Longshoremen's Association when, as a matter of fact, the I. L. A., according to the laws of the A. F. L. cannot issue a charter to an organization over which it has no jurisdiction.

In the second place they have been virtually expelled from the only "bona-fide" organization of this class recognized by the A. F. L.—the I. S. U. A.

They make the claim of being part and parcel of the labor movement of the world. Here are the facts. Their card is worthless on the Pacific Coast and everywhere else an open shop prevails. The I. S. U. A. on the Pacific Coast gives the hee-haw to any Bodine man who comes that way.

The I. W. W. is growing steadily and insistently on the Pacific Coast, and we have learned that the I. S. U. A., which organization is headed by Andrew Furuseth, is only too glad to get men who have joined the I. W. W. back into the I. S. U. A. Whenever an agent of the Bodine outfit, for it is not a union, gives you the guff about their books being good all over, MAKE THEM PRODUCE THE PROOF. If they cannot do this, treat them as you would any other confidence man who would try and work a shell game on you.

The Bodine outfit starts from nowhere and is headed for hell, and that is where you seamen are going to be if you allow yourselves to be further bamboozled by this pirate crew.

The M. T. W. of the I. W. W. has a definite plan and program and we are going to get there in the end. How soon only depends on you. We want you to join the I. W. W., and when I say join, I do not mean for you to merely pay dues, but to study its principles and program; attend regularly and take an active part at every meeting when you are in port. Be a live wire, unite in the I. W. W. Make yourself felt and heard and do your best towards developing the rest of your fellow-workers into fighting units of the I. W. W.

Which do you prefer, a "union" like the Bodine outfit, that is controlled by "Headquarters," which means Bodine, (read their constitution and by-laws) or the I. W. W., which is not controlled by any individual and is yours body and soul?

And not only does the I. W. W. state this but it INSISTS most positively upon every member exercising his full right of ownership.

You have been a slave to every form of graft long enough.

NOW, TO-DAY, resolve to be a MAN, a REAL MAN, an I. W. W.

Join the Marine Transport Workers of the I. W. W. and show that you are a man.

Marine Transport Workers, I. W. W.—W. J. Parks, Secretary; Frank Albers, Organizer. Hall 307 N. Peters Street, New Orleans. Meetings, 7:30 o'clock every Tuesday night.

MORE RIVER FRONT SHARKS.

And this is what our reporter saw and heard in his wanderings up and down and through the jungles of the River Front.

Down by the Leyland Line, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, he saw a man said to be Wm. Mr. Fannem and a money shark who charges 20 cents on the dollar, and this is direct defiance of the mandates of the Christian religion. Also, on top of this interest, each man hooked must give Mr. Fannem his time checks to keep, unless he is "honest pay," as Mr. Fannem has no intention of taking any losses. Saturday Mr. Fannem had a cigar box full of checks. When the victims come to the pay table he stands at the door and gives each man his check to go in and get his money and, when he comes out, Mr. Fannem receives his rebate—all the sucker sweated for. The dear old Leyland Line is, of course, absolutely ignorant of this 20% that gets by it or we guess it wouldn't get by.

That's all for this time, but it isn't all our reporter saw and heard, no, not by a dernite and, if you don't believe it, watch THE VOICE.

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Woodsmen, Attention!

Fellow-workers and all slaves, stay away from Sweet-Home, La., Front. Local 275 on strike. The strike was called to keep one of the Company's old tricks off, trying to break the Solidarity and driving the workers.

But, as always, the I. W. W. got wise and beat them to it. The job is tied up right, not a man working. So all workers help keep it so by staying away until we drive the boss into submission, and make another step toward the GOLD.

Yours for victory,
PRESS COMMITTEE, L. U. 275

ALL SOUTHERN REBELS, ATTENTION!

It is reported that, unable to starve the striking Woodsmen at the Sweet Home Front, near Ball, La. back into submission, the struck Lumber Company or the Association, has filled up that section of the country with gunmen and Burns' hounds, and that these lawless Rurales are snooping around the homes of the Workingmen and Working Farmers at night, evidently for the purpose of potting some man they consider a leader and then to try the old gag of arresting every one of our boys for "inciting to riot."

Therefore, all Rebels in East Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma should hold themselves in readiness and, when the association starts its "riot," see to it that enough men get to the Sweet Home country to aid and defend the workingmen and working farmers there against the Thugbund. Norate this all over the four States.

Our NEGRO fellow-workers should likewise warn all NIGGERS headed for Sweet Home Front to stay away from there. All Whitetrash should likewise be warned.

Stand together, MEN, in ONE BIG UNION and prepare for the GENERAL STRIKE of all Southern Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers!

The West strikes May First.

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All local Unions of Forest and Lumber Workers, Southern District, should get in communication at once with Jay Smith, Secretary Southern District, Box 78, Alexandria, La., and arrange a date as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
SMITH AND RICE, PROMOTERS.

Defense Funds Notices.

WHEATLAND: Send all funds for the defense of the Wheatland Victims to, Andy Barber, Sec. I. W. W. Locals, 114 "I" Street, Sacramento, Cal.

TEXAS VICTIMS: Send all funds to Victor Cravello, Box 1891, Los Angeles, Cal., Secretary of the Rangel-Cline Defense Committee.

Carl Person Defense: Send all funds to Carl Person, Box D, Clinton, Illinois. Railroad Workers, Get Busy! ACT TO-DAY.

