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MIGHT IS RIGHT

All Woodsmen, Attention!

Some Questions Relative The Proposed Strike of the "International Union of Shingle Weavers, Saw Mill Workers and Woodsmen."

The question is being asked: "What position is the I. W. W. going to take in the pending strike for a shorter workday on the first of May?"

I am not sure that I can give a satisfactory answer to that question, but will, however, offer my opinion on the matter.

As to the eight-hour day agitation, I don't think there is any doubt in the mind of anybody that we, of the Industrial Workers of the World, intend to carry on this agitation. We have done so for years. In fact, we are the Pioneers of this movement that is now claiming the attention of all men working in the Lumber Woods. It has cost us four years of agitation and thousands of dollars in money to develop this movement that is now expressing itself in the A. F. of L. Then you ask us, what position we are going to take in the matter? Why, it seems to be rather absurd, to think that we would lay down, or that we would repudiate the positive position we have taken on this important movement in the past. Then, again, we have already taken a position that we, not only want a shorter workday, but, by God, we are going to keep fighting until we get it.

You know, Logger, that were it not for the long years of constant and persistent agitation carried on by the I. W. W. in the Lumber Camps, that the A. F. of L. would not be bold enough to undertake the job of getting it on May first. They know that we have paved the way, that we have prepared the ground, and, if they did not know this, they would not undertake to organize this strike without first preparing the ground.

The question, after all, resolves itself into this one thing: Do you want a shorter workday, Mr. Lumberjack? If so, get yourself in position to fight for it. Never mind what the I. W. W. is going to do. We will be on the job as usual, doing our part to whip the Lumber Trust. The great question agitating the minds of the officials of the A. F. of L. is, not what position the I. W. W. is going to take in this move for a shorter workday, but what position are you, Mr. Unorganized Lumberjack going to take on the matter? Never mind the I. W. W. If you show the same fighting spirit in this fight as the I. W. W. boys have shown in the past, or will in the future, you will have your hours of labor reduced to a very noticeable extent.

I shall, in my next article, deal with other aspects of this proposed strike. I shall ask the Shingle Weavers, WHAT POSITION ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE IN THIS FIGHT FOR A SHORTER WORKDAY?

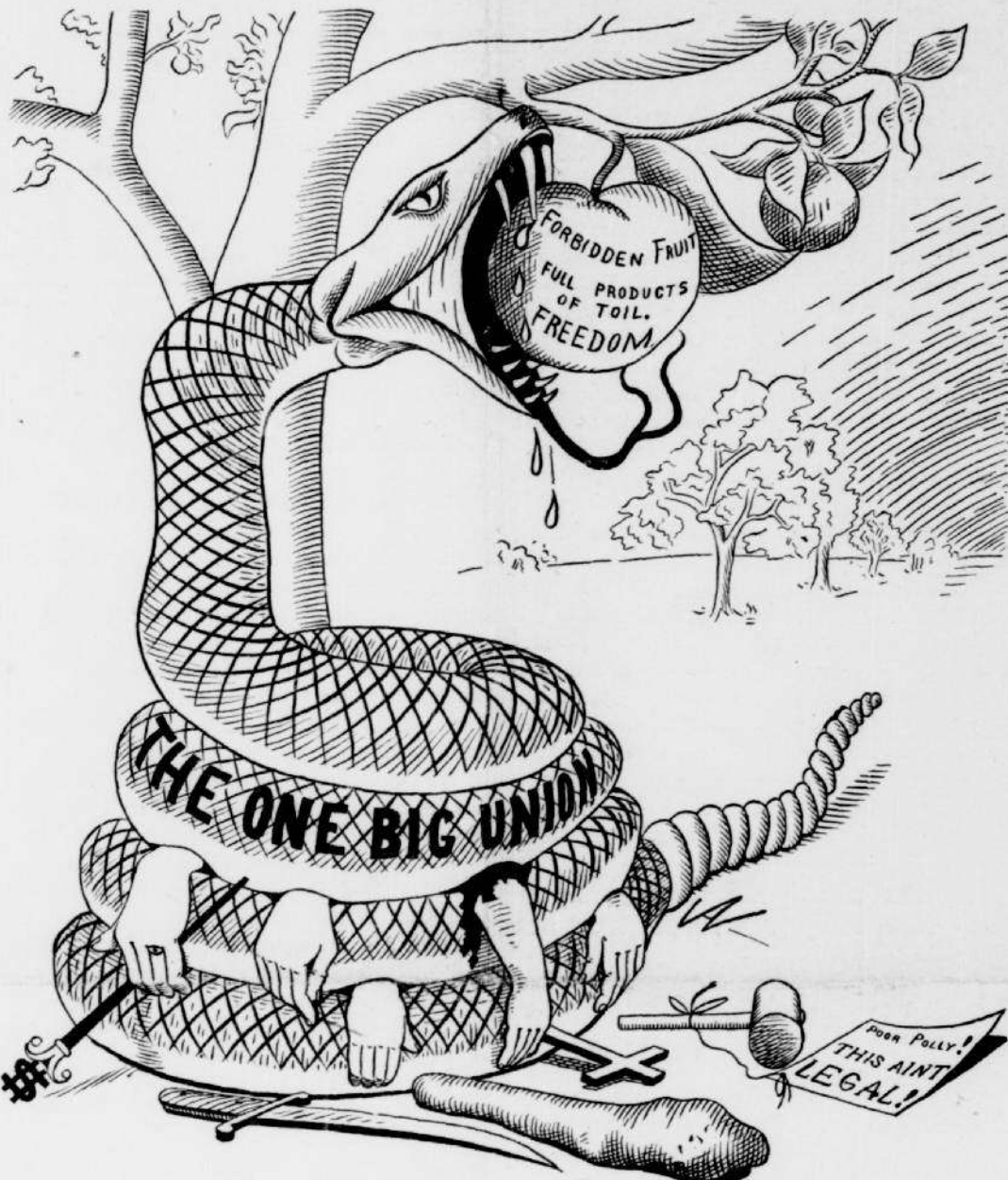
Yours for Industrial Freedom,
FORREST EDWARDS,
Secy-Treas., N. I. U. of F. and L. W.,
Western District

I. W. W. IN A NUTSHELL.

ONE BIG UNION is a simple proposition. It means all workers in a given shop in one shop branch. It means all workers in a given industry of a locality in one Local Industrial Union. It means all workers in a given industry throughout the nation in one National Industrial Union. It means all workers of all national industrial unions of all industries in ONE BIG UNION OF THE WORKING CLASS, with International affiliations. Are YOU in?—"Solidarity."

FUNDS OF WORLD'S UNIONS.

It is officially estimated, in a statement issued yesterday, that the accumulated funds of the world's Unions stand at just over \$100,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 is redited to British Unions, \$10,000,000 to German Unions, and the remainder distributed in proportions not stated among the workers of all other countries where Unionism flourishes. The combined membership of all known Unions is returned at under sixteen millions, Great Britain having one-fourth of these members—London "Daily Herald."



Bodineites Nailed to Cross.

The Bodine outfit have covered this port with a dodger which, like the outfit that got it out, starts at nowhere and end there.

It claims to be a part of The International Longshoremen's Association when, as a matter of fact, the I. L. A., according to the laws of the A. F. of L. cannot issue a charter to an organization over which it has no jurisdiction.

In the second place they have been virtually expelled from the only "bona-fide" organization of this class recognized by the A. F. of L.—the I. S. U. A.

They make the claim of being part and parcel of the labor movement of the world. Here are the facts. Their card is worthless on the Pacific Coast and everywhere else an open shop prevails. The I. S. U. A. on the Pacific Coast gives the hee-haw to any Bodine man who comes that way.

The I. W. W. is growing steadily and insistently on the Pacific Coast, and we have learned that the I. S. U. A., which organization is headed by Andrew Furuseth, is only too glad to get men who have joined the I. W. W. back into the I. S. U. A. Whenever an agent of the Bodine outfit, for it is not a union, gives you the guff about their books being good all over, MAKE THEM PRODUCE THE PROOF. If they cannot do this, treat them as you would any other confidence man who would try and work a shell game on you.

The Bodine outfit starts from nowhere and is headed for hell, and that is where you seamen are going to be if you allow yourselves to be further bamboozled by this pirate crew.

The M. T. W. of the I. W. W. has a definite plan and program and we are going to get there in the end. How soon only depends on you. We want you to join the I. W. W., and when I say join, I do not mean for you to merely pay dues, but to study its principles and program; attend regularly and take an active part at every meeting when you are in port. Be a live wire, unite in the I. W. W. Make yourself felt and heard and do your best towards developing the rest of your fellow-workers into fighting units of the I. W. W.

Which do you prefer, a "union" like the Bodine outfit, that is controlled by "Headquarters," which means Bodine, (read their constitution and by-laws) or the I. W. W., which is not controlled by any individual and is yours body and soul?

And not only does the I. W. W. state this but it INSISTS most positively upon every member exercising his full right of ownership.

You have been a slave to every form of graft long enough.

NOW, TO-DAY, resolve to be a MAN, a REAL MAN, an I. W. W.

Join the Marine Transport Workers of the I. W. W. and show that you are a man.

Marine Transport Workers, I. W. W.—W. J. Parks, Secretary; Frank Albers, Organizer. Hall 307 N. Peters Street, New Orleans. Meetings, 7:30 o'clock every Tuesday night.

MORE RIVER FRONT SHARKS.

And this is what our reporter saw and heard in his wanderings up and down and through the jungles of the River Front.

Down by the Leyland Line, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, he saw a man said to be Wm. Mr. Fannem and a money shark who charges 20 cents on the dollar, and this is direct defiance of the mandates of the Christian religion. Also, on top of this interest, each man hooked must give Mr. Fannem his time checks to keep, unless he is "honest pay," as Mr. Fannem has no intention of taking any losses. Saturday Mr. Fannem had a cigar box full of checks. When the victims come to the pay table he stands at the door and gives each man his check to go in and get his money and, when he comes out, Mr. Fannem receives his rebate—all the sucker sweated for. The dear old Leyland Line is, of course, absolutely ignorant of this 20% that gets by it or we guess it wouldn't get by.

That's all for this time, but it isn't all our reporter saw and heard, no, not by a dernsite and, if you don't believe it, watch THE VOICE.

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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,
PRESS COMMITTEE, L. U. 275

ALL SOUTHERN REBELS, ATTENTION!

It is reported that, unable to starve the striking Woodsmen at the Sweet Home Front, near Ball, La. back into submission, the struck Lumber Company or the Association, has filled up that section of the country with gunmen and Burns' hounds, and that these lawless Rurales are snooping around the homes of the Workingmen and Working Farmers at night, evidently for the purpose of potting some man they consider a leader and then to try the old gag of arresting every one of our boys for "inciting to riot."

Therefore, all Rebels in East Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma should hold themselves in readiness and, when the association starts its "riot," see to it that enough men get to the Sweet Home country to aid and defend the workingmen and working farmers there against the Thugbund. Norate this all over the four States.

Our NEGRO fellow-workers should likewise warn all NIGGERS headed for Sweet Home Front to stay away from there. All Whitetrash should likewise be warned.

Stand together, MEN, in ONE BIG UNION and prepare for the GENERAL STRIKE of all Southern Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers!

The West strikes May First.

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All local Unions of Forest and Lumber Workers, Southern District, should get in communication at once with Jay Smith, Secretary Southern District, Box 78, Alexandria, La., and arrange a date as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
SMITH AND RICE, PROMOTERS.

Defense Funds Notices.

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

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

Carl Person Defense: Send all funds to Carl Person, Box D. Clinton, Illinois. Railroad Workers, Get Busy! ACT TO-DAY.

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Might Is Right.

The root-thought of "Might Is Right" lies in this quotation: "Property, remember, is an integral part of freedom and manhood. They who have no property are at the mercy of those who have. Woe unto him who has 'nothing.' Economic dependence is a flaming hell."

If every Lumberjack, Worker and Working Farmer in the South would read this great book they would clearly see how they have lost their inheritance in their native land by themselves losing the oldtime fighting spirit of the Claismen.

You will not agree with all Redbeard says no more than I do, but YOU should read this extraordinary book. One thing it will do—it will show to you how the "Mighty" rule and rob proletarianize the race and then, it is up to you to THINK FOR YOURSELF.

If you want to read this tremendous Epic of the Strong, send us a DOLLAR and we will send you a copy of "MIGHT IS RIGHT" and THE VOICE for 30 weeks; or we will send you the book alone for FIFTY CENTS. Address THE VOICE, 520 Poydras Street, New Orleans, La.

MINOT, N. D. ON MAP.

In spite of the various forms of opposition, we were forced to cope with, we have at last established a local which at present, has a membership of 33.

Conditions at present do not warrant much headway, but we hope to do effective work in the Spring, at which time you are all invited to visit and aid us. A permanent hall cannot be had as our K. of C. friends are still active, but we are under the impression that they will soon get tired of paying rent for buildings which they do not expect to use.

Fellow-workers Brewer and Pasewalk have been released—the latter being at liberty only because the attempt to railroad him was too raw, even though part of the jury was in the game, they could not agree, so the case against them were dismissed.

As we are here to stay, all communications should be addressed to: E. W. Wilson, Secretary Local 585, Box 703, Minot, North Dakota.

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DEATH TO THE WAGE SYSTEM!

By JAY SMITH.

At this moment millions of wage-slaves are drifting along the railroad tracks and country roads or through the streets of all the cities of the World in search of work, the Unemployed Army is growing larger and larger every day, yet I say the future belongs to the working class because the Army of the Unemployed in now several times larger than the Army of the Nation, and so the World's great "DEBT" to the "Three Ball Money Sharks" goes up by leaps and bounds, a "debt" that never can be and should never be paid by the workers.

It is too much to ask, it more than even wage-slaves will stand for, to fight all the wars for the Capitalist Class and then be thrown out into a world of nakedness and hunger and denied the right to make a living for themselves and families, for none but the workers fought the wars, and none but the workers suffered privation and death. Yet they who made all things, the workers, have nothing and are mortgaged through Government to pay "debts" they never contracted and, yea, every born and unborn child of the Working Class is mortgaged to the Three Ball Emperors of Gold. Therefore to say that the Revolution is not close at hand is to deny the inevitable, for such "Debt" as has been imposed upon the World can only be liquidated by—REVOLUTION.

The only way to solve this question is outlined in the Preamble of the I. W. W.—through ONE BIG UNION of the Working Class, organized regardless of Craft, Creed or Race. Every Lumberjack, North, South, East, West, every Working Farmer of the World over, every Wage Worker in all parts of the Continents should take up this matter of the ONE BIG UNION at once.

Every locality should have a Local Union. Every worker should learn that the workers have only one enemy, CAPITALISM, and therefore they should have only ONE UNION.

Each Local Union should be a perfect Commune within itself, and every member should work to the end that the users of all tools and means of production shall own and control them in common, and the products thereof. Let every worker inscribe on his banner the Revolutionary watchword: Death to the wage system! Long live the Commune!

"Take down your sign! it should no longer hang, You loosed leaders of a loosed gang."

"Foreigners" and Syndicalists Grossly Insulted by "The Timber Worker."

The following gross insults to "Foreigners" and Syndicalists are handed to us by "The Timber Worker" of Jan. 24th. The same scarcely need comment so gross are they in their insulting nakedness. The article in "The Timber Worker" is quoted from the San Francisco "Labor Clarion" and published on their editorial page under the headline: "Hypocrisy At Work."

Says "The Timber Worker":

"These hypocrites, (the I. W. W.) have about exhausted the field of ignorant foreigners in this country and they are now devoting their attention to the unfortunate migratory workers who find themselves in distress.

"Great is the world-saving syndicalist who works the worker by preying upon his miseries.

"The Industrial Workers of the World, is rapidly decaying and now consists of but a handful of members. It is passing because the American workers have become familiar with the methods and practices of its leaders and will have nothing to do with them. It doubtless will pass completely out of existence shortly after the adoption of the literacy test as a requisite to admission of the immigrant. When the supply of ignorant immigrants is cut off, this organization of despair and disaster must of necessity die. It can only live where ignorance abounds. Intelligence and syndicalism blends about as well as milk and vinegar."

How do you "Foreigners" and Syndicalists like these compliments so freely handed to you by the official organ of Wm. H. Reid, Yellow Political Socialist; Jay Fox, Saffron Anarchist, and Jesus G. Brown, Chrome Craftist? A heluva combination, ain't it? We guess that by the time this gang gets through with the forest and lumber workers who are fools enough to fall for their dope, they will all be members of the Fox's naked "commune."

This dirty sheet further speaks of Helen Keller's donation of \$100 to the strike fund of the Michigan copper miners, but it is careful not to state that Miss Keller is a passionate supporter of the I. W. W., and for the reason that it would show up some of their lies about the I. W. W.

As for the I. W. W. "decaying" and "passing out of existence," well, we've been doing that ever since we were born, according to the "slandered" slanderers, but we are still on deck and still a thorn in the sides of the Laborerats and Plutocrats, as these howls and insults from the alleged "Timber Worker" and "Labor Clarion" conclusively prove.

Jesus (Christ, not Brown) wept. If he ever had the pleasure of reading the dope handed to "Dear Jack Lumber," we don't blame him.

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On the Farflung Battleline.

(We are indebted to the "Daily Herald" of London for most of the foreign news printed under this heading).

UNREST IN SPAIN.

Employers in Spain seem to have learned from more Northern countries the use of the lockout weapon. The carpenters of Madrid are still locked out, and there is an attempt to destroy the Union of the coach-builders in Malaga by the same weapon. The attempt to settle the general strike in Ferrol seems to have failed, and the butchers are now joining it. Some English workers are still black-legging in the arsenal, where the strike originated, but many of the English workers have now left Ferrol.

Popular agitation against the Moroccan brigandage continues, while, on the other hand, Alfonso has promised an amnesty to any of his hundreds of thousands of subjects who have emigrated to escape military service, provided they will serve three years in Africa. No responses to this royal offer are reported. In one month 21,079 Spaniards have emigrated. Meanwhile, out of 48,851 children in Madrid, 32,385 cannot find room in the schools.

A writer in "El Reformista" has been prosecuted for commenting on the trial of Colonel Juan Labrador, who is being court-martialed for refusing to attend Mass.

Workers of Madrid have promised solidarity with the 12,000 Rio Tinto miners in the south, who are striking again, owing to the failure of the bosses to carry out the promises given in order to get the men to return to work last month.

RUSSIAN POLICE METHODS.

On the day fixed for the election of worker delegates for the Insurance Board of the district of St. Petersburg it was found that only 13 out of 19 delegates had appeared. On inquiry it was found that the missing six delegates had been arrested the previous evening, without any charge being made against them, at the offices of the Metal Workers' Union. With reference to 30 metal workers arrested in the Viborgsk district of St. Petersburg, a member of the Duma, Bedaiev, has obtained the information that they are at present in the cells of the Petrovsky police station, and that most of them will soon be released.

On the Russian Christmas Eve the police raided the premises of the publishing firm "Priboy" and searched the correspondence for six hours, trying, without success, to find some letters from the Krasnarsk Shop Assistants' Union. In the end the police arrested nothing more than a few manuscripts.

ITALY SEETHING.

Agricultural problems in Italy are at least as important as industrial problems—possibly more so. Before the "unification" much of the land belonged, in fact, to the people, which now belongs to individual landlords. This dispossession of the peasants, added to the industrial depression and financial strain caused by the war in Tripoli, makes the unemployment problem specially acute, and the Labor "unrest" in Italy anything but passive.

Almost on the anniversary of the outrage at Rocca Gorga, where peasants were murdered by soldiers, a similar tragedy has occurred, the murder this time, however, being by private instead of military gentlemen.

Altogether 35 of the peasants were wounded, and two men have been arrested; the authorities are making inquiries, and the red flag is flying from the Trades Council building, the "Camera del Lavoro."

In Sicily 5,000 miners are unemployed, because the mines have been closed. Most of them are trying to emigrate to America, which fact is significant, seeing that one of the excuses for "colonizing" Tripoli was that unemployed Sicilians would have a place to work.

Among Italian sailors there is a great deal of unrest, and a strike seems imminent at Naples and other ports; in fact, about 100 ships are already unable to leave their ports.

PORTUGUESE RAIL STRIKE.

Lisbon, Jan. 21.—In consequence of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Railway Company the old Royal Company—refusing to grant certain demands made by their employees, a general strike was declared to-day. All the railway stations are guarded by military forces.

SOUTH AFRICAN REVOLT.

* The latest news from South Africa is that the entire Union is under martial law and a General Strike of all workers has been declared. Beast Botha has deported all alleged strike leaders and boasts that when he is through with this war on the workers "another strike will not occur in the Union for a generation to come." We will see about that. Botha, like many other boastful brutal polities, is pretty apt to find out that our Sabcats can whip any pack of Bloodhounds on earth.

OTHER STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.

Brussels is almost entirely without taxis, and there is every hope that the drivers on strike will win their demands.

In France the Paris saddlers have been on strike for nearly seven months; the glove makers of Millau for two months, and the dockers of Saint-Nazaire for one month. A joint fund has been started for the strikers.

THE BETRAYAL OF DUBLIN.

Deserted by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress—which withholds food and money—faced by disgraceful exhibitions of British Trade Union scabbing and by the mingled shortsightedness and treachery of sundry British officials (shown in detail by our Dublin Correspondent), many of Larkin's heroic followers are returning to work with his consent after twenty-one weeks of struggle, but as determined as ever to resist the Murphyite ban on the Union.

It really means that the battle has only entered upon another phase, and will probably grow more embittered than ever. For if the British officialism is covered with contempt, the Irish bosses and their parasites have developed a hateful spirit, and the workers find a fell combination against them in their own land—where there is so much empty boasting on the subject of ideals and idealism.

The great Irish Labor war in the broad sense is in point of fact only in a preliminary stage; those who talk of "defeat" or "end" at this juncture are only trying to deceive themselves or others. Church and State in Ireland have a rude awakening before them.

The British rank and filers have been grossly betrayed by their leaders and officials, and we trust that will call them to strict and severe account without delay. At the same time, as our Dublin Correspondent urges, let them continue their unstinted and noble support of the Irish brethren still out. In the last analysis their cause is the same. Economic freedom and full life are the common goal.—From The London "Daily Herald."

The above shows that the Politicians and Gompersites are the same traitorous crew everywhere. One of the "labor leaders" who led the treason against the Dublin workers was Havelock Wilson, the betrayer of the Seamen of New Orleans and the World.

On top of this great war in Dublin, England and Scotland are seething with rebellion and there, as everywhere else, the workers have not only the Bosses to fight, but their own traitorous officials, as well.

On with the One Big Union!

ON WITH THE WORLDWIDE GENERAL STRIKE!

Construction and Marine Transport Workers, Attention!

The above Locals are determined to push forward the principles of Industrial Unionism, here in the Seattle District, and we request the members to communicate with the Secretary of these Locals. Write in and give us the conditions and everything in general where you are in regard to the class struggle and what chance there is for the I. W. W. in your locality.

Send your address and we will forward you all literature and will try and co-operate with you in the line of Agitation and Organization.

We are now at our new quarters, 208 Second Ave., South, up stairs, and in a very good location. All Rebels coming this way give us a visit. We are holding good hall meetings, so when in the City make it a point to attend same.

Construction Workers business meetings has been changed to Sunday afternoon at one o'clock; Marine Transport Workers meet Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Address all communications to Harry A. LaBranch, Joint Secretary, Local Unions 382 and 252, Box 886, Seattle, Wash.

New York Rebels Denounce Inhuman Deeds of Texas Tyrants.

Sunday afternoon, January 25, an International Mass Meeting was held at Manhattan Casino in Brooklyn, to protest against Texas tyranny where fourteen men are being sentenced to interminable terms for attempting to cross the border into Mexico.

"J. M. Rangel and Charles Cline, with their fifteen comrades were merely helping President Wilson to rid Mexico of here murdered, usurper and despot. Huerta. And there is no better example of the hypocrisy of the American government than shown by the stand it takes in this disgraceful affair, siding with the Texan tyranny in hounding, harrasing and jailing these fourteen men, after having shot down in cold blood their sentinel, deceived them, by giving them a false password, and then coming upon them with superior numbers, killing some and threatening the rest with lynching." So spoke the Chairman, M. H. Woolman.

Speeches were delivered in Jewish by Bernard Sernaker; in Italian, by Pedro Esteve, the editor of "Cultura Obrera;" in Russian, by Rochovoi; in Spanish, by George Gallart, and in English by Tanenbaum. A collection was taken up to be sent to the men in jail, and a protest of sympathy will be sent them as well.

OBJECTS TO GUNNING GUNMEN.

To The Voice—The papers of our organization are the only medium of education we workers actually have, and I venture to say, we should use them to that end.

I have covered the Southern district of the lumber industry completely, also the Northern, and I find down here the agitation going on for the workers to resort to the gun as a means of creating better conditions in the home and on the job.

Now this is a lie and a fallacy for there never has been any constructive education derived from that source, and I find the company thug and spy working among the slaves, agitating and advocating the use of the gun, and the workers are swallowing this bait, hook, line and all.

Past experience has taught us that as soon as we resort to these tactics, all the organization we have built and maintained is wiped out, for the master-class owns and controls the ammunition and paraphernalia of death, and it would be a useless weapon while we workers have our labor-power to pull from the job and, when it is pulled the workers should be educated to the point of shutting down the mill or front or engine room when they go out, thereby keeping the unfair worker from taking the job of a class-conscious slave; and it is to the master's interest to keep them from striking in this militant manner, while, when using the gun, you are only killing ignorant, illiterate, individuals, who will eventually come to their senses, and literature, and not the gun, is the only means of waking them up.

One thing I would like to cite in conclusion. I have seen, a tendency of dis-organization among the organizers, as to what is the best mode of procedure to agitate among the workers owing to the crowded condition of the mills, and fronts (in regard to job agitation) due, of course, to the many men in the industry and the over supply of labor-power, and also due to the fact of our being denied free speech for corner agitation and propaganda work; there is only one field left open, and that is house to house agitation, and the organizers should keep switching districts, so a new face can be shown as many times as possible; and, a new organizer coming into a district, he should be assisted by the other organizer in the field; in that manner, one man does not become stale, or monotonous to the workers, or prospective members.

Trusting you will give this some space in The Voice.

Yours for Industrial Freedom.

THOMAS E. MOORE.

We think Fellow-worker Moore misunderstands the conditions in the Southern District and the Southern character as well, for we can talk guns more and use them less than any people on earth, yet if the gunmen and detectives are a last proving to the Southern workers that gun-diet is the only education a gunman and defective can understand, we surely would not say that it was the fault of the I. W. W. press that the workers are coming to the conclusion that dead thugs are good thugs, for somehow or other, all theories to the contrary notwithstanding, most men object to being slugged and killed without making some effort to defend themselves. We guess they act sorter instinctively on this, illegal as it may be, under that old law called "self-preservation," for a man has only one life to live and defend, and even the Southern Lumberjacks cannot be blamed too severely if they come to the conclusion that their lives are worth just as much to them, their wives and children as are the lives of Burn's bloodhounds and Lumber Trust deputy sheriffs to "Law and Order." Yes, we know that the "company thug and spy" are "working among the slaves agitating and advocating the use of the gun," just like defective Harrel did at Merryville, but we don't think the boys are "swallowing this hook, bait and all," for they have learned some bitter lessons in the past few months from the Thugbund. But however that may be, we would advise the Association to put a bridle on the tongues of their provocateurs, for if the South ever starts shooting its way to freedom, some nice people might get hurt in the nasty business, for we are a nervous sort when we are stirred up too much. Our advice is for the Lumberjacks to study up on the "wisdom of the serpent" and strain every effort to build up the ONE BIG UNION of Forest and Lumber Workers, for in that alone is their REAL strength. In the meantime, the Sab Cats will probably be able to attend to taming the Bloodhounds.

C. H.

ALBERT A. KITTREDGE MURDERED.

Albert A. Kittredge, manager of the American Printing Company died during the middle of last week. He was only 26 years old and one of the finest and best liked men in the printing industry of New Orleans and many friends mourn his loss.

He was ill only a few days dying of that terrible disease, meningitis a victim of the Lumber Trust from whose pest holes comes this and other frightful plagues to eat out the strength and life of the workers of Louisiana.

There are many forms of murder, unrecognized by law, but murder just the same, and the murderer of Albert A. Kittredge is the Southern Lumber Operators' Association. All we, his friends, can say to to-day is, "Brother, rest in peace," and, to the living workers, still cry: "The fight is on—on with the fight for life and freedom!"

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WESTERN CANADA FLOODED WITH UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.

Edmonton, Canada, Jan. 5, 1914.

The unemployed problem in Western Canada is becoming more serious as the winter advances. In all the cities of the Northwest there is an ever increasing army of men who are without work and without money, and many actually on the verge of starvation.

During the summer and fall months, men are lured to this country in thousands, by the railroad contractors and other labor skimmers, who hold out promises of big wages and great prosperity. When these men get here they find that, owing to the high cost of living, it is almost impossible to save any money. The only time there is any genuine demand for labor in Western Canada is during harvest and threshing time, and that only lasts about two months. The wages and conditions of work during harvest are very different from what is represented by those who are interested in flooding the country with labor, and most of the men who take in the harvest find themselves broke or nearly broke after weeks of working 14 or 16 hours a day; sleeping in straw stacks.

Generally there is a great deal of time lost for wet weather and there are a great many farmers and threshing outfits, who cannot be depended up to come through with the money when the work is over. Many of the farmers are as poor as Lazarus and up to their eyes in debt; the same applies to the threshing outfits, and it is about as easy to get blood out of a stone as to get wages out of these people. After the harvest is over the men drift into the different towns and what little money they have is soon spent and they find themselves broke with no prospect of a job and with a long cold winter ahead of them.

The principal industry in this part of the country is railroad construction. The contractors in charge of this work keep shipping in men all summer from the big cities of the East—New York, Boston, Chicago, etc.

When the freeze-up comes, a great deal of work shuts down and the men who were employed on this find themselves unemployed without sufficient money to take them back where they come from or to keep them for any length of time in the Canadian cities, where every device known to man is used to separate the worker from his hard earned coin.

Many a slave who comes into town with a few dollars after months of hard work on the railroad, falls a victim to the wily real estate shark and "buys a lot" which, in nine cases out ten, is absolutely worthless.

Owing to the above mentioned causes there are hundreds of men out of work in Edmonton, many of them who don't know where their next meal is coming from, or did not until a few days ago.

At an open forum meeting in the I. W. W. Hall, December 21st, 1913, the question of unemployment was being discussed and a motion was made and carried that a special meeting be held for the unemployed the following night.

The meeting was well attended, resolutions were passed, an Unemployment League was formed, a set

of demands were drawn up, and a committee appointed to present the demands to the mayor and city council.

The demands were as follows: That the city furnish work for all unemployed regardless of race, color or nationality, and regardless of whether married or single. That a wage of not less than 30 cents per hour be paid. That enough work be furnished to each man to bring in at least \$9.00 per week. That during the time the men are waiting to go to work the city furnish three 25 cents meal tickets per each man out of work. That these meal tickets be redeemable at any restaurant in the city. The next day the unemployed held a parade and held short open air meetings on the busiest corners of the city. These parades were continued daily for about a week. The I. W. W. turned the hall over to the League and it was the scene of packed meetings day and night.

In the meantime the committee had presented the demands to the mayor and city council. These demands could not be ignored, seeing they were backed up by parades which increased in numbers daily. These parades, of course, could not be kept from the knowledge of the general public, who read the newspapers of the world. And, by showing up the true conditions prevalent in Western Canada, they could not be expected to help the sale of real estate, which is the principal graft in this town. To their credit, be it said, the city authorities took a reasonable view of the matter and handled the situation with judgment and ability.

They could see they were confronted by a serious situation. That the unemployed were organized and many were on the verge of desperation from hunger and privation. That if some action was not taken, and taken quick a wave of crime would surely sweep the city, for a hungry man knows no law but the law of self-preservation. They could see that by trying to break up the demonstrations by the barbarous methods used in Los Angeles and other benighted places, they would give the city of Edmonton a frightful advertisement over the whole civilized world, and cause the loss of millions of dollars in real estate sales.

So they acted the part of cool headed business men and decided to deal with the situation in a sensible and enlightened manner.

The mayor and members of the city council came to our meetings and promised to do their utmost to see that work is furnished for the unemployed. They took immediate steps to alleviate the distress and furnished meal tickets to those in need (not soup tickets, but regular 25 cents meals in the restaurants).

Now over four hundred men have been put to work by the city at 30 cents per hour, five hours per day. About four hundred more men are being supplied with food and shelter by the city until more work is started, when they will welcome the opportunity to sell their labor power at 30 cents per hour. A large building known as the Exposition building, has been turned over to the unemployed.

At this place, all who are in need are furnished with two substantial meals by day, and a place to sleep, also light and heat. Although the accom-

modations are somewhat rough, an air of satisfaction seems to reign over the place.

It is to be regretted that the same thing cannot be said of Calgary. Although the unemployed problem is worse there than here, the city authorities are shirking their duty and are trying to put down the unemployed demonstrations by means of the clubs and bullpens. We are afraid they have a troublesome winter ahead of them.

Yours for a Free Society,

PRESS COMMITTEE, L. U. 339, I. W. W.

Kansas City Rebels Appeal For Men!

The past week (of January 24th) has been a stirring one in the free speech fight here. Discovery of starvation and torture inflicted on the I. W. W. men at the Municipal Farm, threats to deport a number of "foreign" members, the arrest of four well known local women for holding a street meeting have been a few of the events which have centered attention upon the free speech fight and the militant men who are going to put it through at any cost.

Up to date, 92 men have been sent to the Municipal Farm for speaking on the street. Last week a number of Socialists and Trade Union women held a protest meeting on the street. They were all arrested and the mob followed them to the Station. Police court next morning was crowded to the doors with club and society women and indignant citizens—all strong for free speech. The nut was too hard for Judge Burney and he turned them loose.

The next morning he fined a bunch of I. W. W. men for the same "crime." The discrimination makes our case stronger than ever.

Sentiment is turning strongly for the I. W. W. The fight can be won in short order. One thing is needed—MEN! PRESS COMMITTEE.

Answering the above appeal a bunch of Rebels have left New Orleans and expect to reach Kansas City over 100 strong.

BOSSSES HATE THE VOICE.

I am sorry you are having such a trying time to keep The Voice going. The workingmen of the South could do better than that if they would. The Voice would certainly be missed now, if it should be forced to suspend. The Bosses hate it more than any paper in the South, which goes to prove it is doing its work. I hope for success, regardless of all obstacles.

Yours in revolt.

RUBY IDOM.

CALGARY WANTS YOU.

Will J. D. Vincent, formerly Secretary of Local 79, write this local at once!

Frank Huxley and J. P. McDonald are requested to get in touch with this local at once. Any local knowing the whereabouts of, these fellow-workers please inform Local 79.

Yours in revolt,

JOHN TERRILL, Secty.

It is reported the Devil is bankrupt. American Capitalism, producing a more realistic Hell than the ever dreamed of, is reported as being responsible. Poor old fellow! He could not stand the competition.

The Boss does not fear free thought. Free expression of thought is what gets his goat.

"Guilty of Murder in Second Degree."

By a stuffed jury in a leperously corrupt court, our Fellow-workers Ford and Suhr, have been found "guilty of murder in the second degree," so state capitalist press dispatches of even date, Feby. 1st. from Marysville, Cal. The Assassinating Press further volunteers the lying information that District Attorney Maxwell was killed when he went to the Durst Ranch to help "suppress a riot" of the Hop Pickers, which statement all the world knows to be a lie. Bagan and Beck, it is said were acquitted.

By means as infamously inhuman as were ever perpetrated by the infamous Russian police, the infamous Burns' Detectives and their equally infamous allies in the employ of the alleged civilized State of California, have succeeded in getting a verdict that will send our Fellow-workers to California's recruiting stations for hell for the rest of their lives, unless the verdict can be upset on appeal, but at this distance such an appeal looks like appealing from harpies to werewolves, or like a Cuban asking General Weyler for justice.

Still no stone must be left unturned to free our innocent fellow-workers, even if Durst and his allied Hop Kings are sent to the poor house on a train manned by SAB CATS, and I, for one, would rather see one Durst in rags and picking hops than all the Burns' Detectives where they ought to be—swinging from lamp-posts at ends of good, strong ropes.

And we are told that we must respect this sort of legal lynching as "law and order!" That this infamous system of government of the workers by Burns-Baldwin-Feltz Detectives and Rurale Deputies is the perfect fruit and flower of that for which the ragged Revolutionary Army at Valley Forge left its bloody footprints upon the snow and ice to achieve. Great God! What colossal failures were they if there is not left enough of their red blood in their descendants to rise and crush the handful of tyrants who are despoiling their homes—to tear their black hands off the throat of LIBERTY!

Voice Maintenance Fund

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Jean Leostie	.50
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BE SURE AND READ THIS!

Fellow Rebels—We thank you for the help rendered. We hate eternal begging, but every Rebel who believes THE VOICE should be kept in the field is asked to redouble their efforts in its behalf during the coming month, as the paper is in great danger and nothing but united effort can save it. We are again facing either a two page issue or reducing the size of THE VOICE. Please see that your Local or C. C. C. pays its account with THE VOICE promptly and urge that all payments be made weekly or bi-weekly, as our publishers will not allow us over a certain amount of credit. It is IMPORTANT that remittances be not delayed as many Locals do. All Locals and C. C. C.'s owing are urgently requested to remit us IMMEDIATELY all they can spare. We had better quit talking about "building up the New Society" if we cannot maintain even the papers we now have, to say nothing of those we should have, for a paper is the cheapest and most effective form of propaganda to any organization. As Fellow-worker Lewis well says, "The Lumber Trust can easily run an organizer out of the camp, but not so with the paper—it can go in a man's pocket and the organizer and speaker cannot." The press of an organization is its very life; let the press die and the organization will soon follow it to the grave. With united help of the Rebels we could make THE VOICE a much better paper than it now is. We could, for instance, cut out all ads and standing matter we are now forced to carry and so have more space for news and propaganda, and we want more short news items from all sections. Will YOU help us save and maintain THE VOICE and make it the great paper it can easily be made? If so, GET BUSY TO-DAY. Don't wait and leave it for "the other fellow."

We now have on hand a supply of THREE and SIX months PREPAID SUBCARDS. Send in for a few and help in the work of revolutionizing the South, which is a matter of VITAL importance to the I. W. W. These cards we will sell you as follows: THREE months cards, FIVE for \$1.00; TWENTY for \$3.50. SIX months cards, FIVE for \$2.00; TWENTY for \$7.00. At these prices you or your Local can help THE VOICE and make a good commission, besides.

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I. C. R. R. GUNMEN MURDER ANOTHER WORKINGMAN.

The following is from the "Daily States" of Jan. 27th:

"Bud Carter, a negro from St. Gabriel, La., is dying in the Charity Hospital from bullet wounds in the breast, inflicted by Illinois Central Night Watchmen Dominguez and Taranto in the Harahan yards Monday night. When Carter and Allen Davis passed through the yards they were given orders to halt by the watchmen. Davis threw up his hands, but Carter made a motion for his hip-pocket (same old lying gag) and both watchmen fired. Carter fled and was found in the weeds seriously wounded. He was placed on a train and sent to the hospital. (To put the expense of his care and burial on the City). Davis was taken to Gretna and placed in jail on a charge of trespass."

On Jan. 22nd, I. C. Gunman Fred Meyers of Hammond, La., shot down Harry Donnelly, WHITE, for the same "crime." The sooner the working class calls a halt on the right of these hyenas to take human life at their pleasure, the better it will be for all concerned. A liberal dose of their own medicine seems what these brutes are hankering for.

LOCALS, WATCH FOR WM. JONES OR LANGSDON.

All locals keep on the lookout for a man by the name of Wm. Jones or Langsdon. At Wm. C. Owen's meeting he got away with \$5.00 of the collection. He has a card from the Vancouver, B. C. local with two stamps in it. The card is made out in the name of Wm. Jones. He also has a card in the Seamen's Union of Australia. His home, I think, is in Winnipeg, Canada. He claims to have recently been in Australia and England. He is about five feet, two inches in height, has light hair, a scar on the side of face, tattoo of a woman on one of his arms, wears black clothes, weight about 130 pounds, age about 24 years. And he is fairly well known as Shorty up and down the Pacific coast.

An I. W. W. card was found in a box car a short while ago, and may be obtained by the owner by writing to me. The card is made out in the name of George Bassel, initiated by Local Union 581, Roseman, Mont., 8-27-1913. Paid until April, 1914.

FRANK CADY, Secy.

Oregon Workers 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 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.

FRANK CADY, Secretary,
309 Davis St., Portland, Oregon.

F. and 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. Address: Box 886, Seattle, Wash.

OLSON IN DISTRESS.

To all locals—Fellow-worker John Olson, who, on his way back from the eighth annual convention of the I. W. W., was run over by a car and lost his right leg, is with us again, after having spent two months in the Lutheran Hospital at La Crosse, Wis.

In view of the fact that the expenses of his treatment run very high and only a few locals have responded so far with a contribution, we feel it incumbent on us to call once more the attention of all rebels to John Olson's case. The locals of Minneapolis will try and get Fellow-worker Olson an artificial leg, but we need the co-operation of all I. W. W. rebels to meet the expenses involved. This Fellow-worker has been and is one of the best fighters in the movement and we cannot afford to neglect him in his hour of need.

Send all contributions to John Olson, 232 Cedar Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

R. Reese, Ed. Berg, Morris Levine, Committee.

Robbed Homesteaders, Attention!

Many complaints have, from time to time, reached THE VOICE from HOMESTEADERS who have been ROBBED of their HOMESTEADS by Railroads and Lumber Companies. Every complainant has asserted that it has been absolutely impossible for the HOMESTEADER to get any aid or relief from the Federal and State officers in charge of the Land offices, and you HOMESTEADERS never will get ACTION until you UNITE. To this end THE VOICE has a scheme in view. If you are a robbed Homesteader and want to try and help put it through let us hear from you AT ONCE with a clear statement in as FEW words as possible stating when you entered your Homestead, when and by what officer it was refused and when and by what Railroad or Lumber Company you were disposed. Do not send us whole reams of official papers for US to dig information out for YOU. Arrange the information yourself and hold the Official Papers until they are called for. Put your statement on typewriter if possible, or have it done. One of the ablest lawyers in the State, a Red Socialist, will advise with us in the matter. Get busy! Boost THE VOICE and THE VOICE will be the greatest power in the South to redeem it from slavery and tenantry and wholesale robbery!

Yours in the fight for freedom.

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CALGARY'S NEW HALL.

Local 79, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has moved to new headquarters at 431 Eighth Ave., East. All workers welcome. Address all communications to John Terrill, Financial Secretary No. 79.

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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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 waitres 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 PEONAGE!

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.

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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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