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MIGHT IS RIGHT

## Lumberjacks, Strike for Liberty!

Lumber Trust Has "Indicted" Chandler, Torry and Coleman Brothers and Sets Their "Trial" For April 13th, 1914.

Workingmen and Working Farmers, Read Appeal On Second Page, Read and Learn How "Law and Order" Works.

J. F. Ball, Lumber King, Reported To Have Put Up \$5000 To "Convict These Four Lumberjacks and Working Farmers, and District Attorney J. H. Hunter Is Said To Be Offering To Bet That He Will Hang Them. Pimps, Gunmen and Detectives Over-running Country and Ready To Swear To Anything.

Get Busy! Defense Funds Badly Needed, Quick! Send Same To: O. T. Thompson, Treasurer Defense Committee, Bentley, La. Register All Funds. ACT! Railroad Workers On Lumber Roads, Help Us In The Fight For Freedom! ALL Workers Strike! Strike! Strike! STRIKE HARD FOR LABOR!

### LUMBERJACKS! WATCH COLFAX, LA.!

Some of The Grand Jurors Are Reported To Have Said They Did Not Find a Bill Against The Boys. Then Who Did?

Colfax, La.—Here, in the heart of the Southern Timber Belt, four men of the fighting Clan are to be placed on "trial" by the Lumber Trust for the "heinous crime" of shooting a scab.

For four long months the members of the Forest and Lumber Workers' Union No. 275 have been on strike; a strike that was not of their own making, for the enemy started to laying the boys off "indefinitely." Resenting this, the entire crew walked out.

The country is overrun with defectives and gunmen, and these last named have tried all kinds of schemes to get our boys involved in a fight with them.

They have stopped and insulted the children on their way home from school. These imported degenerates are armed to their teeth with high power and winchester rifles. The gunmen guard every bridge on the log road, yet three of the boys have been charged with burning a bridge. Remember, this when the bridges are guarded night and day.

The I. W. W. Rebel is familiar with all such tactics, but to the uninitiated, we wish to state that such crimes are committed by these same gunmen in order to hold their jobs, knowing full well they must "justify" their existence, for if there is no violence done, they would damn soon be out of a job.

In the opinion of the writer the Lumber Trust and in fact the entire capitalist class will stop at nothing, not even murder, when their profits are threatened. It is to the Southerner's shame that, during the Reconstruction period, their property should be taken from them and given to Foreign and Northern Capitalists, and then that the Democratic party should rush to the aid of these capitalists and assist them in their war against the last of the Anglo Saxon Race.

Think of it! The Lumber Trust comes in here, cuts all the timber, ships it off, and then does not return enough in wages to keep the workers in a good state of health, for it is a well-known fact that thousands of the Southern Lumberjacks are suffering from malnutrition. And then the parasite press howls prosperity and praises these capitalists for their "business ability," in "developing the South." Then, when the workers rebel against their oppressors, against starvation, against their environment, which is a flaming Hell, this lickspittle press shouts "Anarchy" at the I. W. W.

With the outrages perpetrated against our class in West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, California, New Jersey, and especially with the Grabow massacre fresh in our minds, we call upon all people who are imbued with a spirit of justice to watch Colfax, La., and see that the Association pulls off no more "impartial justice" trials in the State of Louisiana.

You working farmers of the South are especially requested to aid us in our fight against the Plunderbund for it is only a question of a very short time when the machine will have reduced you and yours to peonage, if you do not join us in our struggle for more of the good things of life. This is your fight, too! And last, but not least, we call upon all I. W. W. Rebels, North, South, East, West, and beyond the Seas, to watch the Courthouse in Colfax, La.

April 13th, 1914, so, in case of the "conviction" of our boys, to let the Sabats loose on the Lumber Trust from British Columbia to Florida and back again.

Remember, the class that makes the laws, interprets the laws and enforces the laws, does it in its own interests, and if the boys are to be freed, nothing but the solidarity of our class will free them.

Go to it, old Lumber King! You are not creating a sentiment against our boys by having them throw in jail, for the great mass of people are beginning to realize that the jails are used less as a means of holding criminals than as a means of holding Libertarians. You have taken our boys from us, but you have not or never can jail our ideas. You fool! Would you put a fire out with oil?

And you, you Politicians, all past history bears out the contention of a great many people that when politicians fight organized labor they but act as pal-bearers to their own political funerals.

Libertarians! Militants! Fellow-workers! Comrades and Brothers! Listen! Socrates was poisoned because of his Social Ideas! Christ was crucified because of his Social Ideas! Spies was murdered because of his Social Ideas! Ferrer was assassinated because of his Social Ideas! Ettor and Givonitti were placed on trial for their lives because of their Social Ideas! Martin, Hall and Ferro, were murdered at Grabow, because of their Social Ideas! Legere is in prison because of his Social Idea! Carl Person is in jail in Clinton, Ill., because of his Social Ideas! Charlie Cline is in jail in San Antonio, Texas, because of his Social Ideas! And Torry, Chandler and the Coleman brothers are in Colfax, La. jail, because of their Social Ideas!

From the ice-bound coasts of Alaska to the Jungles of Africa. From East to West, North to South, on Land and Sea, everywhere, members of our class are being murdered, jailed and starved because of their Social Ideas. But the Ideas Live! Live!

Fellow-workers! DEMAND the freedom of these four boys in Colfax jail!

S. S. 91-A., I. W. W.

### JUSTICE IS ALL WE WANT.

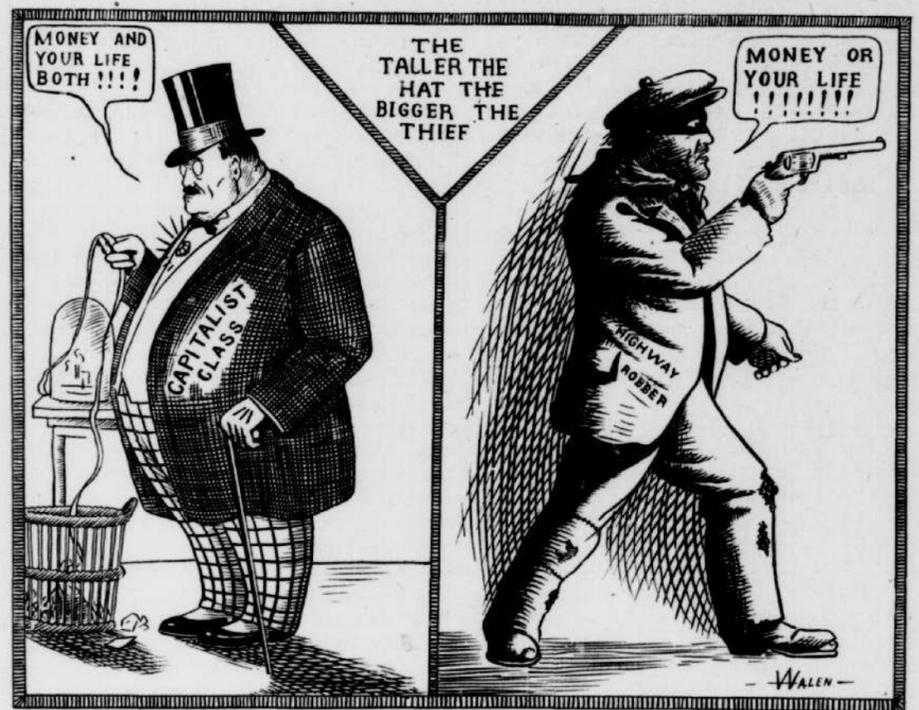
Sweet Home Front, La., April 1st, 1914.—Justice is all we want and justice we must have, Fellow-workers of the South! Justice for our four boys in Colfax jail falsely charged with shooting a scab.

We have been on strike four long months, Fellow-workers, and have not called for any assistance until now, but now we appeal to you to help AT ONCE. The fate of our boys is with YOU—ACT AT ONCE. for as Carl Person truly says: "Justice cannot be bought, but justice must be paid for." It is not "sympathy" we want; it is—ACTION! So get busy at once.

The woods is full of gunmen and thugs. I will tell you what I saw. Two of these things that walk on two legs and are supposed to have been born human, shot at each other eight times each and then reported to the Boss that some citizen had shot at them.

Fellow-workers, they are not going to try the boys for shooting a scab, but because they belong to the ONE BIG UNION.

Before the justice here I asked for a 25 cents raise because I could not make a decent living for my family at the wages paid, and was denied it. Now



the Bosses are paying \$3.00 per day to thugs and gunmen to shoot the "undesirable citizens," us who were born here.

What are YOU going to do about it—work for \$1.50 a day so they can hire more two-legged brutes, like some of them at Ball's Front?

On top of this, it reported that the workers around here would not work or let any one else work. That is a lie. I know, because we gave them from 24 to 35 cars of logs per day while the scabs give them only from 7 to 24 cars a day.

Yours to win, O. T. THOMPSON.

### MAY DAY SPECIAL.

Get busy and let us hear from you at once on the May Day Special, stating how many copies we can count on you taking and, if you are now on mailing list for a bundle, state if your order is in addition to the number of copies now on list. The Special will be issued.

Please rush remittances due The Voice as the Special will cost considerably more than ordinary issues.

If your Postmaster Sabotages this, paper, Sabotage him.

Says Thomas Jefferson: "The general spread of the light of science has already opened to every view the palpable truth, that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God."

Capitalism is advancing in Japan. Several provinces are experiencing famine and starvation. Parents are selling daughters to keepers of evil dens and foreign white slave dealers.

I'll never go down agin to see sojers off to th' war. But ye'll see me at th' depot with a brass band whin th' men that causes wars starts f'r th' scene iv carnage. —Mr. Dooley.

BILL GOODMAN wants us to "Explain the difference between the S. L. P. and the Destroit faction (?) of the I. W. W."

Well, Bill, as near as we can get at it the "difference" is that between "his master's" real and phonographic voice, or the "difference" between Hatfield before and after he had been whitewashed white as the driven snow by Debs, Berger and Germer, or the "difference" between a Polly and a Pollyquet. Do you get us, Bill?

Doc Havens says he knew an engineer who, when his engine broke down, went off and sat down and wished it would run. Doc says there are a heluva lot of Union men like that engineer.

### A VISIT TO FORD AND SUHR.

It is custom, or rather traditional, amongst individuals to place the most adored and decorative ornament in the most conspicuous part of the house; this same rule holds good with modern cities and towns of Christian and capitalistic civilization, for in as much as the jails and prisons are the most prized and adored by all good law-abiding citizens; for indeed Christian and capitalistic civilization would be impossible if it was not for jails, so no wonder they decorate the center of the community.

Following the above rule I had no difficulty in locating the jail in Marysville, Cal., although it was my first visit to that burg. Upon entering the Holy presence of the sheriff's office, which is the gateway to Heaven, Hell and Jail, where Fellow-workers Ford and Suhr are confined, and where Nelson hung himself with a pillow slip (in a jail where none are used or furnished; but anything is possible when a man's shot and broken arm is being twisted in order to obtain "evidence" to convict men of murder in order to satisfy the blood-thirst of our benevolent masters).

As I entered the aforesaid Holy presence, and realizing how sacred it was, for five angels in the form of Deputy Sheriffs were there guarding its Holy presence. (Don't laugh, you unbelievers! Because I was so sacred and filled with Holy fervor that I forgot to take off my hat). I asked for the High Sheriff, and behold, the angel was alongside of me. I requested to see the fellow-workers, and I was informed that I could not see them until their attorney appeared; after informing them of my particular errand, and asking the sheriff to sign a receipt from the Defense Committee that certain articles were received by them for the imprisoned fellow-workers. (The read letters affected him, and would not sign it), but he asked me if I was an officer of the organization. I replied that I was an I. W. W. He then decided that I could see them. The fellow-workers were ushered into the office. I cannot find words in which to describe our joy. I spent in their company an hour and a half; it seemed like a few minutes; it was time to go, for it was getting nearly four o'clock.

I had an opportunity later to see the cages which the fellow-workers are confined; a tiger's cage is an out-door cottage compared with the above for the tiger's cage has plenty of daylight, but the cages in which the fellow-workers are confined have none, and all the torture and misery these fellow-workers are going through is upheld by law.

To hell with such law. On with the One Big Union. MORRIS A. JAFFE.

### STOCKTON'S MAY DAY SMOKER.

Local No. 73, Stockton, Cal., will hold big Smoker on May 2d., to celebrate International Labor Day, May First. Refreshments and a good time assured. Admission 25 cents. JAS. ROHN, Sec. 73.

## ATTENTION!

### WORKINGMEN AND WORKING FARMERS OF LOUISIANA.

A strike occurred at the Front of the Sweet Home Lumber Company. The Woodsmen had the Sweet Home Company practically whipt despite its army of Gunmen, Strike-breakers and Stool-pigeons. The Lumber Trust was desperate, for it figured that if it lost this fight it would be called on to pay living wages and grant human conditions to its peons throughout Western and Northern Louisiana. This, of course, it had no intention of doing if it could help it. Being unable to buck the Forest and Lumber Workers' Union and win in a straight fight, seeing itself whipt unless it could pull off some other scheme, the usual happened, and four Lumberjacks and Working Farmers are now in jail at Colfax, La., to be "tried" on April 13th, for "shooting with intent to kill" a scab in the employ of the Sweet Home Lumber Company. That is, the "State of Louisiana" (?) is trying to do for the Lumber Trust what the Trust could not do for itself—BREAK THE STRIKE OF THE SWEET HOME WOODSMEN.

#### The Union of Lumber Kings.

Back of the Sweet Home Lumber Company stands the Union of the Lumber Kings, known as the Southern Lumber Operators' Association. In its employ is a private army of the lowest thugs that ever walked the earth in human form. These thugs, known as "Detectives" and "Gunmen," have, so far as I have been able to see, hesitated at no crime in the service of their masters, the Lumber Trust. Many of these human bloodhounds carry commissions as Deputy Sheriffs of the State of Louisiana; that is, the State grants them license to murder. There is but one case on record where the State ever arrested one of these bloodhounds of the Lumber Trust for a crime committed against a Workingman, and that was the notorious Santa Fee Railroad gunman, George McGee, who was fined the enormous sum of \$100 for attempting to assassinate Emerson at Singer, La. Nothing whatever was done to "Dr." J. L. Knight, of Merryville, La., who led the thugs on that occasion, nor to the "Deputy Sheriff" who kicked Emerson in the back of the head when he was down and stunned by a blow delivered from the back by another Santa Fee thug, nor were a single one of this gang of roughs otherwise even arrested. And all this violence has but one reason and object—THE LUMBER TRUST FIGHTING TO HOLD ITS GRIP ON THE STOLEN FORESTS OF THE SOUTH.

#### Perjury and Murder Their Trade.

Perjury and murder is the ordinary trade of these hellions of the Trusts. If this sounds strong, come with me into the struggle and we will see. Here are a few of the doings of these "upholders of law and order." In Merryville they assaulted any and everyone it pleased them to outrage. One Sunday at the depot in Merryville—you know how all the people, white and colored, gather at the depots on Sundays—well on this Sunday a colored man, a member of the Union it is true, but no "leader" and an inoffensive sort of man, turned to go back uptown; in turning he happened to brush against a gunman; he was immediately cursed in the vilest language; he apologized for having touched the sacred person of the bloodhound; he was ordered to hit the railroad track; then ordered to run and, when he obeyed, he was fired on by four or five of these beasts; his ankle was broken, and the gunmen stood and laughed at the wounded man crawling up the railroad track with the blood spurting out of his wound. It was sometime before the White Union men found out what had happened but then a party started out to hunt for and aid the wounded fellow; they found him two or three miles up the railroad track, nearly exhausted from loss of blood but still trying to crawl to safety. Another case, this time a white man. When the strike came on at Merryville here was employed there a little CRIPPLED carpenter. He was not a member of the Forest and Lumber Workers but of the Carpenters' Union, yet over all Unions he was a Union MAN, so he refused to scab and left town. This was his only "crime." About three weeks after the strike had been slugged to pieces he returned to Merryville to get his tools and was jumped on by a gang of big SIX-FOOT GUNMEN and beaten nearly to death. These two cases are only fair samples of assaults made by Lumber Trust gunmen; they are not the only outrages that occurred in that memorable strike; dozens of men were grossly outraged there; many men were terribly beaten up when they sought to get out of the pulpens after finding out that they had been brought to Merryville to break a strike. The bread was taken from the mouths of women and children by the private armies of the Santa Fee Railroad and the Lumber Trust. This is what the Lumber Trust calls "maintaining law and order." The strike was brought on in Merryville by the Santa Fee Railroad issuing an order to the American Lumber Company, which it owned, to discharge all men who appeared for the Defense in the Grabow "Trial," EVEN AS WITNESSES. The Santa Fee Railroad is a

BRITISH PLUNDERBUND, owned, it is reported, almost entirely by British Dukes and "Noblemen," yet in that order it sought to nullify the orders of the courts of Louisiana and to terrorize in the future any man from appearing in a case against it, for the discharge of these Lumberjacks, 15 in number, meant that they would be BLACKLISTED by the Lumber Trust and every railroad in the country. Yet these same men who have thus so shamelessly violated every law of God, Man and Nature would have the general public believe that we, of the Forest and Lumber Workers' Union, who have made such a long and hard fight against the PEONIZING of our native State are "enemies of society!" Nor yet is this all.

#### Behold Their Detectives.

Come with me into the Courthouse in Lake Charles, we will not go back of it into the gruesome prison where 58 Louisianians were held without bail through all the frightful heat of Summer and fed on food that would kill anyone except a Lumberjack used to living (?) in Lumber Trust "boarding houses" and out of its robbarseries, no we will pass over the infamous Burns Detective third degreering the weaker men held by the "State of Louisiana" for "trial" on three charges of "murder in the first degree," two of these charges based on the charge that the boys were responsible for the deaths of their own friends and comrades who had been killed by the gunmen and "Leaguers" of the Lumber Trust and one on the charge that they had "murdered" a human being in killing a gunman of the Trust in defense of their lives—yes, we will pass over this and go into the Courthouse. The case opens. Ex-Congressman A. P. Pujo, Persecuting Attorney for the Southern Lumber Operators' Ass'n is there; he is, in legal language, the "Assisting Prosecuting Counsel for the State of Louisiana;" on the other side of him comes District Attorney Joseph Moore; between and a little back of them sits the Lake Charles "Manager" of the Burns Detective Agency; back of the Burns "Manager" as a "bodyguard" sits, all during the "trial" the notorious Lumber Trust gunman-deputy Del Charlan, who killed "Leather Breeches" Smith at Merryville. The selection of the jury begins. The Burns "Manager," "Mr." Kinney, pulls out a list of every juror in Calcasieu parish and attempts to use it in picking the jury. The lawyers for the Defense force the Prosecution to desist in this attempt and "Mr." Kinney to take a sorter back seat. The case drags on. Appear the gunmen of the Lumber Trust; all of them admit that they had been drinking all that Sunday at Grabow, waiting for the Union men to arrive. The gunmen wreck the case of the "State of Louisiana," but the case goes on. Come the great Detectives of the Association, "Mr." Harrel of Merryville and "Mr." Mabry from most everywhere, a "member of the Inner Circle of the Union," a man who was to lay bare our inmost secrets to an astonished world and, in so doing, completely vindicate the Southern Lumber Operators' Ass'n and show that we were such a terrible band of the "Red Hand of Anarchy," as Pujo put it, that the Association was justified in the atrocities it resorted to in order to crush the Union of Forest and Lumber Workers. Well, the "expert witnesses" swore to so many things everybody in the Courtroom knew to be bare-faced lies that the jury afterwards told us they would have cleared the boys HAD WE NEVER PUT A WITNESS ON THE STAND. In less than ten minutes, ON THE TRIAL BALLOT, the jury, composed of EIGHT FARMERS, TWO BUSINESSMEN and TWO WORKINGMEN, declared all the accused "Not Guilty." Then these same Detectives who worked for the Lumber Trust in the Grabow "Trial" later took part in another trial, the Barber case in Gulfport, Miss. Harrel and Hutchison on one side and Mabry and another on the other, and they ALL SWORE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BELIEVE EACH OTHER ON OATH. Since then several of these Lumber Trust "maintainers of law and order" have headed themselves for levees, Hutchison for robbing a jailor and another for forgery, and so on. These are doubtless, the "upholders of law and order" the Lumber Trust will again have swearing in the "trial" of Chandler, Torry and the Coleman brothers now held in Colfax, La., jail, these detectives and gunmen together with its scabs, strike-breakers and "Good Citizen Leaguers." And all of it will be done in the name of the "State of Louisiana," which seems to have become nothing but a gun-toter and man-hunter for Lumber Kings, Landlords, Sugar Barons, Fruit Pirates and Railroad Magnates. Never has the State of Louisiana lifted a finger to protect us in the most vital of our rights; on the contrary, it has calmly watched every right guaranteed by the Constitution of the State and the United States grossly violated and, then, if we even try to defend ourselves against the Murderbund of the Association it, the "State of Louisiana," has stepped in and thrown us into jail and forced our already poverty-stricken brothers and sisters to drain themselves of their last cent to defend us against the hired witnesses purchased of Private Detectives Agencies. And this we, Southern men born and raised, are told we will be compelled to submit as the "law of our native State." We are not men if we do not resist it to the death. This is only part of the record I have given you. I give it that you the

#### Workingmen and Working Farmers.

of Louisiana, and ESPECIALLY OF GRANT PARISH, may know somewhat of our, the Forest and Lumber Workers' Union, side of the three-year long fight that has been carried on by us against the Southern Lumber Operators' Association in order to overthrow PEONAGE in this State and throughout the South. I feel that, knowing the FACTS in the case, YOU will see to it that the Lumberjacks now in jail in Colfax are turned loose, free men as they have every right to be. The charge against them, "shooting with intent to kill" a scab, is purile, for, having Ball practically whipt, why on earth should they want to kill even a scab? Knowing the gunmen and defectives of the Trust as we do, there is ONE MORE THING WE KNOW—THEY WOULD NOT HESITATE FIVE MINUTES TO KILL A SCAB IF THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD LAY IT ON THE UNION AND BREAK THE STRIKE. So we are appealing to you, the Workingmen and Working Farmers, you, the men whose good, strong hands and brains piles up the wealth in which the Lumber Trust and the Ghould Families riot, wanton and waste while millions of working class babies are dying of hunger from one end of this Nation to the other. We can expect nothing from the

#### "State of Louisiana."

On the night of March 23d, we sent the lettergram published in No. 65 of THE VOICE to Governor Luther E. Hall at Baton Rouge, La. To-day, April 2d, we received the following note from his Excellency:

Executive Department, Baton Rouge, La.,  
March 30, 1914.

Mr. Covington Hall,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of the 23d instant came during my absence from office. I beg to say that I have no information respecting the matter about which you telegraph. The local authorities will doubtless do their duty in the premises.

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. E. HALL.

The telegram referred to by his Excellency was one we sent him on the 23d, after receiving news that a committee of some sort had visited the jail in Colfax and made certain demands on the imprisoned and helpless men. It is the first communication, this letter, his Excellency has favored us with. It contains practically the same dope he handed out through the newspapers just before our fellow-workers were outraged at Merryville, outrages the Governor made absolutely no effort to prevent or to punish, and of which he could not possibly plead ignorance. All we sent the wire for, as we stated in No. 65 of THE VOICE, was to put the "State of Louisiana" on record, for then we believed that no LIBERTY LOVING MAN would stand idly by when, the State refusing to grant us protection, we PROTECTED OURSELVES to the best of our ability.

#### You Working Farmers.

Did you ever stop, THINK and ask yourselves where you are "going to get off" if the Lumber Trust and the rest of the Trusts are to be allowed to run Louisiana as they damn please? Did you ever stop to think what a VITAL ECONOMIC INTEREST YOU have in this struggle of the Forest and Lumber Workers against PEONAGE? If not, look over all the Nations of earth, search the history of the Race from beginning to to-day, and you will not find a single instance wherein TENANT FARMING and PEON LABOR did not go hand in hand. They are twins.

And for this reason—You, the Working Farmers, cannot possibly get out of the market more than is paid into it in wages; that is to say, YOU CANNOT GET MORE THAN THE AVERAGE WAGE PAID TO THE WAGE WORKERS FOR YOUR PRODUCTS, for the wage workers are your market. To what end therefore, do YOU plant and plow and reap if you are forced to sell in a PEONIZED MARKET, that is in a market where the wages are practically nil? Are you not aware of the fact that in the Summer of a year or two ago peaches ROTTED by the thousands of bushels in Angelina County, Texas, and in the DeRidder, La. territory because the Farmers who raised them could find no market? Are you not further aware of this other FACT that this peach country is surrounded by more than 200,000 Forest and Lumber Workers, and that these same Lumberjacks were, while your peaches were rotting on the ground and you were losing a year's hard work—these same Lumberjacks were barely existing on commissary canned goods? Of what avail is it for YOU to work if there is no market, and THERE can BE NO REAL MARKET AS LONG AS PEON LABOR EXISTS. TENANT FARMING IS THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF PEON LABOR.

Worse still, look at the ever lengthening chain-gangs in these Lumber Trust towns; then ask yourselves where YOUR FARMS AND YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE GOING if the Lumber Trust is not forced to employ free labor in its woods and mills?

#### "The Race Question."

One of the first howls the Lumber Trust and its stool-pigeons will raise to you is this: "This Union takes Negroes into membership; ergo, it stands for 'Social Equality' of the Races." But the Trust nor its stools will go on to tell you that it uses the lowest NIGGERS on earth against the Union and that the politicians of the "Democratic" party, the party of "White Supremacy" have never failed to outrage Union MEN, white as well as colored, in their efforts to protect the Pocketbooks of the Lumber Trust that owns said Politicians. One thing here is certain—the Negroes who join the Union and take the risks of the struggle to better the condition of ALL the workers are surely far better than the NIGGERS of the Association or the white scabs now trying to break the strike of the Woodsmen at the Sweet Home Front.

When men preach one thing and practice another you can bet your bottom cent they are laying for YOU, too. Time after time the Association has thrown these NIGGERS against our White and Colored fellow-workers when they went on strike against hellish conditions and the party of "White Supremacy" has furnished the gunmen and the prosecutors to the Association without stint and without question. Yes, we have NEGROES in our Union, and the Association has the NIGGER AND WHITE-TRASH. So that ought to square things as far as the "Race Question" is concerned, which in this fight, as the Association damn well knows cuts really no figure at all, for all the Association is after is STRIPPING THE STATE OF ALL ITS GREAT FOREST WEALTH AND NOT EVEN LEAVING BEHIND IT A DECENT LIVING FOR THE MEN WHO DO THE WORK. And so we appeal for justice to you and the

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against the Lumber Trust and its servile Politicians. In your hands rests the destiny of this great State and the Southland and YOU ARE NOT MEN if you do not pass it on down to your children a FREE LAND. That's what WE are fighting for—a FREE LAND, for the RIGHT to a MAN'S and not a PEON'S LIFE. In your hands, the hands of the WORKINGMEN AND WORKING FARMERS, especially of GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES, rest the lives and liberties of the four Lumberjacks now in Colfax jail. I appeal to YOU to free them all.

Yours for a Free South and World,

COVINGTON HALL.

#### THE LAND QUESTION.

The land question in the South is rapidly forging to the front and the day is not far distant when the Land Thieves will be forced to disgorge their fraudulent titles to our stolen soil. From all sides THE VOICE is hearing more and more every day from Working Farmers, men who realize that the fight started by the Lumberjacks of Louisiana against PEONAGE is much wider and broader in its essence than many would have the world believe, for directly and indirectly the Land Question is bound up in the Forest Question, for in a few years the forests of the South will be destroyed by the Lumber Trust and now many men are asking, "What then? Are we, the Working Farmers, to go into competition with the jobless Lumberjacks as TENANTS to Lumber Kings turned Landlords?" For these alien Lumber Kings CLAIM to own vast stretches of land, principalities swiped about as legally as Diaz and his gang swiped the lands and resources of Mexico—by the law of fraud and gun.

No free farming and no free labor can live under such a system of exploitation and even now, on every side in the South, we can see the baneful effects of a society corner-stoned on the robbery of the working population. On every hand PEONAGE and TENANTRY grows by leaps and bounds and every day our people become more ragged and poor, yet RICHES—for the few—are piled ever and ever higher. There is but one way out for the Workingmen and Working Farmers and that is to proclaim this THE LAW: "Whose the SWEAT theirs the Land, Forests and Machines." By this law alone can we break the chains that bind us, in this way alone can we recover our lost country and freedom. It is toward this end, FREEDOM FOR ALL, that the I. W. W. is working day and night. Speed on its work if YOU would be FREE.

#### "A FAIR DAY'S WAGE."

"A fair day's wage for a fair day's work." That surely sounds like a remark from a bourgeois reformer. Where do they figure from when they say: "A fair day's wage?" If you went into a store to buy a thermometer you would surely buy one with some kind of a mark on it that would indicate the temperature either above or below a given point. But where is the point to figure from on the wage question? Why not abolish the wage system and inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword: "Abolition of the wage system?"—"Socialist News."

In Mexico oil does not still the troubled waters, but seems to incite them.

# The Voice of the People.

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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.

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We demand that injured workmen be given immediate attention.

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

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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.

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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 everyday 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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## EUREKA IN A NUTSHELL.

This paragraphical digest of the local situation is primarily intended to appeal to those members of the "Free-footed" Clan who are at present considering where to roam in search of a master. It is intended to convey to foot-loose members that there is not only lots of work in his vicinity, but also a pressing need for job agitators.

Local 431 being situated in an isolated position has never had anything like a fair share of job agitators, as for organizers and speakers, they shun us like a plague, but this Summer we intend to force the issue so come along and help us to make this a banner year for the I. W. W. in Eureka.

To reassure those who fear that there may be a scarcity of jobs, I will here enumerate a few of the jobs either started, or about to start. Besides the regular work in the numerous camps and mills of the Redwood Industry, there is a railroad being rushed through to Eureka; the construction of which will employ from 2000 to 3000 men, this job is supposed to terminate in August; just in good time to ride over it to Wheatland to assist Mr. Durst to garner his hops. Then there are two schools to be erected, work has just commenced on one, the other will be started next month; also there is a Government Jetty being built, not to mention a State-highway job about to begin, and a county road contract to be awarded every month. The Rock quarry is a murderous institution, so only potential suicides are recommended to inquire for a job there. This ought to be sufficient to assure anyone of the abundance of work. On all these jobs we want camp delegates spreading the Gospel of Revolt; we hope to see the first expression of discontent led gently but firmly into the channels of organization.

When we replace our ancient aimlessness with definite purpose; when instead of the usual haphazard way we travel in search of a master, we converge on the district where we are needed by both Organization and Boss, there will then be no question about results, our efficiency will be multiplied indefinitely, and our name become a menace to parasitism over all the earth.

As a guide to choosing your mode of transportation, I may mention there are two general avenues of approach; there is first the primitive method of walking. Eureka being about equal distant from Sacramento and San Francisco you can start from either city confident that you will pass many dismal slave-pens in which you can spread the message of industrial freedom; however, the most efficient method would be from San Francisco by boat, either as a passenger, or shipped up by the employment "Shark" as a docile character.

Since January 1st it has become unlawful to take \$1.00 a month Hospital Fee from the slave's wages, but a little matter like the law does not effect the rapacious "Lumber Barons," so this petty extortion continues, and the slaves are considerably dissatisfied over it, this makes job colonization of the Redwood Belt not only timely, but imperative. SO FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE, COME!

Yours for the Job Control,

ALEXANDER MACKAY,

Secretary Local 431, I. W. W., Eureka, Cal.,  
Box 1011; Office 617 Second St.

## RIALTO NOTES.

Enclosed please find 50 cents for which send me "overs" each week for five weeks, you may string them out 10 weeks if you want to.

"Might is Right" received O. K., and it sure is a humdinger, never read anything like it before; it is something I needed to understand years ago.

Put me down for at least 10 copies of May Day Special. I'll send the money along between now and then.

Owing to a sudden rush of oranges to market, the orange packers here have received advance of one-half cent a box, but it took a walkout of five packers in one house to force it; packers work piece work and are hard to get together on account of so many elements, (pimmoney people, small growers, wives and daughters, wives and daughters of skilled workers, carpenters, blacksmiths, railroad men, etc. tourists, Eastern farmer, homeseekers), Japs, Mexicans, Americans, and any other mixture the boss can introduce to keep us divided.

The press (capitalist) here are whooping up the great things that are going to happen to this section from Panama Canal opening, but we wise ones know it is not to us who work that the good things will come, but to the land-owning sharks.

Won't I be glad when the petit Bourgeois get competed out of existence (even though I also am pushed into the abyss) by the horde of immigrants from South Europe who will rush here for the so-called "great opportunities" of the golden (?) West. Verily there is great disappointment in store for a multitude!

Keep up the good work you are now doing, especially the "on the job" agitation idea.

Yours for the One Big Union.

A. J. SULEM,

March 22, 1914.

Rialto, Cal.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.—Benjamin Franklin.

## MERRYVILLE IS MERRYHELL.

The noise of a new railroad is waking up the Rip Vanwinkle that has been slumbering in Merryville so long. And he must have had some bad dreams as he looked around for his gunmen and they were not and behold he looked worried as tho he had seen snakes or cats of some kind, probably it was the SAB CAT that had been to see him in his dream. RIP has money whiskers but few hairs, his whiskers is as white as snow and the hair is gone off the top of the dome. And he seems to have been a friend of the American Lumber Company some time or other as they call him pet names, one of them being Judge. He gets his instructions from them as to what kind of citizens they want in the country, and when he wants the undesirables run out he just gets sick or goes and hides, this is to keep from seeing anything wrong as he is very religious and is much indebted to the church for his standing and he wishes things to go on just as they have been going, he is a blue-blooded Southern gentleman, the kind that Tom. Cogens says cant be organized.

Hant it hell that the Timber Workers was not able to keep the American Lumber Mills shut down and now they hafta just shet down of themselves, the talk is now that the other mill is going to shet down on the first of next month and they dont no when they would start up any more, they ore laing off men and teams every day so as to keep up with the log cutters. J. L. Eistis is not the smiling picture of delight that he was in the days of the undarables when he could say go after them, and him just walk along closornuff to do the lafing and say thats just the thing that we had orto hav don sunor boys, but those sporty days hav becom sad ones, the hairs have disperped from the top of his dome and the dondre would never be able to ge the rinkles out of his face any more. The most of the people have a deep feeling for aman that hasto walk around on the same streets now and look like an Anubis, now while we have some simphy for him we can't keep from thinking that he had orto thought of these things when he was saying that he wasnt gointo run anybody out of Merryville, but that he would stay in the office and have it done. Tho more yet I was anxious in the first place that the union men be delt with fair and impartial by the town people and State officers, but don't think that they was treated fair by eather as the company was given as money deupis as they wanted and the citisons was allowed to form a league a dozen orso in number for the purpos of taking the law in their own hands to run the union men out of town and was permitted to use seventy-five or abundred of he company's strike-brakers and gunmen to accomplish thar purpis with.

I think that every man is entitled to equal protection of the law and when a set of men is permitted to organize to take that privileg away from another set of men then thair ore. Anarchists some place whether they be on the B or in the C department, or in som other official department, for it is thair dutie to, and they have taken an oath to enforce the law not as they think it ought to be but as it is thair dutie to take care of the life and liberty of man until he has comited som crime that they have law to punish him for. I do not believe in sacrificing all there is of value in the human heart or in the human brain for the preservation of what is called property or rather on account of the fear that what is called property may perish; property is in no danger while man is free, it is the freedom of man that gives value to property; it is the happiness of the human race that creates what is called value.

M. WOPEZ.

## LANDLORD "LAW."

I will try to relate as it was told to me another case of "law and order" in Dixie. A man-hunter of Underwood's called a land agent went to the home of a man named Swain who had erected a house on a homestead. Swain's wife was sick in bed but the two-legged something picked her out of the house and under a nearby tree and then set fire to the house and burned it down. Talk about Mexico! How is this for "law and order"? Did old Diaz's rurales ever beat it? Yet if this robbed man had blown out the brains of this land hog's thug for throwing his sick wife in the woods he would have been jailed and tried for murder. They rob the South of its lands and forests and its people of all means of support for their children, and they call THIS "law and order!"

Well, everybody around Hard Scrabble seems to be meditating on the General Strike next May. That's the time to strike and keep striking until the demands of the I. W. W. are granted. Any man who has Red Blood instead of corruption in his veins will help to better conditions for the Working Class. Soon the tide will turn.

As ever, yours for the good old I. W. W.,

J. R. STROTHER.

"Some people are going to hell so fast that you can't see them for the dust," says Bill Sunday. But people have the privilege of going to hell if they want to, and if they didn't head themselves in that direction Billy and the other evangelists would not be able to "raise the dust" that they are now raising.—Daily States.

## L. U. 382, NOTICE.

At the regular meeting of L. U. No. 382, I. W. W. held March 22d, 1914, the following motion carried: "Moved and seconded. That this Local do not accept membership cards without regularly inserted Due Stamp, that this go into effect after 30 days, and that we give notice to the papers."—Carried.

THOS. WHITEHEAD,

Fin'l Secy. L. U. No. 382, I. W. W., Seattle.

P. S.—Fellow-worker Harry A. LaBranch resigned as Secretary and the undersigned was elected in his place.

Secretaries of Construction Workers' Locals will please take notice.

Yours for Industrial Solidarity,

THOS. WHITEHEAD.

A Florida cynic having in mind that there are sixty-two drinks to a gallon and the profit that is made by the seller says: "Start a saloon in your own house. Buy your own drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have \$8 to put in the bank and \$2 to start business on again. Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money enough to bury you, educate the children, buy a house and marry some decent man."—Daily States.

P. S.—Not if his Lumber King or Landlord or Textile Baron catches on to her game she won't for they are all "Christian gentlemen" and don't allow anybody but their Rurales to run blind-tigers.

## HELP HOP PICKERS FIGHT.

All those wishing further information about the proposed Hop Pickers' Strike, or wish to donate money, or offer their services as pickets, agitators, or sabotegers; will please write, or apply to the following Secretaries: Don Scott, 114 Eye Street, Sacramento, Cal.; James Rohn, Room 9, Hansel-Building, Corner Channel and Hunter Streets, Stockton; Joe LeBon, 3345 Seventeenth Street, San Francisco, Cal.

Jim Hill is a great railroad man but we will bet a rabbit track against a prosperity doughnut that he cannot go into any depot between Portland and Seattle and make out a first-class ticket for himself from there to St. Paul.

He would have to get some worker that knew how.

A lot more people in this ole world would eat regular if it didn' cost 'em so much to get themselves governed.—W. H. Patriek.

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Los Angeles, March 30, 1914.

Fellow-workers—On my return to Los Angeles, I found a couple of money orders from fellow-workers for the WOODEN SHOE. I have had no connection with the paper since December 26th, or No. 20. James O'Neil was given charge of the paper and got out No. 21 then the paper suspended. I broke down with my last issue from ever-work and was compelled to quit.

All fellow-workers are requested not to send in money orders for the WOODEN SHOE, as you will only put us to the trouble of returning them to you.

Yours in the FIGHT. ? BILL B. COOK.  
Nota Bene:—Send 'em to THE VOICE.—C. H.

## FARM TRUST A-BORNING.

Washington, D. C., March 22d, 1914.—Wages of farm laborers have increased more rapidly than those of the city workers in the last 20 years, a Department of Agriculture investigation has revealed. In the last year the pay of the farm hand increased two and one-half per cent., the increase has been 11 per cent. in the last four years, and 36 per cent. since 1902. While the inquiry the results of which were made public to-day, dealt particularly with the United States, in most other countries also farm wages increased rapidly. The investigators discovered, however, that while wages went up about 37 per cent. from 1900 to 1910 farm land values (Prices: land has no value except as the labor of man is applied to it. C. H.) nearly doubled in that decade, showing, they say, that in the distributing of the proceeds from farming operations, a larger proportion now goes to capital account and less to labor account than formerly.

## PORTLAND RE PER CAPITA TAX.

To all Locals of the I. W. W.:

Fellow-workers—Inquiries having been received, and a discussion having arisen as to the extent of the reduction of the per capita tax asked for in the call for a referendum sent out by the Portland Local 92 on February 10, 1914, and it appearing that the wording of said call for a referendum is ambiguous, the following motion was made, seconded and passed at the business meeting of Local 92, March 23, 30 members being present:

"That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with all locals that have answered our call for a referendum and inform them that the call for a referendum to reduce the per capita tax to five cents applies only to Locals that are not affiliated with any National Industrial Union."

From the Constitution. The section to be amended is as follows:

"Art. VI. Sec. 3. National Industrial Unions and Departments shall pay as general dues into the treasury of the I. W. W. at the rate of five cents per month per member. Industrial Councils shall pay a flat rate of \$1.00 per month to the General Organization. Local Unions shall pay 15 cents per month per member, together with such assessments as provided for in Article III."

To be amended to read as follows:

"Article VI. Section 3. National Industrial Unions and Industrial Departments shall pay as general dues into the treasury of the I. W. W. at the rate of five cents per member. Industrial Councils shall pay a flat rate of \$1.00 per month to the General Organization. Local Unions shall pay five cents per month per member; together with such assessments as provided for in Article III."

The vote was 27 ayes and no nays. There are 56 members in good standing on the books of Local 92. This constitutional amendment was passed upon in the business meeting of Local 92, March 23, nine o'clock in the evening.

Let this Local know as soon as possible whether you approve or disapprove of the above.

In replying state number of votes for and against. Yours for Unionism,

Resolution Committee: Louise Olverean, John L. Osborne, T. D. Smith, Orvel Talley.

Frank Cady, Secretary I. W. W., 309 Davis Street, Portland, Ore.

## PHOENIX NOTES.

To The Voice—The I. W. W. has been very active the last two months and has been gaining ground in membership and propoganda, and has succeeded in waking up the old town. Meetings are held every Sunday in the Plaza, with an average attendance of over 200. Straight working class policies, including sabotage are openly advocated without molestation from the authorities. Free speech prevails everywhere except in the Socialist hall.

Presumably the Socialists believe in free speech, but actually they have applied the "gag rule." Whenever a person presumes to disparage political action the gag rule" is put in force.

Last Sunday afternoon (March 29), a public address was delivered by J. W. Ghent on "Syndicalism, Socialism and Anarchism." Mr Ghent supported the orthodox political Socialist position, and when he finished, the chairman called for questions. Several were asked and answered. I was asking a question of the speaker and was stating a few preliminary facts relative to Industrial Unionism when I was interrupted by one of the stand-pat Socialist members who said I was "out of order" in criticising the Socialist party political policy. The chairman upheld me, but the membership overruled him and resumed "the regular order of business"—a common subterfuge.

Only five minutes are allowed to reply to speakers in Phoenix Socialist Local. The I. W. W. is growing but the Socialist party is losing members, only having, I believe, about 22 now as opposed to 120 a year ago.

The unemployed, 400 or 500 in number, organized and went in a body before the city council and demanded a free employment bureau. The city fathers were surprised to see such an unkempt "mob" and to hear such intelligent and radical ideas as expressed by "the army." That same night the council created a free employment bureau and appointed a man at \$80 a month to take charge. The bureau was opened next morning. No political action, just direct action.

There have been over 400 application for work in this mall town, but only a few appointments. A tax of \$1000 a year was also imposed on private agencies to put them out of business. The unemployed refuse to work for low wages and are co-operating with the Unions. Several I. W. W. members are A. F. of L. members also.

In this crisis the I. W. W. is advocating the six-hour work day. Undoubtedly it is exerting a strong influence as the capitalist papers are condemning it.

Yours fraternally, HENRY FLURY.

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