





TO MIGRATORY WORKERS

The Bureau of Migratory Workers has been established by the Industrial Workers of the World to meet the situation in the harvest fields and prevent a repetition of the outrages that prevailed during last season.

An organized effort will be made to circumvent the schemes of the labor bureaus and employment sharks. The lying statements and advertisements of these agencies must be counteracted.

Every year the railroad, steamship companies, labor bureaus, commercial clubs and newspapers send out wonderful stories of the beautiful crops to be harvested in the western parts of the United States and Canada. These notices read: "THOUSANDS OF MEN WANTED—PLEASANT HOMES—BIG WAGES."

The publicity agencies flood the country with glowing tales of the golden opportunities throughout the West. Reduced rates are offered to colonizers, homesteaders and harvest hands, inducing the migration from the East that crowd the labor market of the West.

These harvest workers assemble at various shipping points coming at great expense, hardship and privations to themselves. No provision whatever is made to assist them in transportation or to provide food and shelter for them after their arrival.

The Industrial Workers of the World has helped to organize these migrants and has made some success. It is the only organization that has been able to cope with conditions. The opposition that has arisen among the workers is through ignorance and comes largely from the university students who have not intelligence enough to cooperate with the workers.

The I. W. W. groups and establish what might be called community life in the jungles. When a crowd of members of this organization leave a train near the station, they go to the outskirts of the town, on the bank of a stream if convenient. There a meeting is called, a Camp Committee is elected, the function of which is to see that the camp is kept in sanitary condition.

In these Jungle Locals discussion has a wide range and plans are laid for organization. The I. W. W. song book is always in evidence. Singing is one of the chief amusements. Sleeping quarters are usually box cars, clumps of bushes, hay stacks or piles of straw.

These conditions can and will be changed. It can be accomplished only by the workers themselves through organization. In fact, through the activity of the I. W. W. some improvements have already been made, increase of wages, reduction of hours and better working conditions.

On April 15th a Delegate Conference, representing locals at shipping points will be held in Kansas City. About the middle of May the harvest workers will congregate in Kansas City for a mass meeting. This conference and mass meeting will be held in the afternoon and evening of the coming season will be determined, also arrangements made for camp delegates or district secretaries so that a line of communication can be established between the harvest workers and different districts.

A duty to yourself is to become a member of the Industrial Workers of the World. Look up the local at any shipping point or address Headquarters, 164 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. W. M. D. HAYWOOD, General Organizer.

Conditions And Organization

(Continued From Page Two) al men, help along the circulation of the lie and add to a multitude of other personal scandals affecting the I. W. W. The result is an atmosphere of distrust, suspicion, mutual recrimination and antagonism that destroys the union.

It must be remembered that, in the great Lawrence strike, we had the support of the United Press, which, as a new rival and competitor of the Associated Press, was, therefore, required to pursue a different policy or else their work would have no reason for its existence.

Again, following the big Lawrence strike in the textile industry, the unskilled, poorly paid textile workers of the Lawrence mills found themselves out on the streets—unemployed. When formerly they provided for the needs of organization; now wages, insufficient to provide for the needs of organization; now we add to the capitalist campaign of misrepresentation, the unemployment of depression, does this mean that the I. W. W. is weak in New England?

Now what is here written of Lawrence also applies to Erie and New York. Misrepresentation and unemployment, with no press and accumulated resources. In these two places, the I. W. W. has 20 per cent of our members are out of work entirely, after a season of irregular employment. In Erie, Pa., men who, unemployed have no means of sustaining organization, because they can't pay themselves, economically speaking.

After taking several shots of "crow" his congress began to wag. And he looked like a sailor. With his homeward-bounder's jag. His Gullyport (Miss.) friend. Who at Boulder would be tried, And it seemed to me the verdict 'IS' about cut.

But why despond? This very opposition—this very misrepresentation shows that we are not in our fundamental positions and are feared accordingly. DESPITE OUR WEAKNESS WE ARE STRONGER.

But don't wait for improved conditions any man can set individual conditions that make it certain. Adversity is the test, not only of individual character but of organization as well. Let us build up the I. W. W. as best we can, adapting it even to the worst conditions. Above all build up our press; even an out-of-work man can sell our papers and pamphlets.

BARBAROUS JAIL CONDITIONS IN BUTTE

People who read Sheriff Berkin's version of what occurred in the county jail, will also remember reading a statement by all the prisoners published in the papers shortly after the militia arrive in Butte protesting against the fearful conditions in this jail. All the contentions were confirmed by the resignation of captains appointed by Major Donohue, and recommendations were made for bettering the ordinary conditions, some of which were carried out.

the dirt our contentions were not considered unreasonable, as they fed all prisoners arrested by them to the cook details for that purpose three times per day. But all protests, made to this humanitary, fell on deaf ears, and it was with vile names. Parties making protests and locked up in the jail and there have many cases of suicide in this jail growing out of the conditions.

JESSIE B'S VISIT TO DUBLIN DAN'S

Butte, Mont., Nov. 12, 1914. I'll first inform you who I am. Perhaps you may know me, My name is just plain "Dublin Dan." I'd peddle booze and beer. I'd get out of pitch here. And got placed behind the bars for expressing my opinion on the Industrial Strikes and Stars.

A patriotic citizen. By the name of Johnnie Shea, And an ex-militia man at that time, I was ordered to get pitched here. I asked him to go hid good bye To the boys in khaki pants, But got Marshall Taylor. Didn't give poor Jack a chance.

Arrested "Dublin Dan." They closed my place of business And with five men on my trail I marched with Sheriff Berklin To the county jail.

Securing my release on bonds From the city jail of Butte, I was ordered Monday morn. To be in the "HONOR." "JESSE ROUTE."

And believe me, that helped some, For my "HONOR." "JESSE" Put the soldiers on the bum.

Then last Monday evening, early An expounder of the law Paid a visit to my place of business With my son-in-law.

After taking several shots of "crow" his congress began to wag. And he looked like a sailor. With his homeward-bounder's jag. His Gullyport (Miss.) friend. Who at Boulder would be tried, And it seemed to me the verdict 'IS' about cut.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

(Cleveland Press) Cleveland is to be the center of one of 18 distribution zones, tentatively selected by the United States department of labor for dealing with the unemployment problem by a national system of labor exchanges to work for the jobless.

Although congress has not yet taken action, this department has already been dealing with the unemployment problem by preparing to ask congress to amend the law for adding beneficial distribution, etc. of "salaries" in the United States by siding the words "and American wage-workers."

The department of labor, just announced in Washington, awaits this change; and the department plans to try these cities centers of the work for the jobless:

1, Boston; 2, New York; 3, Philadelphia; 4, Baltimore; Norfolk (Va.); 6, Jacksonville (Fla.); Savannah, Mobile, Birmingham and Charleston (S. C.); 7, New Orleans; 8, Memphis (Tenn.); 9, Galveston (Tex.); Albuquerque (N. M.); 10, Cleveland; 10, Chicago; Detroit; 11, Minneapolis; 12, St. Louis; Kansas City; 13, Denver; 14, Helena (Mont.); Moscow (Idaho); 15, Seattle; 16, Portland (Ore.); 17, San Francisco; Sacramento; Fresno; 18, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Antonio.

HELPS TO GET JOBS

The bureau of immigration has been announcing that the department is trying to do what it can to solve the unemployment problem. The department is making the state labor commissioner of Oklahoma wire the labor department at Washington that Oklahoma needs between 12,000 and 15,000 harvest hands. The federal government has immediately issued a bulletin for posting in all postoffices, and also to the newspapers, setting forth the opportunity.

Employment blanks have been distributed to postmasters to that farmers needing help, whether domestic or agricultural, as well as those out of work out of employment, may get in touch with each other.

Another instance of direct help was after the Salem, Mass., fire. The department telegraphed and wrote 700 manufacturers of boots and shoes and about 900 manufacturers of cotton textiles to place the workers jobless because of the fire. Labor organizations also were notified by the department estimates that 1500 places were found.

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