



# AN EVENTFUL WEEK

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# TO THE FARM SLAVES

## For the Etor-Giovanitti Defense. Many More Protests. General Strike Movement Growing.

Lawrence, Mass., Sept. 7.—The past week has been an eventful one in the movement to free Etor and Giovanitti. From a movement of protest, this movement has passed into a movement demanding immediate liberation and favoring a nation-wide general strike to that end.

Following the arrest of Wood, president of the woolen trust, Joe Etor spoke from the prison cell on the millionaire mill owner's dynamite plot. Etor and Giovanitti have been carefully guarded from visitors, no one but their counsel being allowed to see them. The prison rules, however, permit all prisoners to see clergymen, and last week Rev. Roland D. Sawyer had a long interview with Etor in his cell. Etor sent out the following message:

"Burn into the brains of the working class that the planting of dynamite by the mill barons was but a part of a greater plot that they laid and hoped to carry out: this was but a part of the whole plot to jail Giovanitti and I, eventually send us to the chair and break the power of the unions and bring back under the lash their wage slaves. That these men would plant dynamite enough to blow up the city, endangering innocent lives by the score, should convince even the bourgeois mind that they are a set of rascals desperate enough to do anything. Part of that dynamite was planted with the intention of getting Giovanitti and myself, but the planter bungled and put it into the wrong place.

"All day on the Monday that Annie LaPiza was shot I was dogged by private detectives in the employ of the mill owners cut throats; it was undoubtedly these same thugs who started the riot that caused Annie La Piza to be killed. When they failed to put this dynamite planting on us they then started a riot and killed a woman to put murder on us, and these things will be brought out of the investigation to be pushed."

It was this idea that led to the new phase of the movement. It is believed among labor men that the dynamite explosive changes matters. The cry, consequently, is not a "fair trial," but "release Etor and Giovanitti; quash the indictment."

The Labor Day meetings at Rumford and Lewiston, Me., are typical of the change in purpose. Those meetings, attended by 1,500 and 1,000, respectively, adopted resolutions to Governor Fos demanding that the Superior court of Massa-

chusetts sit in special session and quash the indictments against Etor and Giovanitti and set them free. They also demand that an immediate investigation be made of the handling of all cases growing out of the Lawrence strike and that justice be done to dynamite Wood and those whom they believe to be his associates, Judge Mahoney, Judge Brown and Prosecuting Attorney Atwell. These resolutions were sent by telegraphic night letter to Governor Fos.

### NATION-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE

Owing to the belief that the case of the two men is being made a political football, the agitation for the immediate trial and release of Etor and Giovanitti is now in favor of a nation-wide general strike in their behalf. By this means, it is thought that the case will be taken out of the realm of politics and disposed of before election day. Otherwise it is feared that the two men will languish in jail until after election day, the victims of the exigencies of a political campaign.

The nation-wide Etor-Giovanitti general strike idea was launched at an Etor-Giovanitti protest meeting in Providence, R. I., last Thursday, following a conference of I. W. W. officials. It will be advocated at a monster mass meeting to be held at Hod Carriers' hall, Chicago, Sept. 8, at which time Wm. D. Haywood will be the principal speaker. Over 5,000 advance tickets have been sold for this occasion, so that an overflow has been arranged for in a nearby hall.

On Sept. 14 the nation-wide Etor-Giovanitti general strike will receive the endorsement of the workers of Greater New York. On that date a monster demonstration will be held in the uptown sections of the metropolis. They will converge on Union Square, where a record breaking attendance is expected.

On Sept. 15 the Boston Commons will be the scene of a big New England demonstration in favor of the same idea. W. D. Haywood says he will be present in defiance of the threat to arrest him should he set foot in Massachusetts.

Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, San Francisco, and other leading cities of the country, are preparing mass meetings for the same purpose. From all the above cities, especially from New York, have there come numerous communications advocating a general strike in favor of Etor and Giovanitti. In all these cities

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a scab coming up the line, but as it is we must catch all these men here.

"The boats from Seattle and Vancouver arrive here at 10:30 a. m. and the train leaves at 11, giving us only a half hour to do our work and when the place is full of man-hunters it is a difficult job and means hustle.

"Of course the majority of the men sent here to break the strike never go on the road when informed of the strike. But they all seem to be unaware of a strike until they get here. As most of them arrive here broke, we must shelter and feed them until they can get a chance to get back to Vancouver.

"Get busy and get your pickets out on the job, or else send us funds to keep them when they get here. We must have money to feed and shelter these men.

"Get busy!"

The Seventh Annual Convention will be held at Roosevelt Hall, formerly Brads Hall, 645 N. Clark street, corner of Erie.

Lawrence, Sept. 9.—September 30 was the day set for the trial of Etor and Giovanitti at the court house here today. The defense was represented by John P. S. Mahoney, of Lawrence; ex-District Attorney W. Scott Peters, of Haverhill; W. Sawyer, Jr., of Boston, and George W. Moore, of Los Angeles, as associate counsel. The trial is likely to be held at Salem with Judge Quinn presiding.

District Attorney Atwell is in a predicament regarding the trial. He is reported to have said that he will be condemned if he tries Etor and Giovanitti and he will be condemned if he doesn't.

The following letter is indicative of the sentiment now prevailing regarding the case:

"Springfield, Mass., Sept. 7, 1912. 'WILLIAM B. YATES,' 'District Sec. I. W. W., 'Lawrence, Mass.

"Dear Sir: 'Recent developments in connection with the dynamite plot prompt me to support you morally in your contention for the immediate release of Etor and Giovanitti who have been unfairly treated.

"It is a great disgrace to our American institutions to have such an outrageous state of judicial tyranny.

"As an American workingman, educated in our public schools, I say to you: 'Stand fast in your faith in God and Justice shall triumph.'

"Yours Very Truly,

"JOHN C. HYNES,

"104 Everett St."

### MCKEE'S ROCKS SURVIVES

Those who have been talking about "the failure of McKee's Rocks" on account of the decline in I. W. W. membership due to enormous pressure exerted against the organized workers there by the powerful capitalists of Pittsburg, and the lack of support from workers in the surrounding territory, will be surprised to learn that the I. W. W. is recruiting its forces at that historic point. The spirit of the great struggle of 1909 is reviving. Discontent is rampant. At the same time the company is afraid of "labor troubles," according to an admission of "Bab" Hoffstad to a New York World reporter recently. So, according to our Pittsburg correspondent, the order has been given by the Pressed Steel Car Co. "to pacify the workers with clubs and guns, if need be."

Several I. W. W. meetings have been held the past few weeks, and the usual coterie of "bulla" have been on the job to intimidate the workers with the gang of thugs at one of these meetings. Evidently anticipating some "professional" work. One of the bulls said: to have had dynamite with him ready to plant it in a Breen and Wood, but when reminded of the dynamite exposure in Lawrence, he beat it. But his name is known, so our correspondent writes. The I. W. W. took steps to protect itself at this meeting, and the bulls and company doctor found themselves face to face with a determined body of men from Pittsburg ready for any trouble that might be started by the thugs. The result was no trouble on this occasion. New members have been recruited at a satisfactory rate, and it is expected that the I. W. W. will assume a still stronger position than formerly at McKee's Rocks.

### SEVENTH CONVENTION

The seventh annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World will assemble in Roosevelt hall (formerly Brand's) Erie and North Clark streets, Chicago, Monday morning, Sept. 16. It is expected to be an important convention.

## An Appeal From the Slaves of the Forests to the Slaves of the Farms, by the B. of T. W.

Fellow Workers:

You have doubtless read of the massacre of Grabow and the wholesale indictment of our people by a Lumber Trust grand jury and their arrest and imprisonment at Lake Charles, La., where 64 men and boys are now held for trial with three charges against each for "murder in the first degree" and one charge against each for "shooting at will intent to kill," two of the "murders" they are charged with having committed being the killing of Roy Martin and Deatur Hall, brother unionists; men standing among the best beloved in their Brotherhood. Then the grand jury released all the sawmill owners and their gunmen, turned them loose to continue, unmolested, the slugging, outraging and assassination of union men and their farmer and socialist allies.

This is the "law and order" John Henry Kirby of Texas, R. A. Long of Missouri and the company stand for and are trying to enforce with their army of low-down thugs and detectives. Against this, the lowest form of slavery on earth, poeage, we, the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, revolted, just as you have revolted against that other form of slavery, tenantry, and we mean to keep on fighting until we and all our brother workers are organized and again free men.

The real master that hunted us into poeage, THE MACHINE, is already on your trail and, unless you get busy and help us win this fight, help us raise our standard of living, reduce our hours of labor, and thereby abolish the army of unemployed, you will see, when YOUR struggle begins in earnest, the land lings hitching you to machines, working their estates with wage labor, just as they are

doling on the Taft and other "bonanza farms. You have but one hope to escape this fate, and that is for you yourselves to industrialize the farms, and thereby control the Campbell cotton picker, gasoline plows and other high priced machinery the land kings are beginning to use, in order to transfer the fields. This you can not do standing alone; this you can not accomplish through a craft union. Your only hope of making good is through the ONE BIG UNION, for you can not benefit yourself; you can not raise YOUR standard of living, increase YOUR share in the world's wealth unless the wages, the standard of living of the entire working class, is raised. And this is true because YOU CAN NOT GET OUT OF THE MARKET MORE THAN IS PAID INTO IT IN WAGES. YOUR prosperity does not depend on those who are plundering you, the small class of capitalists and landlords, but on the power of the great mass of workers to consume the cotton, corn, wheat and produce you are raising. Let the working class, the timber workers and others, be beaten down to a poon's wage and you, too, must starve; you, too, must go in rags; you, too, must live like the lumber workers, in shacks Kirby and Long would not house their dogs in. Bumper crops or famine crops it will be all the same to you, FOR THE PRICE OF THE PRODUCTS OF YOUR LABOR IS EVER GOVERNED BY THE POWER OF THE WORKING CLASS TO CONSUME, AND YOU CAN NOT GET MORE OUT OF THE MARKET THAN IS PAID INTO IT IN WAGES. It is the WAGE SYSTEM that you, like us, are up against, and our only salvation

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government to act at Washington in behalf of the two imprisoned men. It is said the Taft agents will bend every effort to avert the national and international complications attending a general strike, so that federal action on the case is among the future possibilities.

### OHIO ORGANIZER

Fellow Worker: Walter Glover of Cleveland is now acting in the capacity of a regularly credited organizer for the I. W. W. in that section. He is at present working in Akron, where a local rubber workers has recently been formed. Glover is available for dates in different sections of the state, and locals and individual supporters would do well to communicate with him at his Cleveland address, Room 18, 605 W. Superior avenue.

### SPEECH FIGHT IN MINNEAPOLIS.

A telegram to Solidarity from the secretary of Local 64, I. W. W., Minneapolis, Minn., September 7, reads: "Free speech on in Minneapolis; 20 of our men in jail tonight." No further particulars are at hand up to the time of going to press.

### DETROIT MEMBERS, NOTICE

Fellow Worker Rabinovitz, delegate from the Pittsburg I. W. W. to the Chicago convention, will be at our meeting Friday night. Be present. Bring your friends. Let's be doing. Come! Avanti!

Any member of the I. W. W. knowing the whereabouts of Roy A. Carter, formerly a member of Local 327, Lytton, B. C., communicate with his mother at the below address: Mrs. H. C. Baburn, Atlantic, Iowa.

## IMPORTANT STRIKE—NEEDS HELP

The strike bulletin of the Grand Trunk Pacific construction workers in British Columbia, dated Aug. 28, says in part:

"We are firmly convinced that the outside world is unaware of the magnitude of this strike. We are fighting the contractors on the G. T. P., who are backed by the whole capitalist system, and if we can win we will have settled the question of organization in Canada.

"This has been a hard fight for us; we have had very little assistance from the outside of any kind. One thing that has hampered us to a great extent is the lack of co-operation of other locals, with us, principally those situated on the coast and other shipping points. Were they to picket the employment sharks and the boats it would make it much easier for the pickets here; then there would not be





