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Might Is Right.

"What," says Readbeard, "is your 'civilization and progress' if its only outcome is hysteria and downgoing?"

"What is 'government and law' if their ripened harvests are men without sap?"

"What are 'religions and literatures' if their grandest productions are hordes of faithful slaves?"

"What is 'evolution and culture' if their noxious blossoms are sterilized women?"

"What is education and enlightenment if their deadsea-fruit is a catiff race, with rottenness in their bones?" * * * * *

"In this arid wilderness of steel and stone I raise up my voice that YOU may hear. * * * * *

Courage, I say! Courage that goes its way ALONE, as undauntedly as when it marches to "victory or death" amid the menacing stride of armed and bannered legions. Courage, that never falters—never retreats! That is the kind of courage the world lacks to-day. * * * * * That is the kind of courage that has never turned a master's mill. That is the kind of courage that never will turn it. That is the kind of courage that will DIE, rather than turn it."

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Fighting Jim Larkin Bucks England's "Great Labor Leaders."

Only those who have lived among the English working class can realize the peculiar conservatism that, underneath all its actions and declarations, keeps it, after all is said and done, where it is—the poorest working class in Europe, or at least one of the poorest. However, the Syndicalists have succeeded in driving a revolutionary wedge through this mass of conservatism, and it is this Syndicalist spirit that stirs the blood and cries out against the conservative leaders and shows up how they protect the capitalists, and stand in cahoots with them to keep peace.

A Trade Union Congress has recently been held in London where the general strike proposition was forced to the front on account of the Dublin strike and the Jim Larkin methods and tactics. Six hundred delegates were present, who represented three hundred organizations with two and a half million membership. These representatives were chiefly the leaders, and every one knew before hand the result of this gathering, viz, that the striking workers in Dublin should continue to be supported by money, but not by a general strike or sympathy strikes.

It is the workers' pennies matched against the capitalists' gold. We need not ask who will be victorious. The mass of organized workers are thereby forced to act as scabs to help break the Dublin strike, which they at the same time support with their money.

But it is a long road that has no turning, and this congress marked the turning point for England's working class. There was a duel between the new and the old, in which the old won overwhelmingly, as it always does, at first.

The first motion before the congress was, that a new negotiation between the strikers and the bosses be sought, as the old one had stranded the day before without any result. Jones, secretary of the Gas Workers' Union, added to this motion the following: "That the Dublin capitalists should be informed that within a certain number of days all the organized transport workers on land and water would refuse to handle any goods going to or coming from the blockaded and lockout firms in Dublin, and that all other organized workers would give the Dublin strikers their moral and financial support; and, that the government should be requested to take away from the Dublin capitalists both military and police protection." Jones explained that drastic measures were necessary to a quick ending of the strike.

Cotter, of Dockers' Union; Williams, secretary of the Railway Union, and Shaw, representing the Textile Workers, fought Jones' motion upon the ground that it would lead to a general strike, which would be a calamity! Davis, of the Chauffeur and Omnibus Union, thought that it was time that the leaders "left the easy life and began to do something by action." Naylor, secretary of the Typographers, thought that the old leaders and their methods were fully twenty years behind the times. Smilie, secretary of the Miners' Union, which is so large that the miners represented one-fourth of the congress, said that undoubtedly a national, general strike in England in the near future could not be avoided. But he held that the general strike question could not be decided in the congress, as it would have to be referred back to the membership by referendum vote.

The old leaders tore Larkin to pieces for his tactics and methods. He answered that he owed the old leaders nothing and that he was not responsible to them for his actions; that it was not they, but the rank and file, who had taken him out of prison. He jumped on Havelock Wilson of the Sailors' Union because he had telegraphed to a crew of sailors, that intended to leave a boat in Dublin, "to remain and do their duty." Larkin was informed that a motion was in the air to sweep him aside and to solve the strike problem without him. Larkin cried out "You may attempt it, but you will not so easily get rid of Larkin! We shall continue the strike in Dublin whether we get your money or not. We will not capitulate, either for the capitalists or for those who dare to explain that they will not overthrow this system."

Larkin ended by crying out: "It is child's play to win if you will only cease your organized, yellow strike breaking!"

It is a long time since, if ever, so courageous a voice was heard in England. Over two million votes cast against Jones motion, that only proposed to effectually and quickly bring the bosses to terms. Next we will hear is that the Dublin strikers have made terms with the bosses, and the grand opportunity for the workers to stand solidly together for a decided victory is passed for this time.

One could curse those leaders for their idiotic conservatism and grand stand play. But in reality they are only creature of the workers social psychology in England as well as elsewhere. It is the outcome of slave philosophy, wherein and whereby the workers have placed the power in their hands, and thereby bound themselves hand and foot, even after they as workers on the economic field have learned that all the old tactics of fair play and consideration for the boss only lands them deeper in the mire of poverty and helplessness.

The Syndicalists are still boring from within in England, and are doing some good work evidently.

But the time will undoubtedly come, as in other countries, when they will have to form an organization that is unhampered by such conservative folly as we now witness regarding the Dublin strike.

Larkin is not a man that can easily be tamed. A man that in a convention can fling defiance in the teeth of the mighty is made of the right stuff. He is not defeated nor the cause that he represents. It will grow from now on by leaps and bounds, and the prophet that is out telling us that Syndicalism will never grow, don't know what he is talking about, and nine times to one he has his weather eye to the old organization that for the time being it is to his interest to carry favor with. This prophet gets up all sorts of lies about Syndicalism. He tells us that the Syndicalist congress only had ten countries represented, while the old international labor congress had twenty-five countries represented. The truth is that at the international congress of Syndicalists there were fourteen countries, and at the old, reformists international there were seventeen. The most enthusiasm was manifested at the old when the delegates voted to hold their next congress in San Francisco in 1915 on account of the world's fair. The greatest enthusiasm in the Syndicalist congress was made over the starting of a new and permanent International, that has for its object the overthrow of this damn system, that is the difference.

CAROLINE NELSON.

CALIFORNIA'S NEW CRIME.

"A STRIKE A CONSPIRACY"—WORKINGMEN. WILL YOU STAND FOR THIS?

January 12th, 1914.—The delayed trial of four of the Wheatland Hop Pickers came up at Marysville, Yuba County, California, on the charge of murdering District Attorney E. T. Maxwell. So runs the legal statement of the charge. But the working class in this part of the world knows better. Ford Suhr, Beck, Bagan, Cokely and Malouf are not being tried for murder, although that adds an incalculable viciousness to their trials, especially since the son of the dead district attorney has been appointed in this "fair" county as assistant prosecutor of the alleged slayers of his father.

These men are being tried and their lives will be forfeited, unless the working class comes to their rescue by agitation, and protest, because they had ideals for the working class and the courage of their convictions, and BECAUSE THERE IS AN ATTEMPT ON FOOT BY THE EMPLOYING CLASS TO MAKE A STRIKE A CONSPIRACY BEFORE THE LAW. This is most significantly illustrated by the fact that the complaint sworn out by Ralph Dur against Dick Ford before the sheriff's fatal raid was for "inciting to strike," a crime unknown to the statute books, but none the less "legal" to Mr. Dur and his servants. Rebels of the World, will you stand for this?

Hell on K. C's Municipal "Farm"

For the first time since the incarceration of "free speech" fighters we have been able to get authentic reports of their treatment.

Fred Moore, attorney for the I. W. W., with the aid of local citizens, was able to force his way to the prisoners and the "Farm," was found an institution of abuse and torture.

Members were called out one by one, each telling stories such as have been unearthed at the Federal Prison at Leavenworth.

Once inside the boundaries of the "Farm," the boys were and are at the mercy of the guards. The men with the markings of a beast, at \$37.50 a month and an occasional smile from the superintendent, guilty of inflicting flesh wounds such as are slow to heal.

"Old man Brink," physically unfit for work on his arrest, has just been taken from the hole after living 28 days on bread and water. He is now in the hospital in a critical condition.

Another victim, C. Harris, was taken to the cell house and with hands tied was clubbed unconscious, then dragged down the concrete steps and thrown in the cold to recover. He was at last picked up by one of the parol board and carried to the hospital.

Lack of space forbids the relating of similar inhumanities. Men singled out and in small groups are in no position to resist; and to mutilate and then attempt a cure seems to be the policy of the K. C.'s "Welfare Board."

Our men on retiring at night present the appearance of a tribe of tattooed heathens rather than citizens of "Free America."

Since the investigation last Monday, some of the brutality has stopped, but even with a heaven on the "Farm" our right of free speech is suppressed. We have no use of the streets. The I. W. W. is on trial in K. C.

Men and money are needed. Men to release their fellow-workers in jail and win the day, and money to aid in publicity and care of the men.

On the K. C., you rebels!

Send all communications to J. P. Cannon, 1022 Garfield Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Watts, Ed. Danner, G. J. Bourg, Press Committee.

Organize Dixie.

By W. H. LEWIS.

The organization of the Southern wage slaves, is a task, or rather the task of the I. W. W. But we have not made the progress we should.

The following defects must be eradicated if the I. W. W. is to a power in Dixie:

We have a habit of letting the other fellow do it! Any subs to get for our papers? "Sure! I'll go out and see if I can induce some of the slaves to subscribe." But right here we stop; we don't get the subs because we do not go after them. We are good resolutionists but poor revolutionists. We talk, but we don't act.

If the Union is to grow in Dixie, our paper must precede it. There is nothing like the printed word to arouse the workers to their position, condition and usefulness in society. Then, again, the paper can go in a camp in a coat pocket, while the agitator is sure to be seen, and heard, he talks on industrial unionism. There is always some sucker ready to run to the boss with a craven cowardly smile on his face, telling him that one of those "pesky organizers is in camp." Not so with the paper. The boss cannot run it out of camp, nor can he fire it. It is always on the job. It is the best, cheapest and most effective agitator within the I. W. W.

Right now The Voice should have a half million circulation in the South alone. It would then be a power that the boss could not cope with. All the gates of capitalism (hell) could not prevail against it. So fellow-workers, we MUST induce more and more of the workers to subscribe. I may be wrong, but I honestly believe that the printed word is responsible for at least eight-tenths of our membership. The spoken word is soon forgotten, but the printed word is there staring the slave in the face every time he feels disposed to glean knowledge.

There is something fascinating about this revolutionary literature that is lacking in all other literature. It's like life, the more you get the more you want. You become interested in the doings of your class. You read a report of a great strike in some industrial hell and you feel that their fight is your fight. It annihilates distance, breaks down the barriers of religion, and destroys race hatred.

Speaking of religion, I would rather have a good beef steak, cooked by an Anarchist and served by an Infidel, than to eat the cow peas and corn bread of a "Christian."

So let's hustle for our papers like hell, for to work for OUR freedom is to work for freedom.

EXPROPRIATION ONLY WAY OUT.

"Everybody you know is in debt.
Every firm you know of is in debt.
Every corporation you ever heard of is in debt.
Every township is in debt.
Every city is in debt.
Every country is in debt.
Every State is in debt.
Every Railroad is in debt.
Every steam ship line is in debt.
Every public service corporation is in debt.
Everywhere you turn you can find indebtedness.
The National debt is appalling.
Say! WHO is going to pay off this indebtedness and WHEN?"

The amount of the total indebtedness is now so large that it is almost impossible for labor to earn money enough to pay even the interest.

In view of these facts WHY do the business men preach "SAVE" and get out of debt to the laboring man?

Would they have the workers show more efficiency than they themselves possess?

Capitalism has been and is now SO practical! DON'T the above prove it?

—"The Socialist Worker."

The Common Soldiers of the American Revolution

By B. McCaffrey, in "The Unionist."

The property representative headed by the "Prince of Smugglers," John Hancock, settled in Philadelphia, did practically nothing for the private soldier, but let him starve. Of course it may be said, that their power was nil, that the mandates of the states were paramount to those of the central body. Such an assumption is lighter than the hottest air that ever emanated from the wheezing visage of old Pat-Riot on the 4th of July.

The men who comprised the Continental Congress dominated affairs at home, and had they so desired could have provided for the welfare of the men who were giving their lives for the cause.

Besides an excess of lip service to liberty, and issuing counterfeit money to pay the men who were fighting their battles, their time was principally devoted to stage-strutting, but why complain; have not parliamentarians always been the clown in the three-ringed political circus of nations? What should we expect, from the performers in this world now, if not a jest and a double somersault?

The life of the common soldier in the war of "Independence" was one of misery and privation; at the most gloomy period of those "times that tried men's souls," when the rebel army at Valley Forge was without sufficient food to nourish and clothing to keep them warm; the British were living in Philadelphia on the fat of the land, being supplied by the farmers of the community and the patriotic merchants of the quaker stronghold. Washington, at last sick and tired of this double faced treason, declared that the whole pack should be hung as traitors to meet the requirements that the occasion demanded. He levied tribute on the country within a radius of seventy miles; compelling the farmers to thresh one-half their grain for the benefit of his famished troops. Lessing tells us that a Courier bearing dispatches from the Continental Congress to the Army on its march to cross the Delaware was able to follow it by the bloody foot prints left by the shoeless soldiers in the snow.

Crimes Against Criminals.

The following is from the answer of Col. W. A. Montgomery, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi penitentiary, to Gov. Brewer of that politicians' paradise:

"1. He claims 'that penitentiary affairs' had reached a place in the year preceding his inauguration, that this institution had become a burden to the State rather than a source of profit.' Answering this, I place before you the figures given by the expert accountant, Charles E. Wermuth, who undertook to audit this account for the Prison Board, and who, notwithstanding all the obstacles Gov. Brewer threw in the way of getting a proper and speedy balance, I believe the figures to be true:

"Net profits of the farms in 1909-08, \$167,207.03.
 "Net profits of the farms in 1909-10, \$76,532.25.
 "Net profits of the farms in 1910-11, \$265,876.25.
 "Net profits of the farms in 1911-12, \$110,683.78.
 "Net profits of the farm in 1912-13, \$193,274.38.
 "Making in six years a total net profit of \$1,071,838.78, besides putting in permanent improvements of the value of \$584,972.50, paid for out of the annual allowances for support of the penitentiary."

At the above rate of profit, with all the politicians of all parties in on the rotten graft, how long do you think it will be before all the workers are made convicts? One day the commentator counted 24 white and colored men on the chain-gang in Alexandria; another day he saw four women on the gang working at the hard labor of cleaning out canals. All over the country this infamous system is growing and rapidly. Thousands of workers whose only crime is that the capitalists cannot employ them at living wages and make a profit, are being grabbed by the Rurales of the Trusts and forced to build automobile roads for nothing. How long are you workers going to stand for this infamous enslavement of your class?

SAYS "REGENERACION" SPEAKING OF THE LOS ANGELES "RIOTS."

Mexicans are idealists, and Americans usually are not. Mexicans have a great belief in the power of fine words and high-sounding sentiments. Americans have not. Mexicans will go to a mass meeting quite unarmed, believing in the constitutional right of free speech and all that sort of rubbish. Then, carried away with enthusiasm, they will resent interference by armed men, and resent it most desperately, as they did on Christmas Day, although they have not so much as a pocket-knife among them. Americans will not do that. If they consider trouble inevitable they will arm themselves before hand. If trouble having sprung up unexpectedly, they will find themselves unarmed, they will not go up against the police with naked hands. Personally I admire that attitude. It may not be so poetically heroic but it is more like actual war.

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USE YOUR HEAD FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN A HATRACK.

By WADE POOL.

We have many people in and around Starks as well as other places who let other people do their thinking. Now I say let each and every man and woman subscribe to some reliable working class paper, read up on the Labor Movement and learn to think for themselves, for just so long as we let other people do our thinking just that long will we be in bondage. It is a cinch that if we let some fifteen cent capitalist do our thinking he will unload on us. It is the truth that he is not going to advise us to our own interest, for the very good reason that he is looking out for that of his and his kind.

As I stated before, we have some men around Starks that won't think for themselves. When you ask one of them why he don't belong to the Union he will tell you he wants to but hasn't money enough to join, or that he don't believe the Union will amount to anything. I heard one fellow say he would join the Union but was afraid his merchant would not credit him any longer! I say that any man or set of men who haven't manhood enough to belong to the Union of their class, the I. W. W., and look out for their own interest are either ignorant, cowards or else have not thought. Such men would not only scab on their fellow-workers but on their wives and children. Wake up, boys! Subscribe to THE VOICE and find out what is going on and what the Union is doing. Read for yourself. Think for yourself. Act for yourself. Use your head for something more than a hatrack and, when you hear some fellow popping off about the Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, make it your business to get in conversation with him and find out whether he had rather see you and your family sitting around a well furnished table enjoying some of the good things of life or rather see you mope up to his back door and beg for a handout. Get busy. Use your head for something more than a hatrack.

"THE RIGHT TO LABOR."

By EDWIN MARKHAM.

Out on the road they have gathered,
 A hundred thousand men;
 To ask for a hold on life as sure
 As the wolf's hold in his den.

Their needs lie close to the quick of life,
 As the earth lies close to the stone;
 It is as meat to the slender rib
 As marrow to the bone.

They ask for the right to labor,
 To live by the strength of their hands;
 They who have bodies like knotted oaks,
 And patience like sea sands.

They ask for the leave to labor,
 To toil in the endless night;
 For a little salt to savor their bread,
 For houses water-tight.

For the right of a man to labor,
 And his right to labor in joy;
 Not all your laws can strangle that right,
 Nor the gates of hell decoy.

For it came with the making of man,
 And was kneaded into his bones;
 And it will stand at the end of things,
 On the dust of crumbled thrones.

IN THE MOVIES. Great Thief threatens to rob Great Medical Expert's house; sends him warning. G. M. E. immediately advises Great Police Chief. House immediately filled and surrounded with policemen and detectives. G. T. arrives promptly at appointed hour. Swipes G. M. E.'s clothes, locks him in his room, appears to guardians of the loot as G. M. E., puts it over and passes into library where G. P. C. is alone reading; overpowers and gags him; takes his clothes; dresses up as G. P. C.; puts this over on the sleuths, who all take orders from him. Disguised as G. P. C., he loots house of all its loot and escapes, but, while looting, catches sight of G. M. E.'s lovely daughter. The usual follows. G. T. becomes first love-stricken and then, of course, conscience-stricken. Hikes for home, but still sees vision and wants to repent; so notifies G. P. C. and asks for midnight appointment, sending half the loot as evidence of good intentions and says he will bring rest with him. G. P. C. grants humble sinner's plea. Midnight. G. P. C. and G. M. E. await G. T. He promptly appears, with rest of loot; declares his desire for reform. G. M. E. examines head of G. T., says: "You have a criminal brain; you are a Great Thief, but you will make a Greater Detective." G. T. smiles with happiness. G. P. C. in ecstasy of delight; reaches out hand to G. T. and at once enrolls him on De Force. Another honest man gone to hell.

PERSONAL.

J. B. Cameron, formerly City and State Secretary of the Socialist Party, is now in the Printing Business, at 708 Poydras Street. Socialist Emblem and Union Label used when requested.—Adv.

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THE VOICE thanks you, Fellow Rebels. With No. 53 we got back to four pages and hope to stay there, but it will take hard work to pull the paper through the next two months, and we will have to depend on you to see us through. It takes about \$60.00 a week to run a paper like THE VOICE, and then we take the leavings for our wages. There is every indication that THE VOICE will soon grow rapidly if we can save it, as subs and small orders are steadily coming in from places never heard from before. All the hardest work of making the paper has practically been done. It only remains for us to take advantage of it and push the paper. We want to, of we can get hold of enough money to justify it, keep running the great RATTLESNAKE CARTOONS by Fellow-worker Albert Walen in THE VOICE, as we believe there is nothing like a good cartoon for driving home the truth. Therefore, help us all you can.

Yours to win, COVINGTON.

NOTA BENE:—Local and City Central Committees owing The Voice for bundle orders, please get a remittance to us before the first of February.

Locals and C. C. C.'s owing past due accounts, PLEASE remit us, before that date, all you can spare. We have heavy bills to pay on first.

CORRESPONDENTS:—All articles sent in for publication will have to take their turn. Preference will always be given to articles bearing on news and organization work. C. H.

Remittance Notice

ALL ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT REMITTANCES FOR THE PAST MONTH MUST REACH "THE VOICE" NOT LATER THAN THE FIFTH OF THE SUCCEEDING MONTH. PLEASE ACT ACCORDINGLY.

LAKE CHARLES BUILDING TRADES IN GENERAL STRIKE.

Lake Charles, La., Jan. 15.—The strike of carpenters reached an acute stage to-day, when the contractors declared an open shop and cancelled all agreements with the carpenters' union. The contractors announced that they will employ men wherever they can get them and at such wages as they deem fit to pay.

In the meantime, the Central Trades and Labor Council is backing the strikers. A meeting of the central body was held last night and all other building trades were instructed to keep off work being done by contractors who have not signed the union scale. This means that bricklayers, painters, paper-hangers, gas fitters and electricians are practically called out insofar as the unfair contractors are concerned.

The fight is narrowed down to a struggle between the trade council and the Contractors and Dealers' Exchange, the latter organization backing the contractors.

The above is from "The Daily States."

The Lake Charles Carpenters are as fine a body of real Union men as live. They stood back of Emerson and our boys to the finish. Let every Union man stand back of them with the Lake Charles Central Trades and Labor Council now and see that no scabs get on the job. THE VOICE is open to the Carpenters for any publicity they may wish it for. Fight them to a finish, boys!

FELLOW-WORKER GIBSON DEAD.

Dear Fellow-workers—I know you will be very sorrow to learn of the death of Fellow-worker M. D. Gibson, who died Thursday evening, at six-thirty o'clock, January 8th, 1914. He left a father, mother, six sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His mother is very ill at this time, but we hope to see her out soon.

Fellow-worker Gibson had unfailing faith in the organization, always working to right the wrongs.

Fellow-worker Gibson and his cheering words will no longer brighten our eyes and warm our hearts, but be remembered to the end of our lives.

M. W. STROTHER,
 Secretary No. 219, F. L. W.

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Defense Funds Notice.

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

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

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Forty-four workmen have been arrested and charged with rioting at the Plaza, Los Angeles, on Christmas day. The authorities are determined to send as many as possible to the penitentiary. Five men are under \$2000 bail, and 39 under \$500. All contributions for the defense of these men will be published in Solidarity, Voice of The People and The Wooden Shoe, until the required amount is secured. Send all funds to William Davenport, Box 265, Station C., Los Angeles, California. Trial takes place January 21st.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,
 WORKINGMEN'S DEFENSE LEAGUE,
 W. DAVENPORT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee:—A. Kinman, Wm. Stockinger, Herman Siegel, Josi B. Corona, James O'Neil, O. J. Sautter, Parker Hill, Wm. R. Sautter, D. D. Charuz, Ray Cabezut, Hugh Swindley

PATERSON STRIKERS RELIEF FUND. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 12th, 1914.
 To whom it may concern—The accounts of the Paterson strikers relief committee have been audited by Mr. John Noone, certified public accountant of New York City.
 Mr. Noone audited the entire receipts and expenses, covering the period from March 18th, 1913 to September 24th, 1913.
 Total receipts\$59,957.79
 Total expense 59,956.22

Balance\$ 1.57
 The committee had intended to publish the names of all contributors and the amount contributed, but owing to the fact that the expense to do this would be about \$1,200.00 it was impossible to do this. We wish to thank all persons and organizations who contributed. All labor papers please copy.
 Respectfully,
 ADOLPH LESSIG, Sec'y Local 152, I. W. W.

Workers of Oregon Take Notice.

The Portland Locals are determined to push the propaganda of Industrial Unionism in this State. With that end in view, all members, employed in lumber camps, construction work, etc., are urged to communicate with the Secretary.

The propaganda committee has prepared a definite plan for the distribution of literature, organization and agitation in the camps. DO YOUR PART. Send in your name and the address of camp where you are employed.

The Locals have secured a new stereopticon machine and are holding meetings Wednesday and Sunday nights. While in town make it your business to attend these lectures.

At the last regular business meeting Frank Cadby was elected Secretary for the ensuing term. All correspondence should be addressed to
 FRANK CADY, Secretary,
 309 Davis St., Portland, Oregon.

PORTLAND MEETINGS.

The Portland, Oregon, locals will hold regular propaganda meetings twice per week in the hall at 309 Davis St., during this winter. New stereopticon installed. Good speakers needed for meetings in hall and on the street. Everybody welcome.

B. E. NILSSON,
 Sec'y Portland Locals, I. W. W.

A SHAVING MACHINE.

It consists of a safety razor connection to a motor by means of a flexible shaft, the blade being actuated in such a way as to cut the beard by impact or blows. The blades, therefore, do not need to be so sharp as in hand-shaving. No soap is necessary, wetting of the skin being sufficient, and a clean shave can be accomplished, it is declared, in a very short time. The after-effects are described as being those following a mild massage. A plug is provided for attaching the razor to any lamp socket. —"Electric World."

F. & L. W. Notice.

Forrest Edwards will take hold of the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the N. I. U. of F. L. W., West District, and of Local 432 after the first of the year 1914.
 Yours for Industrial Freedom,
 FRANK R. SCHLEIS.

"The Iron Hand"

As was to be expected, Gen. Botha has laid the iron hand upon the South African strike. The Premier is one of the most resourceful and resolute soldiers of modern times—a man slow to speak, but quick to act.

And, as might have been expected, he is not doing things by halves. Not only has the entire country been put under martial law, but the leaders of the strike have been arrested and their followers have been warned that no foolishness will be tolerated by the police or the troops. Very significant are these words of Gen. Smuts, Minister of Defense of the South African Union: "If the burghers' force has to be called into Johannesburg it will not show the Christian spirit which the imperial troops displayed when they refrained from firing after they were attacked by mobs last July; the burghers will use their rifles if attacked."

Any real grievances of the railway men will doubtless be redressed, under the combined pressure of public opinion and the government. But no government worth its salt will endure the methods which the Industrial Workers of the World have made familiar in our own land. Confronted with this problem, M. Briand called the strikers to their regiments and kept them busy under sergeants and corporals. Gen. Botha is unlike M. Briand, in the sense that he has no Socialist past to embarrass him, but his program is substantially the same.

The civilized world is chiefly interested in knowing that the Rand will not be devastated by mobs which the leaders of the strike cannot hope to control. More than this: the civilized world longs for the assurance that the two hundred thousand natives employed in the mines will not be permitted to run amuck, for a native uprising might result in atrocities that would dwarf the utmost disorders of the strike itself. As the South African Union is an autonomous state, the imperial troops cannot be used, except on the demand of the Botha Cabinet, but the Botha Cabinet would be sure to make the demand if the need were urgent enough. Whatever may be the faults of the Boer character, flabbiness is not among them. Hatred of anarchy and love of freedom are inseparable in the Dutch mind.

COMMENT BY COVINGTON HALL

The above is an editorial from the New Orleans "Times-Democrat" of January 15th, 1914, on the South African labor war. How do you workers like the tone of the class-conscious capitalist paper? Note the praise lavished on Beast Botha and Bloodhound Briand. Also remember that when the Boer Republics were in their death struggle with the Mammonitish British Empire that their only friends in all the world were the workers of the world and that Botha and his Burghers now offer the workers bayonets for the splendid and unselfish assistance rendered by the workers in the year of the Boers' humiliation by "Messrs. Rothschild, Ikelheimer, Bleichroder & Co's praetorian guards," as Redbeard truly and correctly styles them. And, beyond the exposures of the rottenness of Capitalist Society, what "crimes" have the Industrial Workers of the World committed that this editor and all the hireling editors of Capitalism should puke upon us their venom? I will tell you—the I. W. W. has awakened the FIGHTING SPIRIT of the Working Class throughout the English speaking world and that FIGHTING SPIRIT, meeting and fusing with the FIGHTING SPIRIT of the French, Italian, Swedish and South American Syndicalists, is becoming a POWER that all the other "Powers" on earth can neither control or murder into submission. It was the POWER that sent Briand into oblivion and disgrace; it will send Botha to keep him company; it will overthrow the Industrial Depotism that is to-day crucifying the human race on its cross of gold and fear of the ruins the free Industrial Democracy of the World's Workers; it will tear down the Three Balls as the sign of civilization and replace them with the Triple Stars. THAT is why we are hated so. THAT is why we will win. WE ARE NEITHER PRAETORIAN GUARDS NOR INTELLECTUAL HIRELINGS. That is why we will win.

And the "Christian spirit of the imperial troops!" Yes, it WAS the Christian spirit, alright—to fire into an unarmed assembly of men, women and children—only Christian troops could nerve themselves to such a dastard deed. And the fear that "atrocities" might result from a native uprising—how truly Christian! To say nothing of the atrocities committed upon the helpless natives by the "Empire," (for which see Olive Schreiner's book, "Trooper Peter Halket") how completely this fear justifies the capitalists for the atrocities they are committing from one end of the world to the other on the Working Class. But it is not an "atrocity" when South African mine owners flog East Indians to death for daring to go on strike against as terrible a system of peonage as ever cursed the earth. The wolfish deeds followed by wolfish trials in Massachusetts, Louisiana, British Columbia, West Virginia, Colorado, New Zealand, Michigan, Ireland, Texas and England itself, the motherland of all the terrible cultures of Capitalism—these are not "atrocities" for these terrible deeds are done in cold blood by the hireling troops of the Emperors of Gold to terrorize the human race into a slavery so foul and degrading that humanity would perish from the earth did they succeed. Yet we are gravely informed that "hatred of anarchy and love of freedom are insepara-

ble in the Dutch mind" while never was a greater crime committed against freedom than that the Boer burghers are committing for Messrs. Rothschild, Ikelheimer, Bleichroder & Co. in South Africa to night. How have the Mighty fallen! What a terrible manhood destroying thing is Capitalist Society!

Away with all differences that disunite us! To your standards, O Industrial Workers of the World! For, behold, "The Saturday Journal" speaks the truth when it says:

"The world stands on the brink of another revolution, the greatest the world has even known. Capitalism is losing; it is but a short time until it will be forcibly overthrown, the interests of the majority demands it.

Regulation will not do, nothing short of the revolution will ever put the workers in the saddle. Petty reforms may have retarded it sometime ago, but the master class have waited too long. ORGANIZE FOR ACTION!"

Unite! Organize! Lop "The Iron Hand" off labor's throat!

ON WITH THE WORLD-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE!

HOW JOHN BROWN'S SOUL

WENT MARCHING ON.

As the jury came in with their verdict the dense crowd was moved and agitated with intense expectancy. The only calm and unruffled countenance there was the doomed one. It was late and the gas lights gave an almost deathly pallor to his face. On being asked why sentence should not be passed upon him, he said in a voice singularly mild and gentle:

"In the first place, I deny everything but what I have all along admitted—the design on my part to free the slaves. I intended, certainly, to have made a clean thing of that matter. That was all I intended. I never did intend murder, or treason, or the destruction of property, or to excite or incite slaves to rebellion, or to make insurrection.

"I believe that to interfere as I have done, as I have always freely admitted I have done, was not wrong, but right. Now, if it is deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children, and with the blood of millions in that slave country whose rights are disregarded, I submit; so let it be done."

The day appointed for the execution Brown walked out of the jail with a radiant countenance and the step of a conqueror. With an unfaltering step he mounted the wagon which was to convey him to the scaffold. He seated himself beside Captain Avis, the jailor, and Mr. Sadler, the undertaker. Accompanying the wagon were several military companies—mostly cavalry.

When he was asked if he was ready when he had ascended the scaffold, he replied:

"I am ready at any time. But do not keep me needlessly waiting." —From "The Daily States."

ARTHUR W. PEPPER, NOTICE!

I received a letter this a. m., from the father of Arthur William Pepper (commonly known as "Joe") from his home in Suffolk, Eng., asking for some knowledge of the whereabouts of his son. The last the old folks had heard of Joe, was during the free speech fight in Minot, N. D., last August.

Will you kindly insert a "call" for Joe in your paper. Tell him to write his father at once, to:—F. Pepper, 77 Burrell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, Eng., or Cloak Room, Great Eastern Ry., Ipswich.

J. M. NEAR, Branesville, Minn.

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WOODSMEN, ATTENTION.

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

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

Yours for victory,

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We demand abolition of discount system.

We demand that all men shall be hired from Union Hall.

We demand that \$2.50 per day, or \$50.00 per month and board, shall be the minimum wage for all employes in the logging or railroad camps.

We demand 75 cents per thousand, or \$4.00 per day per man, 11,000 feet to constitute a day's work, for log cutting, stumps 36 inches high.

We demand a 50 per cent. increase in the pay of Tie Makers, Stave Mill, Turpentine, Rosin and all other workers in the Lumber Industry and its by-product industries.

We demand that overtime and Sunday work shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

We demand that injured workmen be given immediate attention.

We demand that pure, wholesome food be served at company boarding houses.

Cooks and other employes shall not be allowed to work on a percentage basis.

There shall be one waiter or waitress for every 30 men at the table.

We demand that maximum price of \$5.00 per week for board shall prevail.

We demand that the double deck bunks be taken out of all the bunk houses and that beds with springs and mattress be installed in their places.

We demand that dry rooms and bath rooms be installed in each camp.

We demand that the pig pens be kept 300 feet away from the cook houses or bunk houses, and that up-to-date sanitary systems be immediately established in all lumber towns and camps.

We demand that the hospital fee be paid to the Union and that the Union shall take care of all the sick and injured through this fund, or that the men be allowed to elect the doctor and have a voice in the management of the hospital and insurance fund.

We demand that all settlements for injuries shall be conducted in the presence of a committee from the Union.

We demand that all delegates or organizers shall be allowed to visit camps and mills.

GET BUSY!

Begin Organizing NOW and make a report each month of members in good standing at each Local and the vote of all UNION and NON-UNION workers, white and colored, native born or foreign in favor of these demands, and a GENERAL STRIKE to enforce them. DOWN WITH PEON-AGE!

All local Secretaries, get busy at once. Show the demands to all UNION and NON-UNION workers in the Lumber Industry. Talk the PHILOSOPHY and the POWER of the ONE BIG UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS. Get to work at once on the job where you work. Organize the unorganized and begin agitating on the EIGHT HOUR WORK DAY and the above WAGE SCALE. The question is a GENERAL QUESTION: NO LOCAL STRIKE WANTED.

HOW TO ORGANIZE.

Twenty members joining at any given place can get charter and supplies for a Local Union. You who read this where there is no Local Union where you are working, be the FIRST to begin agitating among the workers and get twenty or more wage workers to make application for charter and supplies for a Local Union.

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THE 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 every-day 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.

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