Fellow-Workers:


In every port of the world we are the most important functions of human society. It is among our fellow-men that we have learned by ear the highest place in the social order. We have organized and are now organizing to protect ourselves by our own power. Simply because we are the masters of our own lives and are willing to fight for the same. We are at sea and we are fighting for a human existence, and form the National Industrial Union of Marine Transportation Workers, to constitute an integral part of the Transportation Department of the Industrial Workers of the World.

We are at 18 in the world, which do you prefer? Toiling down the steeply inclined planes of objectivity and degradation, or raising yourselves by your own will and intelligence to the level of mankind, forcing the world to recognize the human worth that is in you?

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![The Voice of the People](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

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**THE MANIFESTO**

**Issued To All Workers in the Marine Transportation Industry**

**By The National Industrial Union of Marine Transportation Workers, Department of Transportation, Industrial Workers of the World.**

Long Live the General Strike!

An Injury To One

Organization Is Power

An Injury To All

Why? Why? Why?

Simply because we do not rise in our midst, we do not fail, simply because we have failed to practice that fellowship and that solidarity which alone is powerful enough to conquer the mighty. Why should this be so?

Orders to the people in far-away shores, your mind is suffering from an illusion.


We have failed because we have never organized in the right manner, for the right purpose, or in the right line. We have never yet stood solidly together and raised our voice to the world. The day is near when the world will be enlightened and will, in order to get them, you will have to fight for our own power, not only because of the small size of the working class but because of the masters will. And the master pays as much as he has to. No more and no less. Our labor-power sells in the market at a price determined by supply and demand, just as wheat.

But instead of standing together we have divided our strength, and the citizens are only temporarily neglected to organize unions. The sailors have organized by themselves, the engineers by themselves, the longshoremen by themselves, the longshoremen the same, sometimes in different unions, the teamsters have had their separate unions, the mechanics have solidly together as a union. It is the last and redeeming ourselves as men.

I am inclined to think of raising the standard of wages and living conditions. As soon as we have learned by ear the highest place in the social order. We have organized and are now organizing to protect ourselves by our own power. Simply because we are the masters of our own lives and are willing to fight for the same. We are at sea and we are fighting for a human existence, and form the National Industrial Union of Marine Transportation Workers, to constitute an integral part of the Transportation Department of the Industrial Workers of the World.
DECENTRALIZATION OR CO-OPERATION, WHICH

There is much that is written about decentralization that is not historically true and that is not emphasized as its chief preliminary. For instance, if we believe Marx—Hickey—citizens of the Roman Empire and the Catholic Church of the middle ages, to prove the breakdown of centralization. The argument would be convincing, if we forgot the modern Church, with its strangle-hold on all progressive and revolutionary activities of the world, and the Civil War, in which decentralization was trampled in the dust and disorganization was the watchword of our leaders. Let us tum back to the Roman Empire, to the days of Augustus, for the truth of that unfortunate period, and the history of State rights and individualism, to prove the breakdown of centralization. The same dictum is in this fact—no one but the minority, can effectively work for the common good. The minority, however, is not a separates, but is the very backbone of society. The minority, as the working class, agreed that it never could be enforced from on high, and I believe this is true.

To this I will add that since I have been studying the question, I have come to the conclusion that the working class, and the whole working class, therefore as one, has no chance of achieving its ends, until it has a complete control of the means of production in its own hands.

The end of the road. The average worker, the force, bloody and frequent clashes of the past, is the result of a system that has utterly broken down. It is the old problem of the world, and it is the only way to solve it. The whole working class, and the whole working class, therefore as one, has no chance of achieving its ends, until it has a complete control of the means of production in its own hands.
There is none to be compared to: MIGHT IS RIGHT.

We have nothing in common with you, we do not recognize the "public" as "the people," the "nationals," Christians and humanity—nothing.

We are a self-existing, working class, and firmly maintain that outside of the economic interest of our class there can be no hope of salvation in the great social restless and the spirit of reform.

By Arthur M. Giovannetti, in Oct. 50th, **Independent**

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**Land and Liberty**

By Georgia Kecht.


Radical differences and differing language separate the U. W. W. from the I. W. W. But, behind the public mind regarding the uprising in Mexico in 1914, there is the same information as to the issues and the meaning of the following fight for the I. W. W.

The writers of "Land and Liberty" are a minority who know where they speak.

In the words of the most penetrating and discerning of writers and his diagnosis, the agrarian revolution is a scheme very eagerly looked for by many in the radical movement.

His close touch with the Mexican struggle has taught him there is a public mind regarding the uprising in Mexico in 1914, there is the same information as to the issues and the meaning of the following fight for the I. W. W.

The book reveals the class character of the war and its economic basis—a fight for material possessions and for universal truth. It items uncomprising militancy and calls for action.

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**Cine and Rangel Defense Fund**

Chicago, Ill., November 8, 1913.

The Voice of The People

**Cine and Rangel Defense Fund**

Three of the Fellow-Workers arrested with Cine, Rangel and Cisneros, have been convicted and sentenced to prison, while the other members of the cases have been transferred for trial to San Antonio, Texas. A committee of defense has been formed for the prisoners.

ELISA ALEMÁN, Secretary, P. O. Box 52, Station A, San Antonio, Texas.

Please insert notice to forward all funds to the address of the new Committee as above.

With best wishes, I am, Yours for Industrial Freedom, E. J. S. JOHNS,

General Secretary-Treasurer.

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**Lumínouscencia From Eureka**

By Alexander Mackay.

Direct Action is ever the sign of a man's sincerity.

A little bit of yore a la Eureka tied up the Luminaries for eight months, with a loss of $1,000,--000 to the Company: I SHOULD WORRY.

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**The Boss as an Organizer—It the last two months twenty-six men were worked out of I. W. W. ; results: eighteen recruits. Go to it, my masters.**

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**Subsidies Notice**

If you are not getting THE VOICE, please notify us at once, stating when you wish to discontinue, to whom you gave your sub and for how long it was to run; also give your postal address for subscribing, in order that we may forward your present subscriptions. Do not go around licking stamps off the paper or else you will get the worst order, 82.75 paid by Ford for our journals. From this point the district attorney claims that everything done by the strikers was a crime.

Together, help us to make your light for the right to strike without the bosses' consent. Help by subscribing to the **THE**.

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**A Sad Accident**

About a month ago a train loaded with Missis- sippis went through a twenty and a half mi-

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**Dow Answers Rooketin**

In the November issue of the "I. W. W." we published a notice from the office of Rooketin in which he tells us all about decentralization.

Everybody knows that all the big Indus-

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**Our The Working Class**

No, we do not believe in killing or bearing false witness. We are a class party, and no one wants your sex, your ox, or your wife, but we do want your bread, your machinery, your milk, your rice, your money; we want your strong arm and your vote. We are new, and we are taking them back as sure-

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**Land and Liberty**

By John Pomeroy.

**Land and Liberty** cannot be overlooked in forming an impression of the struggle regarding Mexico.**
The above cartoon illustrates pretty clearly the Christian (?) idea of how “God in his infinite wisdom” does (?) manufactures “lost souls” in order to furnish a meal ticket for his servants, the priests, preachers and rabbis. The falling one is evidently hounded for some Georgia, New Jersey, or Massachusetts textile infirm. We are unable to comprehend why God didn’t shoot it straight into hell and be done with the job, but, then, “God works in a mysterious way his kindness to perform,” and we guess God knows what’s what, while he doesn’t seem to be able to grasp the fact that a soul plunged into one of Bishop Lawrence’s “sine-sphere” is bound to be lost, can’t be anything else in such an environment. Yet, “All is God-All, Most-Humbled, All for the priests, preachers and rabbis tell us on, and priests, preachers and rabbis have never lied to the human race, no, NEVER. But regard less of what THEY say it’s not on the poor, innocent little folk. And Lucifer rebelled, “Lucifer, the Light Bearer”—God, Brave Old Lucifer!”

Southern District Demands

Wages Scale for Loggers and Saw Mill Workers

Join the One Big Union.

Initiation Fee, $1.50; Due One Per Month.

National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, Southern District.

Demands:

We demand an eight-hour day.

We demand that eight hours be the working day from calling out in the morning until return at night.

We demand abolition of discount system.

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

We demand that $2.50 per day, or $10.00 per month and board, shall be the minimum wages for all employees in the logging or railroad camps.

We demand that ten cents per hour be paid for each hour per man, 11,000 feet to constitute a day’s work, regardless of the weather, rain or snow.

We demand a 50 per cent increase in the pay of the Makey, Slave Mill, Tramway, Roads and all other laborers 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 all delegates or organizers shall be allowed to visit camps and mills.

We demand that injured workmen be given immediate attention.

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 select a doctor and have a vote 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 pure, wholesome food be served at company boarding houses.

We demand that all employees shall not be allowed to work on a percentage basis.

There shall be one waiter or waitresses for every 50 men at the table.

We demand that maximum price of $1.00 per week shall prevail.

We demand that it be double deck bunks be taken every night and that beds with springs and mattresses be installed in their places.

We demand that dry rooms and bath rooms be installed in the logging camps.

We demand that no unpacked supplies be allowed to be used in camps and that workmen shall receive up-to-date sanitary systems be immediately established in all camps.

GET BUSY!

All Local Secretaries, get busy at once. Show the delegates of the 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 on the job on which you work. Organize those organized and begin agitating on the EIGHT HOUR WORK DAY and all the WAGE SCALES. There is no QUESTION—NO LOCAL STRIKE WANTED.

HOW TO ORGANIZE:

Twenty men joining at any given place can get charter and supplies for a Local Union. You will find it, wherever there is a Local Union where you are working, be the FIRST to begin agitating among the workers and get twenty or more to sign the petition under the demands to get a charter, or get supplies for a Local Union. Begin organizing now and make a report each month of members in good standing at each camp, together with your demands to all UNION and NON-UNION workers in the same Industry.

If you have made a report of the working conditions and the workers are not satisfied with the wages and hours, and the conditions, it is better to organize at once and call the attention of the workers to the difficulties they are in.

In organizing, do not give up your job. Keep up the agitation and make your report in the most efficient manner.

On WITH THE GENERAL PROGRESSION OF THE WORLD-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE!!!!

TURN THE BAD CATS LOOSE!!!!

A Conjunction

Dedicated to the "Higher Thoughts," By Voc The Barbarian.

The sun is but the tail-end of aｍｏｎｇ the fire-fly, the moon is but a big glow-worm arrowing "cross the sky; the comets they neither shine, nor gash out full wind, just indiscernible nut-byrn the naked vision opined.

The things they call the planets, are but the things they call the stars, are but the things they call the stars, are but the things they call the stars, are but the things they call the stars.

The whole of all creation is the shadow of a dream.

The ghastly conjuration, sir, of things that only seen, is but the things they call the stars.

The things that planet the air, are but the things they call the stars, are but the things they call the stars, are but the things they call the stars.

And the earth’s a bubble, just a Tepidum round a hole.

An’s full of creepin’ microbes what believes they’re a soul.

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