

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

VOLUME I.

* MIGHT IS RIGHT *

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MAKE THEM TAKE THE IRON HEEL OFF DIXIE!

A CONQUERED PROVINCE

To all intents and purposes the South is ruled as tho it were a conquered province. "The Reconstruction" was never overthrown. All that happened was that politicians called "Democrats" ousted from office politicians called "Republicans" and, in the name of "white supremacy" instead of black "social equality," sold out their native land to as soulless a gang of Industrial Carpet-Baggers as ever plundered a nation of its resources. For fifty long years we, the Southern people, have been beneath the Iron Heel; for fifty long years we have suffered from violence from without and TREASON from within; for fifty long years we have had a gunman's pistol at our heads; for fifty long years our every protest has been met by VIOLENCE only surpassed by the beastial Diaz regime in Mexico; for fifty long years we have been told that the "Democratic" gunmen HAD TO MURDER down our protests, else the Northern and British capitalists would not consent to rob us of the vast treasures of our native land; for fifty long years the little children of the South, ALL WHITE, have been marched into cotton factory and fish camp hells, there to be MURDERED in body and soul to furnish profit for capitalists and graft for politicians; for fifty long years the chaingagns have grown and grown, ever and ever longer; for fifty long years the blacksnake whips have whistled over the heads and on the backs of men, WHITE as well as BLACK, whose only "crime" was that they were DIS-EMPLOYED, for which the capitalists, and not they, were to blame; for fifty long years the only law we have known has been the LAW OF FANG AND CLAW; for fifty long years our farmers have been "encouraged" to become TENANTS, their sons PEONS, and THIS, we are told, is "WHITE SUPREMACY!" For FIFTY long years a SATURNALIA of EXPLOITATION has raged from the POTOMAC to the RIO GRANDE and now, TODAY, the fruit is ripe. A change MUST come and SOON, PEACEABLY if you WILL, FORCIBLY if it MUST but COME it MUST. The Workingmen and Working Farmers of the South, no more than those of Mexico, can stand forever a government of the people by OVERSEERS for the TRUSTS. You HATE the TRUTH, my masters; you denounce as "anarchists" all who warn you of the coming storm; you send your murderous hirelings against all who demand their due as MEN; you BELIEVE that EVOLUTION can be turned aside REVOLUTION smothered down with jails and rifles; you are like unto those of whom the REBEL CARPENTER of NAZARETH said: "There are none so blind as they who will not see, none so deaf as they who will not hear;" and so, you walk in fancied security over the SOCIAL VOLCANOS your overseers have builded under your palaces and penitentiaries and pantheons. You scorn the workers and refuse them justice, but a change MUST come and SOON. "Treasonable" or not, this is the TRUTH. Consider it or scorn it, as you will, still THIS is the TRUTH. You cannot crush it down with cannon,—it

is the TRUTH: A CHANGE MUST COME AND SOON IN DIXIE. And, let Luther E. Hall take warning, lest he go down in history as the William Pitt Kellogg of the "Democratic Party."

Workers of the South, Arise! Organize in the ONE BIG UNION and stop them from again filling our land with war and blood! Be MEN, UNION MEN, FREE MEN IN INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY! Arise and take your places in the ranks of the army of the WORLD'S REBELLIOUS TOILERS—ARISE!

ARISE!
WORKINGMEN AND WORKING FARMERS, INTO ACTION!
ON WITH THE JEHAD OF LABOR!
ON WITH THE PROPAGANDA OF THE GENERAL STRIKE!!

MERRYVILLE VICE VERSA.

Peonity of Merryville, April 14th.—It is said by one Scab that knows that the machinery in the mills and woods is suffering through the ignorance of those green seabs, or else all of them are suffering from too much squirrel eider. Thirty-two quit last Saturday, and more have left since. Some men and women left, carrying their belongings on their backs, saying they were going to walk to Beaumont, as they had been here three months, and were no nearer getting money enough to leave on than at first. They say they have more men in the pen than they need, but, strange to say, they work the woods crews all day and half the night loading cars, so as to be able to run the next day. The Pond is full of sinkers; they sent word to the old Pond man that they needed him mighty bad. He replied that he was ready to go back when the Union went back.

George McGee and George Wilson were arrested for assaulting Mr. Emerson at Singer, and placed under bond to appear before the Grand Jury.

The planers have been down several days. Inside the Stockade things are in a mess. As one fellow-worker expressed it, "everything is vice versa." The men don't seem to have anything to do; they play ball in work hours. WHITE men and "niggers." Strange Mr. Estes would allow such "nigger equality" under his nose, after having our colored fellow-workers arrested for meeting in the same Union hall with whites.

Some changes have been made in the management of the Santa Fe Mill Co. General Superintendent Walding was fired. Jim Estes got up to that step! The new Mill Foreman, Zaccary, was let out; George Wilson, engineer, fired. Wonder who Wilson feels like kicking now—himself. Imagine!

Well, the strike is still on, just a little more so than it was.

Gardens are fine. Irish potatoes nearly large enough to eat. Don't tell us we will starve—not by a long sight!

Yours in the fight, S. S. H.

NOTICE!

Send all funds, clothing and provisions for Merryville strikers to: Mrs. F. Stevenson, Box 106, Merryville, La. Be sure to register all letters containing funds. Rush help! The strike will be won!

I. W. W. STRIKE COMMITTEE.

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HOLLINGSWORTH THREATENED.

The following is taken from the New Orleans "Times-Democrat" of the 14th: "Lake Charles, La., April 14th.—Edgar Hollingsworth, one of the nine defendants in the Grabow trial of last October, and since that time driver of a bakery wagon at De-Ridder, has been warned by a committee of citizens to leave the city, according to advices received here today. The bad atmosphere created by the recent alleged assault on A. L. Emerson at Singer has not yet cleared up, and developments are looked for next week."

Comment.
The Grabow trial defendant racket is brought herein to make it look bad we know, but this is the first time it has ever been brought to our attention that, because a man earned his living driving a bakery wagon, he was an "undesirable" but all WORKINGMEN and WORKING FARMERS who refuse to crawl on their bellies at the feet of the Sawdust Ring and its lawless Black-hundreds do not seem to be desired in the Peonity of De Ridder.

WE, THEREFORE, SUPPOSE THAT NEITHER IS THEIR TRADE NOR THE TRADE OF THEIR FRIENDS WANTED BY THE "LEADING CITIZENS" OF DE RIDDER, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE FORCED UPON THEM.

Last time we heard of the assault on Emerson they were BOASTING in all their papers about their brave deed—"The Lake Charles American - Press" especially seeming to think it a great joke, but now it is only an "ALLEGED" assault, and DEVELOPMENTS are looked for next week." What new in the heline is the noted Peonity fixing to put-over and try to charge on the "lawless Union men?" ON YOUR GUARD, BOYS, AND DON'T BE TRAPT.

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Send this message all up and down the Nesters Nunion and Grapevine Telegraph lines: "The leading citizens of De Ridder" don't believe the WORKING CLASS has any HUMAN RIGHTS at all. STAY AWAY, ALL WORKINGMEN and FARMERS.

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IMAGINARY STATE OF LOUISIANA, UNITED TRUSTS OF AMERICA, ALL REBEL PAPERS OF THE WORLD! ☉

"The Emerson Faction."

Say, did you know the I. W. W. had another "faction?" A. L. didn't know it and neither did usens, but "The Beaumont Liar" says THE LUMBERJACK is "the official organ of the Emerson faction of the I. W. W." Holy Smoke! we would go off and try to commit suicide if we were as rotten a press agent as John Henry's Little Boy Blue.

NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC N. W.

By John Panener, Bellingham, Wash. Local 337, National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, has opened up an office in Room 22, Holly Building, Bellingham, Wash. Also elected a Secretary and District Organizer, whose name is Earl Osborn—address, Box 417, Bellingham, Wash. The local at Anacortes has been reorganized and is holding business meetings every Friday in the Labor Temple.

The Shingle Weavers Union is carrying on a campaign of lies against the I. W. W. Loggers and Lumber Workers, beware of the A. F. of L. Don't believe all you hear from this Master's voice; reason from cause to effect; think for yourselves. Some of the boys are agitating for a monster Lumber Workers' picnic next 4th of July. There is a strong sentiment in the logging camps of Puget Sound for a strike next May, but the cooler heads think it is better to wait until the middle of the summer.

Sabotage, Thou Sacred Word!

About two weeks ago the British Government, the "greatest Government on earth," had Mrs. Pankhurst, leader of the Militant English women suffragists, sentenced to hard labor in the pen, for the crime of "accessory before the fact," this because Lloyd George, the loud-mouthed demagogue Premier of England, having double-crossed the women, had had a giant firecracker exploded under one of his hencoops, for which heinous crime British "justice," the most cruel and corrupt thing on earth, held Mrs. Pankhurst responsible because she had notified the dirty double-crossing politicians that they meant to fight. The night Mrs. Pankhurst entered the penitentiary, however, telegraph and telephone lines went down all over Britain and Ireland; mail in thousands of letter boxes was ruined; all "holy business" was thrown into a snarl, and for every new arrest, the women redoubled the fury of their assault on HOLY PROPERTY.

At the end of 9 DAYS the "greatest Government on earth" decided that it was not "right" to keep Mrs. Pankhurst in jail any longer, she "being nothing but a poor, WEAK woman." That is to say, the English women whipt the greatest gunman on earth, the British Government, in NINE DAYS, and never took a life doing it, yet you great big, husky, boasting American "freemen" say you can't whip the bestial, bone-headed Lumber Trust!

AVANTI!
Woodsmen of the World, unite! You have nothing but your peonage to lose, and the Boss has everything to be scared of!

JOIN the National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers TODAY

For full information, write: Jay Smith, Sect. Southern District, Box 78, Alexandria, La., or Frank R. Schleich, Sect., Western District, 211 Occidental Avenue, Rear, Seattle, Wash.

WE TOLD YOU SO

Neame, La., April 13.—The Companies have a string tied to their weekly paydays. They take out house (?) rent, "doctor" and imaginary insurance "fees" by the week and thereby skin the workers out of a few bits more every month. For instance, if a shack rents for \$6.00 a month they take out \$1.50 a wweek. To cover \$2 a month "doctor" and "insurance" "fee," they take out 50c a week. Think they are doing this to make the mutts beg them to reinstate monthly paydays. S. S. Qt. BEHOLD A MIRACLE.

Take Carson: Give them only 500 men in that crew, and here is how it works out: 6.00 ahead a year on a \$6.00 a month shack; \$2.00 a year a head on "doctor and insurance fees," or a total of \$8.00 ahead per year per lumberjack. On 500 men they take only FOUR THOUSAND (\$4000.00) DOLLARS a year for GIVING you the weekly payday. Some interest that.

Again, take Bon Ami, and give them only 600 men in their crew, and you get a yearly taking of ONLY \$4800.00. Lastly, take the "Pal"inate of John Henry; its Sultan boasts that he "gives work" to 5000 "loyal" slaves; so, \$8.00 a year on 5000 workers is ONLY FORTY THOUSAND (\$40,000.00) DOLLARS interest for him for GIVING you the weekly payday. Truly, the seer who said, "A sucker is born every minute" was the wise guy, and the Sawdust Ring knows it. No wonder Kirby "loves" you so and that Long loves to quote, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." The miracle worked above is known as the gentle art of "getting something for nothing." But don't blame the Sawdust Ring, for who wouldn't take honey from bees who refuse to sting, or wealth from workingmen who refuse to organize for their own protection?

BIG RED SPECIAL.

"The Industrial Worker," the great Western I. W. W. paper, is getting out a special MAY DAY edition, EIGHT PAGES of news, science, facts and hot stuff, all done in colors and printed up-to-date. Order a big bundle quick. Only 2c a copy. Address "The Industrial Worker," Box 2129, Spokane, Washington. Do it now! This is the advice of THE LUMBERJACK.

ON TO DENVER!

Colorado Springs, Col., April 14th.—Commandeering a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific freight train that left Pueblo Sunday night, 102 Industrial Workers of the World recently ordered out of Grand Junction, Col., obtained transportation to this city, where they were met by the entire police force. They marched to the police station for the night, and Monday they were escorted from the city by municipal authorities. Several freight trains passed the band along the right-of-way, having received orders not to allow them to board any train.

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EDITORIALS

SABOTAGE AND SOPHISTICATION.

"All ye who would increase your vocabularies and join the army of the well-informed, give heed hereunto. It concerns a very modern distinction.

If a hotel keeper provides spoiled products for making your soup and then puts in highly aromatic condiments to make it taste right, that is sophistication; while if a waiter adds an overdose of salt or pepper to make the soup taste wrong, that is sabotage.

If a confectioner prepares your pastry with "rots and spots," that is sophistication; while if a confectionery worker deliberately puts in more "rots and spots" than the cake will stand, that is sabotage.

If an employer puts glue into your ice cream in order to give it verisimilitude, or whatever quality glue adds to ice cream, that is sophistication; while if a worker adds a little soap to the same mixture because he thinks his wages are too low, that is sabotage.

If a laundry proprietor puts destructive acid into the tub with your clothes in order to save himself from doing an honest job, that is sophistication; while if a laundry worker pours a bottle of ink into the tub and thus irrevocably discolors the very same garments, that is sabotage.

If a woolen mill fixes up shoddy to look like the real thing that is sophistication; while if a workingman tampers with the machine that is turning out the shoddy, that is sabotage.

If a candy manufacturer puts poisonous coloring matter into candy in order to make it attractive in the eyes of little children, that is sophistication; while if a candy worker adds capsicum to the same candy in order to make it unpleasant to the taste, that is sabotage.

If a shoe manufacturer sells you shoes with "sheepskin" soles made out of paper, that is sophistication; while if a shoe worker puts emery dust into the bearings of the machine that makes those shoes, that is sabotage.

If the dirty work, in short, is done by proprietors to increase profits, it is sophistication; while if it is done by an employee to decrease profits in the hope of indirectly increasing wages, it is sabotage.—From "Life."

Also when the Lumber Trust destroys UNION property, and scales logs to the woodsmen at 666 feet and bills same log to the consumer at 1200 feet, AFTER it has been SQUARED and DRESSED, that is sophistication; while if the lumberjacks were to put boiler compound in the oil cups in an attempt to civilize the gunmen, that would be sabotage. It is needless to state that "iLfe" is not a Saffron Socialist or Yellow Unionist magazine; it is independent and without "MORALS." That's why it is so often tells the TRUTH.

"Old Mother Hubbard,
She went to the cupboard
To get her poor children some bread;
But father was tired,
And a cheaper man hired
So the children went hungry to bed.
—The Billy Goat.

ITA EST.

A WORKER'S PRAYER.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
So tired I can hardly creep;
I hope to wake at early morn
Tomorrow's duties to perform;
For I must labor every day
For the small wage the boss will pay,
For one day off I'd lose my breath
For fear my kids would starve to death.—C. A. Cook.

The Lumber Kings did not put the trees in the forests nor do they make them into lumber; yet they insist on their right to levy tribute on both the lumberjacks and the users of lumber. Did you ever hear of such gall? "OLD REB."

"It's a gentleman's job and it pays well," says Defective Wm. J. Burns of his rotten work as "guardian of the loot." Well, every one to his taste. Buzzards like carrion and capitalists the blood of babies, and you can't blame Burns any more than the curdog that returns to the vomit. Moral: DON'T be a "gentleman"—be a MAN. A. FLATHEAD

"If you are looking for sympathy, go to the dictionary; you will find it under the S's.

"A man with an income of \$100,000 or more can afford to be patriotic—and hire some one else to do his fighting.

"Some live, others exist, while a few take in church sippers.

"One square inch of justice is better than 160 acres of creed.

"The best way to get what is coming to you is to meet it more than half way.—"The Hobo Review."

"Have you an application blank in your pocket? Get action on it before next meeting time.

"TRUTH is mighty and will prevail. Take that any way you want to. It is the TRUTH.

"When there is ten dollars earned and two dollars paid, there is bound to be unrest among the masses. We have the unrest, haven't we?

"It would take up every bit of space in our great religious weekly to give a four line notice to each strike in this country at the present time.

"Wilson may be at the head of the Nation, but with six million unemployed and twenty million more underpaid and half starved men, women and children in the "innards" of the nation, it strikes me as if conditions were about ripe for an awful headache.

"When you are robbed at the pay window, it is a waste of time and energy to go bargain hunting.

"And you ARE robbed at the pay window unless you happen to be a robber.

"Haywood again in the clutches of the masters' law. When will that fellow ever learn that it is far more respectable as well as much safer to remain in Nestledown or Seabreeze and philosophise about the class struggle, than to go out and fight along with a mob of common ordinary working men trying to help them organize?

"Fine system, isn't it, that makes one man pretend to be the friend of another while all the time he is double crossing him, spurred on to do so by his own private material interests?

"Morgan is dead. Morgan Jr. takes his place. Workers being skinned all the time.

"Undertakers fight like fiends for possession of bodies of the flood victims. Well, that is the system, isn't it?

"Little girls' essay on the "Labor Problem": "The Labor Problem consists of trying to find out a way to keep the working men satisfied without paying them enough to live on."—British Col. Fededationist.

"There seems to be two classes in society: Those who advocate but seldom practice direct action and those who never advocate but always practice direct action. Same holds good about sabotage.

"Our Code of Ethics: Any action which results in benefit to the working class as a whole is right. If the result of an action taken is detrimental to the working class, that action is wrong.

"Our belief: Labor creates all wealth, and any system of society which deprives the producer of the product is wrong.

"Our Motto: To the Workers—The World: Let the parasites have the rest of the Universe.

"When the workers get wise, get wise,
We will put the boss where he ought to be,
When the workers get wise, get wise,
We'll make him a worker, no longer a shirker
When the workers get wise, get wise. "Truth."

"The U. S. Constitution declares "that all men are born, or created, equal." How, when, where or in what?

"Great excitement! Mother Jones, aged 80 years, had outraged the army of West Virginia. She has been arrested for stealing its artillery.—The Rebel.

The surest way to kill a gunman—aim at the Bosses' pocketbooks.

Throw dams across the rivers of HUMAN PROGRESS and hire degenerates to guard them—that is the Bosses' method of "heading off the I. W. W." It's simple as dirt.

Our "cheap" LIVES are in the hands of the capitalist class, but PROPERTY, HOLY PROPERTY, is in the hands of Labor, at its mercy always.

I repeat: TRUTH conquers all things; MIGHT is RIGHT; ORGANIZATION IS POWER.

The I. W. W. is a strictly NON-political organization, but there are several Louisiana politicians who are in line to learn that it knows how to play the game when forced to handle the dirty deck.

"The ONE BIG UNION means the ONE BIG FIGHT." Let it come. The sooner the better. The WORKING class has NOTHING to LOSE, ALL to GAIN.

In an "incendiary document" called "The Declaration of Independence," I read: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their DUTY, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

All PAST REVOLUTIONS are "RESPECTABLE." It is only the PENDING REVOLUTION that is "AN-ARCHISTIC."

"Law and Order League"—a "holy alliance" of Silk-stockings and Blacklegs organized for the purpose of burking TRUTH, JUSTICE, FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY.

The LACK of money is the root of all evil.—The Lumberjack.

When in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, it makes a big difference whether you belong to the master class or the working class in this country. Just put that in the pot and cook it.

US PEONS "PAL" AGAIN.

I want to compliment John Henry Kirby's suckers on their reasoning capacity. They say us I. W. W's. struck like a bunch of fools at Merryville, but THEY are so wise. They get their money once a week now and have also an increase in wages, and THEY say all this was because J. H. K. loved them so. THEY say the "damn Union is good for nothing but to starve women and children to death." I am sorry to disappoint them, but we are not going to let anybody starve to death. I am also sorry J. H. K's. slaves can't live in a \$165,000 bungalow like J. H. K., but they seem perfectly satisfied with their \$25 shacks, tho it is they who make ALL the LUMBER of which HOUSES are built. You bet he is a "good master!" He ought to be, but no REAL MAN wants a master. J. H. K. bathes in a \$30,000 pool—You in a tincan. He calls himself a "sassiety man" and you a sucker. He loves his children better than you do yours, for if you loved yours, you would be MEN and join the ONE BIG UNION, the I. W. W., instead of licking the boot that's kicked you all these years, instead of sneering at the men and women at Merryville whose fight has SCARED John Henry Kirby into giving you a weekly payday and an advance in wages. And if you say the Union didn't scare him into doing it, why didn't he give it to you before the I. W. W. came?

C. HAVENS.

LUMBERJACK COMMENT.

Yes, WHY? And why did J. H. K. back off and grant the 10 hour day in 1907? but for fear of the same thing—the I. W. W. If you love him so, why do you, his "loyal" slaves, take that weekly payday and increase the I. W. W. has SCARED him into giving (?) you? Didn't he SWEAR to you at De Ridder in August of only 1911 that the only reason he fought the UNION was because so'elp'im God he would go broke if he was forced to shorten hours and advance wages? Sure, you know he did. And he's throwing you these crumbs now, because he wants to keep you out of the fight for the NINE HOUR DAY.

A MINIMUM WAGE of \$2.50 per day and SEVENTY-FIVE (75c) CENTS per THOUSAND for LOG CUTTING. That's just what John Henry is after, and nothing more. Say, you Texas boys, don't take what we Louisiana fellows fought to win you and then turn around and spit in our faces. DON'T BE A DISGRACE TO THE OLD LONE STAR STAE! BE MEN, UNION MEN, FREE MEN, I. W. W's!

COWARDS SHOULD KEEP OUT OF BATTLE.

From Ketchikan "Modern Methods."

We sometimes hear the I. W. W. charged with being too radical, and we are unable to discover any other reason for this charge than rank cowardise. We are living under a government professed to be by the people. We have a constitution which sets forth certain rights granted to these people. This constitution has been universally adopted as a fundamental law and so long as it exists as such no laws can be legally enacted which conflict with the rights granted the people by the constitution.

The I. W. W. has never demanded any rights nor granted by the constitution. Such rights are now interfering with capitalists desire to rob labor, and capitalists through their control of government, state, county and municipal officials are depriving people of these rights. It is not I. W. W. that is radical or lawless. It is the capitalists.

Suppose we quietly submit to this outrage, what can we look for in future? What must the I. W. W. think of you who plead for peace at such a price? We say to you if life and peace is so dear to you, cringing cowards, go take it at the price, but keep out of the way of men.

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By building a fire on the track they brought a train to a standstill with the improvised danger signals and boarded it despite the warnings and threats of the train crew.

The above dispatch shows the dauntless "hobo" spirit in all its splendor. Over 1000 men and women are reported to be marching, unarmed, to Denver's jails, there to enforce a right supposed to be guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and every State in the Union, yet it is we, the I. W. W., who are "lawless." Police Chief O'Neil of Denver says the REBELS will be forced to work while he keeps them in prison for standing up for their "inalienable rights." YES he will,—like hell! But, say, what do you think of the meek railroad men (?) who obeyed their masters' orders not to let the REBELS ride? Ain't they a peach of a bunch of "freedom Americans" — AIN'T THEY?

"DEPLETED TREASURY."

"The Lake Charles American-Press" and that dear old screaming dodo called "The New Orleans Daily Item," both seem to be terribly worried as to the condition of our treasury, which they say is "depleted." For the information of their bonehead masters, the alleged Southern Lumber Operators Association, we beg to advise these alleged newspapers that the I. W. W. never had a "treasury" since it was born, and never expects to. Our slogan is: "MEN, not MONEY, win WORKING CLASS battles." Talking about contempt, the I. W. W. has more contempt for a "treasury" than it has for the "Associated Press," which is using some strong language.

"Emerson Through?"

The great Lumber Trust Trinity is also exercised over the above question. It says A. L. told the oxmen he was thru with THEM and try to twist this into his being thru with the UNION. It ain't so, like everything they print, BUT, for the sake of argument, let us say it is! What then? Say ALL us "leaders" quit or die, and all humans are liable to die or go to jail, WILL OUR DYING OR QUITTING END THE CLASS STRUGGLE? Not on your life, FLORENCE. As long as you can live in a MANSION while the wives and mothers of the lumberjacks are forced to camp in SHACKS the WORKING CLASS will breed "leaders" faster than they can quit, die or be sent to the levees. The boneheaded Association might chew on that for a few chews and cogitate on the fact that the I. W. W. is still here and stronger than ever, notwithstanding the fact that innumerable "leaders" have passed away in the days since it was born. It is this obsession, that great leaders are responsible for the present WORLD UPRHEAVAL, that has made the Lumber Kings so persistently seek A. L.'s life, and it is this obsession that is finally going to smash capitalist society to pieces, for its beneficiaries are ever striking at the EFFECTS and not at the CAUSES of SOCIAL UNREST, which is today ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. Killing or jailing the PROTESTORS does not kill this INJUSTICE, my masters. Ask Diaz and HUERTA.

Law-Abiding? What!

Says "The American-Press" of April 12th:

"The probability is that arrests will be the outcome of the assault on President A. L. Emerson of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers at Singer a few days ago, when the labor leader attempted to speak there in behalf of unionism among the lumbermen.

"It is known that a number of warrants are out for the arrest of certain of those who are thought to have been directly and indirectly instrumental in bringing about the assault on Mr. Emerson. Service of these papers had not been made yet today, so far as known.

"Emerson's treatment at Singer is said by eye-witnesses to have been rather severe and entirely uncalled for. It is thought by some believed in a position to judge that ANY ATTEMPT TO SERVE THE PAPERS REFERRED TO WILL RESULT IN TROUBLE."

The caps are our'n, but how's that

for some LAW-ABIDING? If Union men had made such an outrageous and cowardly assault on a member of the lawless "Good Citizens League" or of the riot-promoting Association and backed it up with such a threat, little Luther E. Hall would have rushed the yellow-legged militia to Bumgard paradise and platted at the top of his little reform voice about "protecting life and PROPERTY at any cost." Sure, slaves, "obey the law," even if it does change every time a Lumber Trust manager or gunman gets drunk. All Southern WORKINGMEN were made for aynhow was to be robbed and slugged by a lot of Industrial Carpet-Baggers and Sealawags. So shut up and be good, or they'll Huerta you.

A Riddle.

Says the "A.P.": "It is maintained by the opposing side of the Brotherhood that Emerson in his attempted speech at Singer repudiated his followers." Now, how could Emerson or any other man "repudiate" anybody or anything in an "ATTEMPTED speech?" Will the "A.P." please tell us howinhell A. L. worked this miracle? Again, did they assault A. L. because he "REPUDIATED HIS FOLLOWERS?" Nothing else can be inferred from "A-Pe's" report.

MORAL: Every time the Association opens its mouth it puts its foot in it.

Person Arrested.

News comes that Secretary C. E. Person of the Harriman Railroad System Federation of Shopmen was arrested on April 11th and placed under \$1000 bond to appear for trial on a charge of "sending libelous and scurrilous literature thru the mails," said libel and scurrilous consisting of telling the truth about that Manslaughterbund. Person says he will easily prove that he has not violated any of the postal laws. Person ought to have been a Sawdust Ring postmaster; then he could have violated all the postal laws, rules and regulations and shot the U. S. constitution to hell besides and never been slapped on the wrist. I almost forgot—there are "NO CLASSES IN THIS COUNTRY"—ALL ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW," whateverinhell that is. BUT one thing is SURE: The workers either hang together from now on or they will hang separately, law or no law. It's the ONE BIG UNION or PEONAGE for us ALL. The fight is on with the ONE BIG FIGHT!

TO THE WAGE WORKERS IN THE OIL FIELDS.

By C. L. Lambert.

Mr. Oil Worker: This is addressed to you. It matters not whether you are a Driller, a Tooldresser, Fireman, Pump-er, Pipeliner, or Roustabout, or any other branch of labor which is necessary to the industry. And, as a wage-worker, anything that goes in the industry where you work should be of interest to you; that is, if you are alive to your own interest. You work twelve hours per day in the oil field. Now, do you really love work so much that you are willing to work such long hours? If you are satisfied with your slavery, do not trouble to read any further, as this is addressed to those wage workers who want to better their conditions of life and who are earnestly seeking to get more of the wealth which they produce. Great changes are taking place in this country, as well as in all other parts of the world. And, due to the great labor saving inventions, the armies of the unemployed are steadily increasing, thereby causing keen competition for jobs. As a result, the man who does not put up, must get out, let in some other man in who is willing to submit to any conditions which the Bosses may see fit to impose on him. This CUT-THROAT COMPETITION for a CHANCE TO WORK has but one possible result, i. e., THE LOWERING OF THE WORKERS STANDARD OF LIVING AND HIS INCREASING DEGRADATION. The only way to change this state of affairs is for all the wage workers in the oil industry to get together so that by CONCENTRATED ACTION on the JOB, they can shorten the hours of labor, thereby putting the idle men to work, who today are being used by the Bosses as a whip over your head. Remember, THE BOSSSES ARE ORGANIZED FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST.

If you want to get a bigger share of what you produce, you must be organized, too. This is not a question of sentiment. It is a COLD SCIENTIFIC FACT. MIGHT IS RIGHT, and today the Bosses have the MIGHT because they are COMBINED TOGETHER for their MUTUAL BENEFIT, which is the exploitation of the wage workers out of whose sweat and blood is wrung the millions which your masters enjoy. Do you know that when you work for wages you work for nothing and board yourself? The U. S. Government statistics show that, on an average, you produce six times more value than you get in wages, which means that in the first two hours you produce the value of your own wages, and the rest of the day you work for nothing. This is where the bosses' millions come from. There was a time in this country when men were scarce and the wages and conditions were better in consequence. For instance, at the time of the Lake View Gusher, when it was first brought in in March, 1911, at Maricopa, Cal., the bosses were running in and out of saloons offering seven dollars per day for common labor, and, only one year later, the American Oil Co. brought in a gusher at Fellows (only sixteen miles apart) and, owing to the over-supply of labor in the fields, they only paid \$2.25 per day and board. Now, they are developing the oil industry in India, Japan, China and Egypt. What effect will that have on the workers here? It will have this effect: That for every step in development in those countries there will be a decrease in development here. Because, labor being so much cheaper there, in the Orient, and the raw material being plentiful, capital will go where the greatest profits are to be made, which means that you oil workers who have followed the development of this industry from the Eastern States through the Middle West and the South, are now in a position where the tool of production is going from you to a country where you can not follow it, unless you can compete with the Asiatic upon his own territory — which is an impossibility.

Then, there is nothing for you to do but to stay here, and either accept a lower standard of living, or to organize in one solid body and increase your wages, shorten your hours, and, when you get strong enough, own and run the oil industry for yourselves. In every industry in the United States today there is an organization being formed, the aim of which is to force from the bosses more and more of the wealth back into the hands of those who produce it, until they ultimately take over the whole of the industries and run them for the benefit of the workers. This organization is known as the Industrial Workers of the World. It opens its doors to all who work, of any race, color, sex or age and its motto is: "An injury to one is an injury to all." Its dues and initiation fees are as low as possible and a membership card is transferable in any industry, or in any country. Its object is the abolition of the wage system and the inauguration of Industrial Democracy, wherein the whole of the workers will get what they produce and the man who does not do his share of work shall not eat. Today the oil workers work 12 hours and lives in a shack. His boss merely holds title to the property, lives in a palace and draws millions in dividends. The railroad worker builds the railroad and walks the ties. The Textile worker weaves silk and goes in rags. And so on down the line. Now, Mr. Oil Worker, if you like this kind of thing then take lots of WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT, if you are a real man, then study this proposition, and read the literature published by this UNION. Then come and take out a card, or, if you are not near where there is a local, go among your fellow workers, put the proposition up to them; get twenty names; send the names in to the General Headquarters of this Organization, and get a Charter for a Local in your own vicinity. Remember: If you want to get anything, you must help to get it for yourself. We need you. You need us. In unity there is strength. Also, the workers will get only what they have the POWER TO TAKE. It is up to you to be a MAN.

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For full particulars, write to Vincent St. John, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. W. W., 164 and 166 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

A RED SOCIALIST'S IDEA.

By Ariel.

It has often been discussed between Socialists and near Socialists as to which is the better way of teaching the laboring class how to control their jobs and receive the full product of their labor. Many comrades when asked how to solve this problem will say vote the Socialist ticket. But people don't do things on the advice of others.

This question is being asked every day by people who are interested in Socialist work. So I will put forth my best efforts in trying to answer it in as simple and intelligent a way as possible.

Tear from his eyes the mask of superstition. Destroy his faith in supernatural things. Make him know that all things come about from natural causes and if he wants a change in conditions he must expect to do it through natural causes.

If he is ever taught to reason correctly he will cease to be a faith subject. As soon as he realizes that those who have been offered butter beyond the clouds as a reward for drinking skimmed milk on earth only inherit sour stomachs in their old age, priests and preachers can no longer preach the old-time doctrine to them. They will no longer look to a life beyond the grave. They will go into the same fields where their masters have fared so well. They will take hold of the material things of life. The butter and milk will be justly shared. The master will disappear like a shadow. Then we will have a Socialist Republic founded on reason.

When reason rules supreme it will seem that every one is from Missouri. The Bible will be recognized as ancient history. The powers that are will not seem to be of God as the "Holy Writ" has claimed. But the real power of reason will be felt. Priests will no longer act as mediators between God and man. People will understand the game as it is being played. They will see with wonderful quickness that while the priests are diverting their minds to invisible things their masters are robbing them of all things visible. They will know why it is that the great money kings always pretend to have such great respect for the churches, although they seldom attend them. They will know that priest-craft and church graft is a part of the capitalist system; and not until we abolish superstition and apply our reason to FACTS can we expect to attain the full product of our labor.

Ignorance and superstition should have no part in the labor movement, for these are things that belong to the capitalist system.

We do not believe in chattel slavery. We do not believe in witchcraft. We do not believe that the higher authorities are endowed with power from above. We believe that every one is born equal. We do not teach obedience to masters. We believe no more in masters than we do in slavery. Chattel slavery was defended for years by nearly every Christian denomination that exists today. Witchcraft was preached from the pulpit of the churches for centuries. Obedience to masters is taught by nearly every denomination that exists. Socialism is being attacked from most every pulpit in America. Clergymen still preach the old-time doctrine of contentment to their ignorant followers. They are still telling them to travel to the ends of life with a yoke around their necks. They preach that the laboring class are poor and wretched because the Lord intended them to be so. And if they complain or grumble against this plan they are taught that they will be condemned to an everlasting Hell.

Now, we know that the majority of the laboring class believe in the Bible and the Church. We should be very frank and truthful with them about such things. We should not pretend to them that we believe in church dogmas. We should tell them frankly that the Church is controlled by the capitalist system and is Socialism's natural enemy. No Socialist with a spark of decency would attempt to be friends with such an infamous thing, for he knows

that in all ages the Church has been the enemy of progress. Ingersoll was not wrong when he said, "The Church is the rock that the hypocrites have crouched behind for centuries to shoot their poisoned arrows at the pioneers of the world.

Every attempt to enlighten humanity — be it in science or invention, in short, anything that would throw light upon FACTS—has been attacked by the Church. For centuries it stood with the bloody sword of execution and barred the way to the tree of knowledge. It has blighted the mentality of its followers for generations, and its black shadow still falls across the blighted path of reason.

The Holy Writ says, "Earn your bread by the sweat of your brow." But what does the church care about the millions who follow this commandment? Absolutely nothing. They are under no obligations to the working class, for poverty cannot donate anything of material value to the Church, and as for "Spiritual things," the Church has a large stock of such commodities that it is anxious to exchange for MATERIAL THINGS.

The Church learned centuries ago what the working class is learning to day. They know that it is the material things that count. They know that it takes money to build schools and churches in which to train the coming generation into conceited and narrow minded factions of wage slaves and they know how to play the game to get the money.

If the workers knew how to play their game as well as their masters do they would not wrangle among themselves concerning church dogmas. No sensible person prays for rain. He gets water in a material way by boring a well. And the sooner the working class adopts this method and forget this ancient superstition and relies upon itself, the sooner will the workers reap the full product of their labor.

THE WORKERS AND THEIR POWER.

By M. A. Otis of Bakersfield, Cal.

Yes, we are the working class, the tradesmen young and old, We are the "meek and lowly man" who made all wealth and gold. We make the steamboats and the mills and the mansions high and grand; We labor on the plains and hills; we clear and plow the land; We work in cities and on farms, in factories, mills and mines; We make the dreadnaughts, swords and arms, and all the railroad lines; We are the sailors on the sea, the engineers on the land,— All useful things in life you see are molded by our hand. A thieving class has stolen all the good things of this life, And driven virtue to the wall, of sweet-heart, maid and wife; They've robbed us of our liberty, and robbed us of our home; They've starved us into slavery and driven us to roam; They've taken over this great earth and claim them heirs to all; They claim to be of "blue blood and birth;" They kick us when we fall; The tragedier that they behold, WE feel and see and hear. Their crime, their vice, their lust for gold increases more each year,— The earth's becoming more and more a wageslave's hell below— We cannot bear it longer, for we feel and see, you know. We'll educate and organize, and form ONE UNION grand; We'll stay no longer separate; UNITED we shall stand. "MIGHT IS RIGHT," the workers say, "our number is our might; We're growing stronger every day and soon will win our fight." We'll educate the toilers to the gospel, DISCONTENT, Then we'll overthrow the spoilers to the masses' betterment; Their old worm-eaten barricade of laws and ancient creed, Will fall when once our might's arrayed against their brutal greed; An injury to one shall be an injury to all; We will fight until we all are free; Our masters all must fall!

Frank F. Vann

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WOMAN'S WAGE.

In all the reports appearing in the daily press regarding the investigations into the causes of the "Social Evil" and the great I. W. W. strikes at Paterson, N. J., Akron, Ohio, and elsewhere, much stress is laid on what constitutes a living wage for girl and women workers. The whole idea seems to be to get at the minimum of how little a female of the working species can exist on without having to sell her body and soul to make both ends meet. The testimony overwhelmingly proves that the vast, vast majority of the girl and women workers of this, the "greatest and richest Nation of ancient or modern times," are working like galley slaves for wages that are far below the living line; in fact, below the line of even brute existence. That a great fear of the I. W. W. is back of our "Christian" masters' sudden interest in this vital RACE problem is borne witness to by their feverish haste to do "something" and by their curses shrieked upon the head of the ONE BIG UNION. Nothing they can do can halt for a single instant now the victorious onward march of the I. W. W., for they have condemned JUSTICE too long. Also, the I. W. W. is not interested in HOW LITTLE a girl or woman can exist on. NOR is it in the least interested in the "REGULATING CHILD LABOR." It demands for the women workers the same wages and conditions it demands for men workers—ALL they PRODUCE and a FREE WORLD. As for the CHILDREN, it demands that they be IMMEDIATELY taken out of the sweatshops and placed in the SCHOOLS and PLAYGROUNDS. It demands a HUMAN LIFE for ALL the WORKERS, regardless of SEX, CREED or COLOR, and this it knows the WORKERS cannot have as long as there is a MASTER left to lord it over INDUSTRY. Hence it ORGANIZES to CONTROL the JOB, knowing that JOB CONTROL gives POWER over all social conditions elsewhere. Hence is the I. W. W. fought by all the CAPITALISTS, big and little, and by all their retainers, for they all behold in it the WORKING CLASS awake and fighting, not for a few more crumbs from the rich man's table, but for a MAN'S, a WOMAN'S, a CHILD'S LIFE for ALL the CHILDREN of the RACE. Therefore will the I. W. W. WIN. Therefore will the MASTERS LOSE. And this prophecy is written because everywhere all over the world the women of all the RACES are joining their fathers, husbands and brothers of the WORKING CLASS on the battle line in the struggle for INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, and such action on the part of the women has ALWAYS presaged the fall of the existing order of society and, so, CAPITALIST SOCIETY is doomed, because THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, and it has sinned beyond pardon against WOMANHOOD, MANHOOD, and CHILDHOOD, against ALL that is SACRED to HUMANITY. The WORKINGMAN and WORKING FARMER who fights against the I. W. W. in its struggle to establish INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, fights to send his WIFE and MOTHER to the SWEATSHOP, his DAUGHTER to the REDLIGHT, his BABIES to a worse than living death—he is not a MAN—he is below the BRUTES, for the BRUTES PROTECT their YOUNG and their MOTHERS to the LAST EXTREMITY. Don't be BE-

LOW the BRUTES. Be a MAN, a UNION MAN, a FREE MAN, an I. W. W.!

THE I. W. W. TO HAVE A BOOK.

The I. W. W. has reached a stage where it is worthy of a book. Pamphlets, we have; leaflets, too. But of books published under our own auspices exclusively, we have none. This defect will soon be remedied.

The General Office announces the preparation of a book, covering the Lawrence Textile Strike, the Lawrence General Protest Strike and the Ettor-Giovanitti trial at Salem, Mass. The book, besides being replete with statistical and other data, will be illustrated by portraits, posters and cartoons. Especially interesting will be the descriptions of the trial, with the influence of the general protest strike thereon. Copious extracts with disursive comments, will be given from the speeches of District Attorney Atwill, Ettor and Giovanitti. Every principle of the I. W. W. is set forth in the history of the epoch-making events at Lawrence and Salem, thus making the book a great object lesson in I. W. W. Wism.

The book will be entitled "The Trial of a New Society." The author is Justus Ebert. Ebert was in charge of the Publicity-Bureau of the Ettor-Giovanitti Defense at Lawrence. He took part in the Lawrence general protest strike and reported the trial at Salem. He has been at work on the book since the end of the trial.

According to the author's viewpoint, the Salem trial was not a mere murder trial nor the result of a conflict between capital and labor, but the trial of a new Society that was largely decided by new methods. While the title is somewhat hackneyed, the treatment gives it new significance, as it replaces symbolism and rhetoric, by history and fact. The work is nearly completed. The price and date of publication will be announced later. Watch out for them.

THERE WAS ONCE.

There was once an honest politician. He was born dead.

There was once a preacher in Lumberland who sided with the lumberjacks. He was a hobo.

There was once a "guard" who testified to the truth. He was blacklisted.

There was once a detective who refused to utter perjury. He was deaf and dumb.

There was once a gunman who refused a drink of squirrel cider. He had double lockjaw, locomotor ataxia, meningitis, rheumatism and paralysis.

There was once a capitalist too upright to sophisticate. He went broke quick.

There was once a workingman too "honest" to commit sabotage. He starved to death sucking.

There was once a whole week passed without a single Yellow Unionist or Saffron Socialist "leader" pandering to the capitalist class. It was the week after the establishment of INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY; there were no capitalists to pander to and they were all busy telling how THEY did it.

There was once a Louisiana sheriff who arrested a "Citizen Leaguer" for assaulting a Union man. He committed suicide when he got sober and found out the awful crime he done.

There was once a "Grand Jury" that indicted, in the name of "impartial justice," 64 Lumber Kings, sawmill managers, superintendents, foremen, commissary soldiers and cockroaches for "murder in the first degree" for shooting up a Union mass meeting on a "peaceful Sabbath day," and a District Attorney and United States Congressman who persecuted them to the limit of the law and then some. This is from Baron Munchausen's history of Louisiana and Washington, N. B.—The Baron was the biggest liar that ever lived.

There was once a landlord who refused to take rent from his tenants, saying the earth and its harvests belonged by right to those who made it. He had been hitting the pipe and dreaming he was in Paradise. He swore he would never do it again and thereafter lived

"Christian life" until he was shipped to glory in a gold mounted coffin.

There was once a Judge who refused to do the Pilate act against the workers and a Governor of Louisiana and West Virginia who ordered out the militia to protect the lumberjacks and miners. This is not a pipe dream. It is an infernal lie.

There was once a Lumber King who raised wages and cut hours before the Union came just because he knew his peons couldn't live one one dollar and a half per. This is not the TRUTH. It is only a MIRACLE.

PREAMBLE OF CITIZENS FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLAGE ASSOCIATION.

Rosepine, Vernon Parish, La., April 8, 1913.—We, the undersigned citizens, workers as well as tax-payers, have this day formed ourselves into an organization, as above styled, for the purpose of conserving to the so-called common people the right to peacefully assemble and exercise their rights as laid down in the Constitution of the United States, and the State of Louisiana, which, in Article 1 (One) of the Fifteen Amendments to the said Constitution of the United States, expressly states that the people's right to free speech and press and the right to peacefully assemble shall not be abridged.

Recognizing the gravity of a situation that has lately developed in several parishes, where a certain element is seeking to undo the work of our forefathers, who fought hard for these said amendments, which the ruling classes tried to wrest from them, and realizing that a really free State cannot be maintained without these rights, we are determined to unite in vigorous protest against any movement started to thus suppress the common people of our State, which, if carried to its logical conclusion, will render us powerless to redress our wrongs. We call upon all liberty loving people of this State to help in this effort of ours to put an end to the absolutely lawless actions of a few men who are endeavoring, with the aid of non-residents, employed for the purpose of helping them in this dangerous undertaking, that of suppressing free speech and assemblage.

ROSEPINE BRANCH,

C. F. S. & A. A.

The Rosepine Branch calls on all workingmen, farmers and liberty loving citizens to take like action at once.

A RED CHRISTIAN'S IDEA.

By J. N. Nelson.

To battle alone in life means failure. The man who tries to battle alone in life against its various oppositions and combinations cannot but meet with failure. One, to gain any marked degree of success, MUST enlist the assistance and co-operation of others. It is an impossibility for one to live alone and independent, for, in reality, we are all dependent on each other. Therefore, it is far better to work in UNION and harmony with your Fellow Workers than to attempt to line up in opposition to them, as the latter is more than apt to end in failure. Therefore, let us UNITE and reason together. The All-Wise never ordained a law by which one man should have all while the millions have nothing. No, and a thousand times, No! All men were created equal, and all have a perfect right to share and enjoy the blessings of this beautiful material world. There is no excuse and no necessity for all the terrible misery we see on every hand. Fellow Workers, as Caleb organized the children of Israel of old, let it be so with us, the WORKERS, today—let us join the I. W. W. and go up and demand our wage scale, a nine hour day and living conditions that become MEN. We are MANY and plenty able to overcome the Southern Lumber Operators Association. Boys.—ON WITH THE GENERAL STRIKE! I am a blacklisted man. Was blacklisted February 28th, 1912, by George Kingrey at Camp Curtis, but I am in the fight till the end comes to me, for the freedom of our class.

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CONVENTION CALL!

TO ALL SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS.

Fellow Workers:—The Second Annual Convention of The National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers is hereby called to convene in the hall of the Southern District at Alexandria, Louisiana, on

Monday, May 19th, 1913

All Local Unions are requested to immediately begin making preparations for the Convention, to see that all old members are paid up and as many new members as possible initiated, in order that they may all be represented by a full quota of Delegates.

Speakers of International reputation will attend and address the Convention, which promises to be the greatest ever assembled by the Lumberjacks of North America.

By order of the General Executive Board.

FRANK R. SCHLEIS, Secretary,

Western District.

JAY SMITH, Secretary,

Southern District.

National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, I. W. W.

The I. W. W. Preamble

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 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 allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid in employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

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

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 everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

To All Members.

Pay no money to any one for Dues or Assessments unless a stamp is placed on your membership book therefor. The stamp is your only receipt for Dues and Assessments, and your only evidence that you are a member of the Union. Unless your book is correctly stamped up to date, you will not be recognized as a Union member, either in the Southern or Western District. All Local Secretaries have, or should have, on hand a supply of stamps. Insist that your book be stamped for every time you pay or have paid your Dues and Assessments. A book is the only evidence you have paid your Initiation fee.

This notice is issued because the General Organization and its Local Unions have lost hundreds of dollars thru the members failing to insist that Secretaries place dues and assessment stamps in their book at the time payment was made. Cease this loose method. Demand a book when you pay your Initiation fee and a stamp every time you pay Dues and Assessments.

N. I. U. of F. & L. W.

By Jay Smith,
Secty. Southern District.