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AGAINST THE WAR

Lifesto Sent Out By the Syndicalists of Sweden to the Workers of That Country.

translated from "Syndikalistisk." by Nils H. Hansson. Clearly all Europe is in flames. The war has been destructive and... We needn't try to describe the war. Daily press gives us an idea of it. Between the lines we can... We needn't try to describe the war. Daily press gives us an idea of it. Between the lines we can... We needn't try to describe the war. Daily press gives us an idea of it. Between the lines we can...

ASK FOR A FEW MORE CRUMBS

Vancouver Unemployed Given Work By City, Can't Even Buy Tobacco With Their Miserable Pittance

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MINOT, THE CITY OF MAGIC!

Where Slaves With Bent Backs Toil Long Hours For Very Small Wages.

(Special to Solidarity) Minot, N. D. I have been instructed to write an article for Solidarity on conditions of the wage slave of Minot, "The Magic City," in the midst of golden grain, where the soil is the richest in the Northwest. Minot is a town of 10,000 people, mostly wage slaves, as in other cities. But the slaves here are the meekest and lowliest I have seen in all my travels. They work any and all hours the bosses wish them to work, without any protest whatsoever. These slaves are so meek they come in the morning with their heads bowed as if they were going to pray, or for fear the boss might think they had been out with someone who had backbone enough to walk off to work with head erect and well-earned wages. But the boss of the mine at Minot gives an account of him of men employed of being relieved by the... of being a slave for the writer, it has in the hotels and 4 of some people for 22 per cent of those who have room rooms out of good substantial meal, from \$2.50 to Associated Charities pay the men \$1 per day for 8 hours work and charge them 25 cents per meal. The men need tobacco and as there are a lot of men who have been smoking for 30 years or more, they must have gloves. Nothing but good horsehide or pigskin gloves will stand this work longer than a week. Lots of the men only possess the socks they have on their feet, and some of them are more holes than socks. There are some whose underclothes are long past being classed as such. There are others whose new boots are almost gone, and men cannot afford to buy new ones. The mornings work is very rough and hard on the hands. The men are without pants or top shirts. This line of the work will square up about as follows: Six days' work at \$1 pr day... \$6.00 Board, 10c pr day... \$6.25 Tobacco and matches... .25 One pair gloves at 50c... .50

COLORADO MINERS ORGANIZING IN I. W. W.

Dissatisfied With Compromising Settlement of Southern Colo. Strike, Miners of Northern Field Are in Revolt.

(Special to Solidarity) Denver, Colo., Dec. 24 The governmental investigation committee has come and gone. They have taken the testimony of miners, operators, and the executive of state, as well as military heads; have gently folded these pieces of parchment, placed them securely in their pockets, and taken the train for the capital of the nation. For all we know we have heard the last of the Colorado coal strike from that quarter. But the conditions under which the miners labored, have not been changed. If anything, their conditions of life are worse. The strike will go down as another defeat for the U. M. W. A. and all the miners who sought to better their conditions and gain concessions in the Colorado coal fields. The strike has been officially set off by the Executive Board of the U. M. W. A., ably seconded by the government officials. A group of the miners of Northern Colorado went back fighting an all-out strike. They recognize that labor is Textile industry with said organization governed by the work. By Ewald's job of highly paid officials who rule the ATTRACTIVELY top down, can win results. They maintain colors, with illustrations, price 5c; per hundred called "district time agreements." They that when strikes are called, there should be no district or political boundary lines. try the country and the world over. OF THE Eight annual Conventional organizations in all other industries. Organized in this manner, the workers would speedily develop the power of one Big Union of the working class, part at less of race, creed, or color. Knowing that such an organization is necessary for emancipation, and also that such an organization can gain immediate relief in better working conditions, the workers in Northern Colorado coal fields, owing to the knowledge they have gained of the I. W. W. through the past activities of Organizer J. Lipton, have taken out an Industrial Union of Coal Miners charter, with 50 charter members at the town of Frederic, at Firestone coal camps, Colo. All over the northern fields a great demand is being made for the I. W. W. Lafayette and Louisville are expected to be lined up this week, with at least three industrial unions of miners, and one agricultural local. Our organizer further expresses the conviction that next spring will see the entire northern coal fields under control of the I. W. W. As coal mines are running to schedule, miners have a good reason ahead for work, and all I. W. W. unemployed miners should try to get on the job and assist our organizers. A large smoker is to be held at Firestone, to celebrate the formation of the first I. W. W. local in the coal fields. Onward with this work, so ably handled by Fellow Worker J. Lipton of Local 26, until the entire industry of mining, not alone of Colorado, but of the world, belongs to the I. W. W.

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Farmer Juries Still On Job In Butte Cases

(Special to Solidarity) Butte, Mont., Jan. 2 The company steam-roller in the shape of a farmer's jury in Bozeman is still crushing the rebels. They found William Winchester guilty on the charge of kidnaping a W. F. M. tool by the name of Richard O'Brien. Winchester was sentenced to two years in the pen by Judge Law. It seems to make no difference to this jury whether a man was on the scene or not. Winchester proved by a score of witnesses that he was at a funeral at the time this so-called kidnaping took place. How do you like this for a jury to try workmen?

F. W. Hancock, jeweler; Hans Bille, painter; Ernest Mutch, grocer; Lester Nelson, cabinet; George Cahney, clothier; A. A. Booth, grocer; C. W. Logan, farmer; Tom Maxwell, farmer; Remi Monforton, grocer; J. N. Brown, farmer; W. F. Schrick, farmer; George W. White, grocer. C. W. Malone was acquitted of the same charge. His defense was the same as Winchester's; it seems the roller is getting rusty. Workers as to the charge of false imprisonment, a minor felony included in the charge of kidnaping and was given one year in the pen by Judge Law. He knew there was no use in putting up a defense with such a jury on the job and pleaded guilty to the minor charge to avoid getting a heavier sentence. McCaffery refused to prosecute a company stool like himself by the name of Bert Riley on a kidnaping charge, and sloughed it off on his successor. In the course of his eulogy of himself, Joe remarked that he fully expected to be blasted when he returned to Butte, but that he would be contented if he knew that his children when they grew up could look back on papa's record and refer with pride to him as a man who died a staunch patriot doing his duty to the State.

Eight that it could, in the face of common sense and feeling, drive workers against each other in this way? We dare reply that the responsibility for this rests heavily upon the organized workers of Germany, or perhaps rather upon their leaders; because in other countries the workers at least tried to be spared for the eventuality of war, and took steps to prevent the same. However, their efforts were stranded because of the unwillingness of the main organizations to employ any parliamentary tactics in the fight against capitalism. Being aware that preventing a war from breaking off, they needed other than parliamentary tactics, they refused to do anything in that direction. This interference on their part, is now reaping upon the workers themselves. We in Sweden can perhaps do something towards alleviating this disaster which has befallen Europe because of the International's worthlessness. But this country is not yet in the war yet, and we the organized workers in Sweden, can possibly prevent Sweden from being wove into it, if we do not allow ourselves to become guilty of the same mistake as the International-indifference. We belong to the neutral countries, knowing the fate of Belgium, we see that neutrality is not sufficient to protect us against war. We know also that there are forces in Sweden trying to draw us voluntarily into the war, on the side of money, too, as they are assisting in protecting German culture, the thumb-exercise, behind which to keep real one, we need not examine. Everyone knows that culture is anything compared with that of capitalism, is nothing to sacrifice for. We need only to take as the German labor movement on which rests the entire possibility for the breaking out of this war. As for the rest we can only agree that it is nothing else but capitalist speculation that is being at work as well as all wars. If even those capitalist-serving should not be able to draw us into this manner, they might see some other means to involve whole and save ourselves by wholehearted heroism. By half-heartedness we die, and you are putting it up to the living who live or will die? Readings to you, my fellow workers. You are doing me. Continue in that same line and success will crown your efforts. Enclosed \$1 to the \$1,000 fund. E. D. L.

PRESS COMMITTEE

Editor Forum:

The city council is going to do for the men on the relief work at Burnaby cemetery: pay the men \$1 per day for 8 hours work and charge them 25 cents per meal. The men need tobacco and as there are a lot of men who have been smoking for 30 years or more, they must have gloves. Nothing but good horsehide or pigskin gloves will stand this work longer than a week. Lots of the men only possess the socks they have on their feet, and some of them are more holes than socks. There are some whose underclothes are long past being classed as such. There are others whose new boots are almost gone, and men cannot afford to buy new ones. The mornings work is very rough and hard on the hands. The men are without pants or top shirts. This line of the work will square up about as follows: Six days' work at \$1 pr day... \$6.00 Board, 10c pr day... \$6.25 Tobacco and matches... .25 One pair gloves at 50c... .50

AN APPRECIATION

Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 4 To the Editors, Contributors and Managers of Solidarity: I need you greetings and congratulations on the contents of Solidarity. No one else in the world has been so pointed and illuminating for some time and now it seems to me the whole tone of the paper is becoming positive and constructive. The Haywood article, "To the Migratory tin can," is a real gem, showing the road as well as the darkness on either side. John Anderson's article, "A Message to the Unemployed," should be issued as a leaflet or sticker. It is the only one we must cooperate. We cannot succeed by putting our heads into the W. W. and everything else into capitalism. We must put our all into a communistic hearted heroism. By half-heartedness we die, and you are putting it up to the living who live or will die? Readings to you, my fellow workers. You are doing me. Continue in that same line and success will crown your efforts. Enclosed \$1 to the \$1,000 fund. E. D. L.

The War And Social Revolution

The War might at least be supposed to have been object lesson enough to our political socialist friends to demonstrate to them the futility of relying upon political organization to educate the workers as to their true interests. But not at all. Notwithstanding we see German socialists at the throat of French Socialists, and vice versa we have our political socialists looking for new era after the war as the result of the actual events of the war and its various reforms of the present capitalist system which may be brought about. Some socialists even go so far as to say that this war in itself is a Social Revolution. There can be no social revolution until the present society is made ready for a transformation through the development of industrial organization among the workers. Nothing but such organization can possibly prepare either the individual or social consciousness for a social revolution. GAYLORD WILSHIRE

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Admonition That Falls On Deaf Ears

Mr. James Couzens, of the Ford Automobile Company, is a rather clever fellow in some respects. As the spokesman of Henry Ford, he apparently knows how to amuse his fellow capitalists while in the same breath he shoots out stuff calculated to win the sympathy and gratitude of some "sentimentalists" among the working class. The other day, in Detroit, Mr. Couzens entertained the Board of Commerce, which, with the usual good-willness of the bourgeoisie, made a humble request of unemployed or discharged workers for consideration, with the following:

"You fellows sit back smug and complacent and don't give a damn what becomes of your workmen. The Board of Commerce never was a factor in the community and never will be until he comes more useful to the people. A large staff is maintained at great expense, but nothing is accomplished. The board is great on hand-shaking. The board should drop all its fads for the next few months and devote itself to helping the unemployed. You fellows ask the city for fire protection, for the police force, for your plant. When your plant closes down you grease and cover the machinery. But how about the men? You kick them out. These men should be taken care of. And you are the ones who should do it."

At first blush, this looks like a case of a capitalist's recognizing his "moral obligation" to "his" workers. The Detroit Journal, in referring to the incident, designates James Couzens as "the commercial Savoranola lashing the neck of the insufficiently honored Board of Commerce with a whip of knotted whips." Yes, and if the board didn't spend its passion in laying the blame, Couzens might be liable to the same fate as his distinguished predecessor. The fact is, that such admonitions to the master class have invariably fallen upon deaf or hostile ears. And you are the ones who are the beneficiaries of their workers' abject wealth, which the masters have gathered into themselves. Why shouldn't they hand back a portion of their wealth to the needy beneficiaries? Or, to put the situation more clearly, shouldn't the capitalists call their discharged employes back their factories, and keep on paying them for creating wealth which at present there is no commercial demand for? The answer because there is no PROFIT in such a transaction. Except advertising purposes in individual cases, such as (probably) that of the Ford plant itself, such "philanthropy" would not pay, it even the average capitalist looks askance at "philanthropic" average capitalist would argue that, since there is no demand for his goods, it would be a waste of productive forces and of raw materials to bring those goods into existence under present circumstances. Not only would it be wasteful, but dangerous, since it would vastly increase the unstable surplus of goods in the market, and render more difficult the realization of profits later on. The market is already suffering from an oversupply of goods; we must get rid of what we have in stock before attempting to produce any more. To be sure, we would gladly help our former employes, but we are doing so by freely contributing to charity; but put them to work!

The impotency of the capitalist class to deal with unemployment, except through charity, should be apparent to every intelligent worker, despite admonitions to the contrary by sentiment workers, civic societies, moving picture artists, and speech-makers like Mr. Couzens. The nature of capitalism will not be changed; and the cornerstone of capitalism is PRODUCTION FOR SALE, which ever keeps PROFITS as its objective. Limited sales mean limited production. Excessive production in relation to market conditions, amounts to the same thing; it results in subsequent "depression" and unemployment. The worker can only be used in a shop as long as his product is salable; if he produces too quickly, what is required for the market, his job goes that much the sooner. This "vicious circle" of capitalist production cannot be made into a straight line under the capitalist system.

But something can be done—BY THE WORKERS. That's the thing to do now—"by the workers." For instance, let those at work form an alliance with the out-of-work, to DIVIDE UP WHAT WORK THERE IS. That would help immensely, both in relieving the distress of the now unemployed, and in holding up the spirit of the working class generally. It would tend to prevent the capitalists from still further reducing wages in order to realize still more profits when sales become good once more. It would tend to eliminate the necessity for scabbing of unemployed or employed, and the spirit of scabbing. It would tend to enable the class unity which would eventually enable the working class to assume complete control of wealth-production and of the entire product of their labor. Then the system of production would have an entirely different objective. Then the workers would produce wealth to be used and enjoyed by the workers, instead of being used to enrich human parasites only. If it could be "profitably sold" to enrich human parasites only. If, under that system of production for use and enjoyment, too much should be created, that possibility would be hailed with joy, as a means of DECREASING THE WORK TIME AND INCREASING THE PLAY TIME for all society. "Overproduction" would then be a benefit and not as now, a curse.

It is the aim of the I. W. W. to get the workers to do something now for themselves to relieve the terrible situation of unemployment; as well as to organize definitely in ONE BIG UNION, to get complete control of industry and the products of industry, in order that both may be handled in the interest of all the people, and not according to the will and interest of a few parasites. For this reason, we deny that the capitalists or employers are the ones to "take care of us." We propose that the workers shall take care of themselves.

Some New Music Machines

There is now being demonstrated in this city of Seattle, two machines, one a newly styled phonograph called the Autophone, and the other, which is called the Wonderphone, an improvement on the telephone. One with close observation can easily see what these two machines will do in the way of a revolution to the musical world in the near future. This new high-power telephone makes it possible to send the music of the phonograph for miles over an electric wire, and by means of a receiver attached to the wire and fastened to a horn the music can be heard as loud in any room miles away as it can be heard right at the machine.

This makes it possible for one to install a plant in any city and furnish music to any place of amusement, such as picture shows, dance halls, saloons, hotels, cafes and parks or other places of amusement that might require such. In short, this makes it possible to do away with all musicians except those of the highest class. This also means that one may hear the highest class of singing or playing right at home with but very little expense to him. By this arrangement it is possible for you to hear the finest singer from the theater without the expense of buying tickets.

By this arrangement it is possible that thousands of operators may be thrown out of work by installing this new Wonderphone in the dispatcher's office of any railway. You may think what wonderful machines these two are; but if you will only stop to think for yourself, you will consider what it will do to you, Mr. Musician. It means that you will be forced to go on the bum, or be forced to compete with the rest of the workers for the world's wages, thus forcing them so low that you cannot exist. If not already, then soon, a new trust will be formed to install this new machine and start it on its way.

Then there will be no place in the world for most of those who follow that line of industry. They will be thrown out on the scrap heap and have to take their chance with the other six million unemployed today, and compete for wages, don't forget that. That this will swell the number of unemployed there is no question at all.

What are you musicians going to do about it? What is going to become of your wives and children and those that have to depend upon you to live? By this arrangement it is possible to install machines in all office buildings, thus doing away with thousands of stenographers by having them take dictation. This machine will put you the latest news in any hotel lobby without the aid of newspapers, and put the printer, the publisher and the newsboy on the bum. It can be installed in railway stations to call the time of trains and put the porter on the bum. A messenger boy will not be needed, and a crying baby can wake up the whole town at night. And listen to the boss call you personally in time to go to work in the morning. And at night you will not be able to make love in the public park as the sergeant at police headquarters will tell you to cut it.

So you will have to organize to combat this new machine. You will have to organize industrially, and quickly, as this machine together with that of the Diesel motor will swell the unemployed five times the size it is now. Only by taking this combat this machine in hand and use it for the benefit of all and not to make profit for a boss.

So you had better kick into the I. W. W. one big union, and get organized, as it is the only organization that is seeking to represent your own business, and would harm nobody in the near future if you don't. The old time craft union will do nothing for you, as it has served its usefulness. Fellow workers, there is no other way, so kick in.

F. L. TIFFANY.

Mrs. Suhr Asks For Justice

As I was sitting with my two children one evening in our little cabin, I got this wondering thought that that sent my husband and Dick Ford to prison for life.

It seems to me like a dream, because I know that my husband is not guilty of any crime, he always stayed at home at night and attended to his own business, and would harm nobody.

A woman has not much pleasure in this world after her husband is taken to prison for life.

They say that my husband and Ford got a fair trial in Marysville. This statement ever since I am today to be a lie.

It was a fraud, and I never start to finish.

I will tell you how my husband happened to go up to the hop fields. He could not get work here in Stockton, so he started out to find work elsewhere; when he left that night, I told him that he could find work in the hop fields, and I would come up and go to work with him. As we were getting ready to go I heard that there was a riot on the Durst hop ranch, and that my husband was arrested for taking part in it. It was not his intention to go there to make trouble, it doesn't seem right that he should be held in prison for a crime for which the Durst Brothers are responsible and not him.

My husband and nineteen others were put in jail, then the officers took my husband from jail to jail all over the state of California, they kept him awake all the time, kept questioning him and telling him that unless he told the story they wanted that they would have him hanged. They finally made him confess, but when the case came to trial they were afraid to use the confession my husband was supposed to make to them.

And after all this proven rottenness on the part of the police and the human lice called Burns detectives, a fat, sleek, well-fed animal in human form on the bench has the gall to tell me and my children that their father and my husband got a fair and impartial trial.

The voice of the people is proclaiming all over the world that my husband and Ford should be free, and if the Governor of California has any sympathy for poor women and children, he surely will turn those two men loose, for as sure as I am alive, neither I nor yours in the fight for freedom.

MRS. H. D. SUHR.

A Timely Question

What is the function of an I. W. W. open forum? Has it any function distinct from that of other forums? To judge from recent announcements, it discusses social questions in about the same manner that it does with perhaps a little more emphasis on the economic or industrial union phase. But is this enough? Should the endeavor be to make I. W. W. forums more specifically devoted to the teaching of industrial organization, worthy of their creation, which is to teach industrial organization, not only as it exists in the present, but as it compels labor to organize for protective purposes? It is a fallacy to believe that, because workmen are employed in big industries they know what big industry is and means. The writer has worked in one department and does not know the relation of that department to other departments, of all departments to each other. Or of one corporation to another. Give us more shop talks and talks on shop organization—the technical structure of capitalism. J. E.

TO PUT OFF ACTION MAY MEAN SHAFER'S MURDER

The Shafter Defense Committee has made a nation-wide appeal for our fellow workers. It is now up to all members of the One Big Union to do everything in their power, to make this appeal a magnificent testimonial against the injustice of the courts of Montana, stung into action by the victories of revolutionary socialism in Butte and elsewhere in that state. Shafter is a member of the I. W. W. That is sufficient to convict if the member ship does not take a definite and immediate stand. Today it is Fe low Worker Shafter; tomorrow it may be you!

There is no evidence against Fellow Worker Shafter, yet seems highly probable that if there is no immediate action taken in Butte and elsewhere in that state, Shafter is a member of the I. W. W. That is sufficient to convict if the member ship does not take a definite and immediate stand. Today it is Fe low Worker Shafter; tomorrow it may be you!

All those who were with Shafter at the time of the aff Poplar, should communicate with the Shafter Defense Com. or with Attorney Frederick Mains, 106 N. La Salle St., Chicago. All who are interested in organized labor should make er's case their case.

CAN WE AFFORD TO MAKE THE UNJUST MURDER OF FELLOW WORKERS EASY?
Addresses all communications and remittances to G. J. I. Sec'y-Treas. Shafter Defense Com., 20 W. Missouri Ave., K City, Mo.
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British I. W. W. Administration

(Special to Solidarity)
New York, Dec. 24.

I am sending along to you some notes taken from a letter I have received from the secretary of the Building Workers' Industrial Union of Great Britain, I. W. W. of London, who is one of the actors behind the scenes in John Bull's land.

I hope the American fellow workers realize that we have the I. W. W. in Great Britain and the British administration at having their troubles as well as we have support, the Railwaymen's General Secretary of the British Administration, is Charles, 79 Myddleton Bldg., High St., Islington N., London England. Any donations during this crisis should be sent to above address.
GEORGE H. SWASEY.

London, Dec. 4, 1914.
We are carrying on propaganda as usual but the poli are active in regard to suppression of free speech. They have got so far as to detain for one week at Brixton jail our fellow worker William of Hammermith Local No. 9, in order that his brains should be overhauled, with the result that he declared quite sane. Nevertheless he was bound over in a sum of \$250 for 12 months to keep the peace. (One sample, British justice.)

Hell is sending forth its fumes already, and the result the Heath Gasworkers out on strike, Cardiff Building Workers demanding 1 1/2 to 3 cents per hour advance, the London Barbers threaten to strike and ask our support, the Railwaymen are asking for an advance of \$1.25 a week and general unemployment. All this, in other words, means reaction has set in with a mild grumble for a start.

One of our members is forced to go to hell, but I am g. to say right out but not intact. He brought a piece of shell with him wrapped up in a piece of shirt, concealed behind his ribs. hope he will get through, as he will be good material for the war to come.

Fellow workers send their best wishes to our fellow workers in America.
Yours for Industrial Freedom,
E. BANFIELD.

This bit from C. W. Spiller, formerly general treasurer of the I. W. W.:

Dec. 10, '14.
We expect to have the catering workers in the I. W. W. shortly and are assisting the East End barbers in a probable strike in the near future; trying to start a cafe and headquarters running a mass meeting for Joe Hill; and also embarked on a campaign against the "British Socialist Party." From this you can see we are not "English first," but proletarians without court try.

I don't think the postoffice is holding our mails at present but they have done so and will do so again when they wish. The Irish rebel papers have been starting, and we expect any time to hear of some prominent Irish workers meeting with "accidents." We aren't "beaten up" here, but only meet with those "peculiar accidents."

I think there is a much stronger undercurrent against the Syndicalist movement against the South African, especially with the great probability of conscription. The treatment of the soldier and their wives, and the contract scandals in the army appropriations all have some effect; and while the British Socialist Party is for the war, the Independent Labor Party, Socialist Party of G. E. S. L. P., many Fabians, and ourselves, are dead against.

The papers are chock full of lies, but we keep the class well to the fore. One or two little free speech fights are coming along, but give us a little money and we will make a boom. To Postal Workers, I. W. W., are going well.
Yours for the I. W. W.,
C. W. SPILLER.

BROOKLYN ARRANGES FOR MASS MEETING

The Brooklyn Industrial League is trying to avoid general agitation. It believes in getting down to definite organization work. At the meeting held on Dec. 22, a committee of five was elected to get in touch with National Organized Labor, and to arrange a mass meeting of workers in specified industries, with Etta as the principal speaker. It came to this decision, amid much enthusiasm, by noting that, among its membership, many groups of these workers that would be utilized for this purpose. The committee of five on Etta mass meeting will report at the next meeting of the League on Wednesday, Jan. 6. All members are urged to be present, adding to our membership and give promises of good results. Some workers have sent shoes and clothing to the striking Ohio miners.

NEW YORK LECTURE PROGRAM

The following lecture program announced by the Industrial League of New York City takes place at 850 E. 1st St., beginning at 8 P. M.:
Jan. 8—John Donnelly, organ izer of the Industrial Workers of the World, "Teaching Industrial Unionism."
Jan. 10—Dr. Boeck White, "Revolutionary Ideals."
Jan. 17—Prof. Isaac A. Hourwitz, "The Prof. Isaac A. Hourwitz."
Jan. 24—Henry Marot, "The Revolutionary Program."
Jan. 31—Leonard D. Abbott, "The I. W. W.—An Appreciation and Criticism."

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WHAT 1915 WILL SEE OTHER NEWS AND VIEWS

"1915 will see the end of the war," says the pope. If that's the only end it will see, it starts out with poor eye-sight. Look again!

1915 will see the end of the war-reaction. It will witness many attempts on the part of the various social elements to right themselves and to move forward.

Yes, this is a happy New Year, but the same miserable old capitalism! Ring out the old system, ring in the new!

New Year's resolutions are seldom worth the thought required to make them. Nevertheless, such is the present condition of the working class that every I. W. W. man and woman should resolve to redouble their efforts, during 1915, to end it, by making the I. W. W. bigger and stronger than ever.

The I. W. W. is moving some despite the adverse times. A national organizer has gone to the southern textile districts. Another is reported active in Ohio. Baltimore locals are laboring to put a third in the field. At several eastern points organization work is under way. A general officer writes: "As far as the future is concerned I am satisfied for my part that the organization will survive the present crisis and be in a position to take advantage of opportunities that may arise." The opportunities are coming!

"Still demand is growing," says one newspaper. "Rate increases will be sought steel and other industries," says another. "Railroads over 65 engines," says a third. "All this is good for out-of-work and starving labor." Be hoarse! Where there is hope there is life. But it is indeed pitiable that both hope and life for millions of workers are dependent on the makeshifts of capitalism. (See page 3.)

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad has voted to merge with the New York Central. A new corporation will be formed, known as the New York Central Railway Co., with a capital stock of \$44,000,000. This is the largest railway system in the world. Evidently the day of the big combination of capital has not yet passed.

The steel trust is not going to make a general wage reduction, so its chairman says. It is "probably" going to readjust the amounts paid for skilled labor or piece work, depending on special conditions. It was just such a thing that caused the historic revolt at Homestead. But history is not going to repeat itself in this case. The skilled workers, by trying to organize the unskilled in common defense, met their Waterloo then. And the skilled workers in all industries are making the same mistake. There is no labor organization in the steel industry because of the short-sighted selfishness of skilled labor.

The total number of employees on the rolls of the United States Steel Corporation was 228,906 in 1913 and \$307,206,176 was the amount they received. This sum looks stupendous. In it, however, are included the salaries of presidents, managers, superintendents, police captains, captains of transports, chemists, auditors and other highly skilled executives, technical and clerical labor. These number a small army in themselves. Nevertheless, despite the huge payments to them, the average yearly wages of all the steel trust employees is only a trifling mere \$946, or \$18 a week. In view of all this, the question arises, for God's sake, what must be the yearly average wages of the bulk of the steel trust employees, the semi-skilled and the unskilled? These wages are too small to excite approval—hence they are buried in the lump sum paid to skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled alike.

Chairman Frank Walsh of the Industrial Relations Commission says the commission intends to investigate the charge that the trust of the Rockefeller and other foundations represents the beginning of "an effort to perpetuate the present position of the industrial world." This charge helps to confirm the sources of public information. This charge helps to account of a perplexity. We often wonder why these trusts are called "foundations." It now appears that they are so-called because they are used to develop a stupid state of mind among the masses. These huge fortunes may run in the family. N. B.—This is no joke, but a profound philosophical and psychological observation.

Some Relief Plans In Sioux City

Like every other city of great or small size, Sioux City, Iowa, has an army of the unemployed to care for this coming winter. The number can be safely estimated at from 2,500 to 3,000, if we are to hazard a guess at the number at all and from the crowd which gathered at Socialist Hall to take an active part in forming plans to relieve the distress of the men out of a job, there is a greater number than was at first supposed by those most familiar with the situation.

By actual count there were 420 men crowded into a hall which will seat only 300 people. Fully 400 more were turned away, owing to a lack of room. The writer and several of the men prominent in the movement to secure better conditions for the idle, and at the same time get temporary relief in the shape of work for a few hours during the day, went through the crowd, spoke to a larger crowd than had ever gathered in the hall before. These men are very much interested in solving the problem of the unemployed in as quick a way as they possibly can and are willing to do anything to get results. It was impressed upon the minds of the crowd that they were in the hall as members of the Unemployed League of Sioux City, and that they had a voice and a vote in the affairs of the organization. They seemed to enjoy the privilege immensely, and took an active part in the things that were done. Stories of all kinds of misfortune were related for the benefit of the stool pigeons and parasites, which had a ring of truth in them which impressed even those hardened to such things. Misery seemed to have found a spokesman in many of those who attended, ringing resolutions were adopted, committees were elected to work to the best advantage of all concerned, and the Executive Committee instructed to call upon the city council to see what they could do to relieve the situation.

This is the first time anything has ever been done of this kind in the city, and even the mayor, who is generally of the conservative element, said that in the 24 years of his stay in this town he had never seen anything to equal it. He may see many things in the next few days that will serve to open his eyes wider than at any previous time, and may be that the I. W. W. will be the one to open them. Where we have attempted to show up the rottenness of the system, we have always come out ahead of those who seek to cover it up and tell the workers to look at the thing in another man's shoes. There is no chance to look at the thing in another man's shoes. That will naturally mean that the men are hungry NOW, and will HAVE TO BE FED. HUNGER KNOWS NO LAW. And the unemployed are generally hungry. The city council promised to do all they could to find work for the idle of this city, and it was said if there was some way to get the bosses to give a number of them work, at the prevailing wages. We will have confidence in them only when they have done something, and they must not wait too long to do it. It has been suggested that the city furnish employment to all the idle at the rate of 30 cents an hour, and to work the men at least four hours a day. This will give two shifts of men employment, and will provide temporary relief to the jobite. In the report of the several members of the I. W. W. to the writer, it has been suggested that a depot be opened at some point outside the city, preferably the Socialist Hall, where those who have registered in the League can be served with a good substantial meal, at least once a day. The secretary of the Associated Charities made this suggestion also, and says that it is his personal opinion that something of the sort should be done. If the city will co-operate with a move along that line, it will be welcomed by all those interested in the movement.

A committee from the Rotary Club has promised to do all in its power to place as many men as possible in employment of the various branches of industry, and will in any way be able to do anything along that line, they will try to help. It is interesting to note that the efforts of the city which were made to get the idle to work in the street will be the first to get results to employ men when the masters cannot realize a profit from their slaves' toil. JACK ALLEN

Gompers And War

According to the newspapers an appeal to international labor unions to end the war in Europe by using their power for peace at once and permanently was issued recently by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. He says this result can be accomplished by the creation of public sentiment which will no longer tolerate waste of life and by the agencies of good understanding as an effective barrier to policies of force and destruction.

"Military and competitive armament must be abolished," the appeal says, "and tribunals for awarding justice and means of enforcing determinations must be instituted. Political institutions must be adjusted to correspond to political developments. The most important thing to lead in the demands for world federation and for the rule of reason among nations. The working people of all lands bear the brunt of war, do the fighting, pay the war taxes and suffer the most from the disorganization of industry and commerce which results from war." It is very good, so far as it goes. When men feel that war is injurious and should be stopped, some advance is possible. But why should this sentiment find expression through institutions that always thwart it, and that, so far, have failed to end war, despite the great peace movements of the world? Why should the people working and fighting themselves, through economic action, by means of the general strike and by refusing to become parts of the institutions that carry it on, viz., the army and navy. Without the working people, there can be no war.

A. F. O. L. MEMBER

SHAFTER WITNESSES ---GET BUSY

Fellow Workers: Your attention is again called to the fact that one of your fellow workers was soon to face trial on a trumped-up murder charge, and he will not doubt be railroaded to the gallows unless some PROMPT action is taken. On the third of last October at the small town of Chelsea, seven miles from Poplar, Montana, a battle place between hold-up men and several members of the I. W. W. During the progress of the fray, one Frank Gianvalley, a civil engineer in the Great Northern railroad, was shot and killed. The following day Fellow Worker Frank Shafter, member of the I. W. W., good standing and a well known coat maker, was arrested and held responsible for Gianvalley's death. Now, fellow workers, evidence brought to light at the coroner's inquest shows conclusively that Gianvalley met his death from a shot fired BY ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS. It is also a well known fact among the witnesses of the affair that not a shot HAD BEEN FIRED BY ANY OF THE I. W. W. BOYS, and that after the engineer was seen to fall, owing to the fact that the I. W. W. man was well connected in the A. W. W. ORDER, the G. A. P. community find it necessary some one must be held responsible and have his own brilliant plan of railroading another fellow worker whom they believed to be antagonistic to the present system of society. We have been apprised of the fact that Frederick Mains, attorney-at-law, is being used as the only North La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., in handling the case for the defense. Mr. Mains is a man who recently published in Solidarity requesting the fellow workers to had an article him a full account of the shooting which was held in the name of the fellow workers, there were at least 600 men present and gymnasiums presented at Chelsea on that day, but in a recent letter the attorney for the defense has made a statement to the effect that FIFTEEN OF THE MEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RESPONDING TO HIM. It is possible that some of you were witnesses of the affair, or that you wish to be railroaded without offering him any assistance. GET BUSY, FELLOW WORKERS! We are COMMITTEE WITNESSES. ME MAINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Remember that any one of you might have been in Shafter's place.

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