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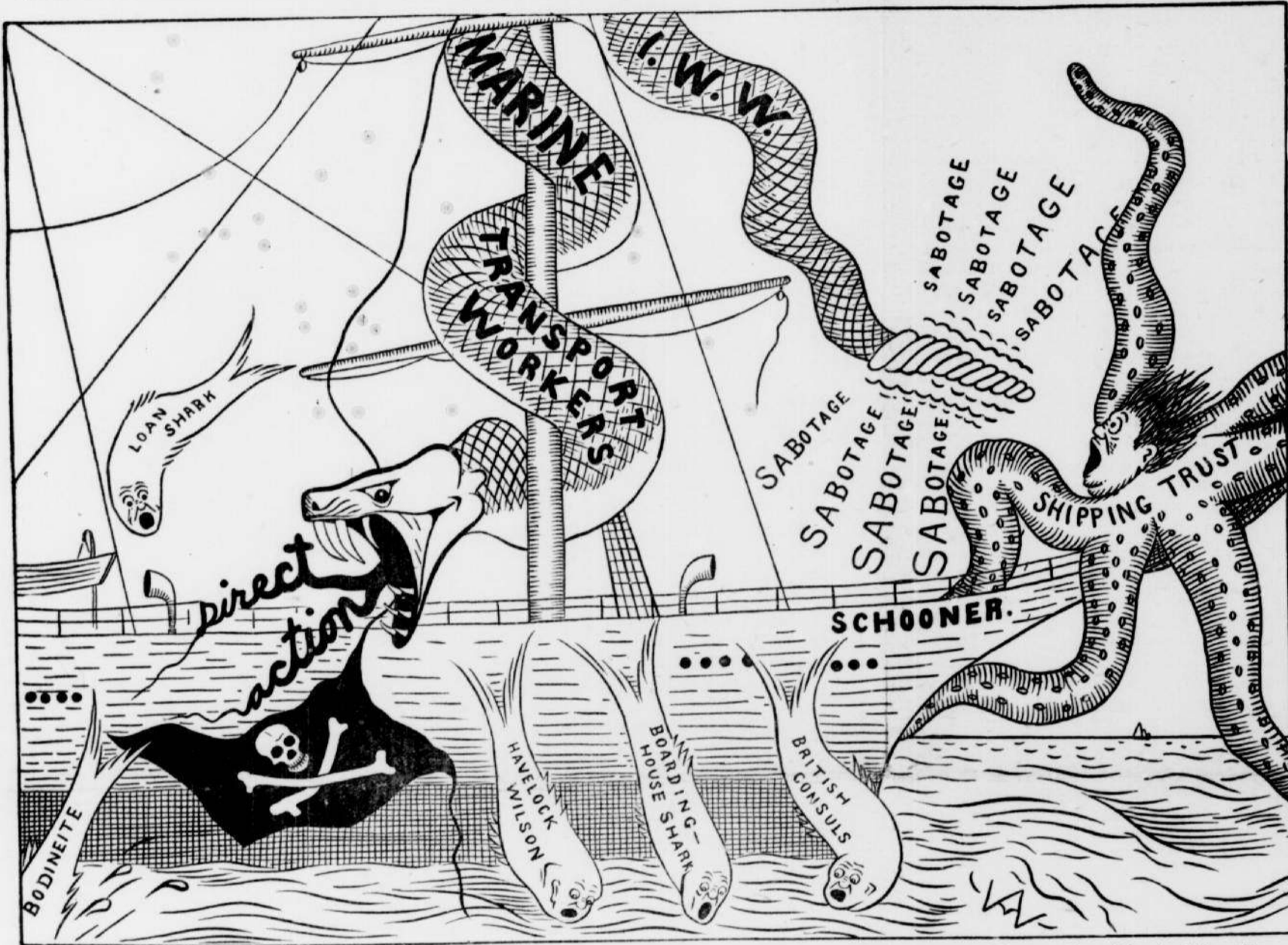
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MIGHT IS RIGHT



Wherein the Rattler Boards the Good Ship "Commerce," Chases the Sharks Overboard, Tears the Black Flag From the Masthead and Throws it After Them, Then Shakes His Tail in the Face of the Octopus.

BOSSSES TO STOCKADE RIVER FRONT.

The Editor of THE VOICE is neither a prophet or the son of a prophet but you Longshore Workers will remember that he predicted to you and the other workers of New Orleans that if you did not go to the assistance of the Lumberjacks and aid them to resist the attempts of the Lumber Trust to enslave and stockade them that the next thing this Gang would attempt would be to put the city under the same infamous rule and stockade YOU, too, and now come the Bosses and prove it.

Here are the propositions, backed by the Board of Port Commissioners and the Association of Commerce, according to "The Item" of Feb. 18th, 1914, here they are:

"7. Establishment of a zone along the river front to be fenced off and reserved for harbor and freight handling purposes.

"8. All labor charges and working conditions on the river front are to be fixed by the governing body."

How do you like the prospect? They are drawn up by "John H. Bernhard, Mr. Kean and Walter Parker." How do you like them? You said the fight of the Lumberjacks wasn't your fight, but if this scheme doesn't prove you a liar we don't know what can. Also it proves the I. W. W. absolutely right in its contention that the only thing left for workers is ONE BIG UNION, that is ALL the Workers fronting all the Bosses with the MIGHT OF A SOLID WALL OF FOLDED ARMS whenever a battle in which the rights and liberties of the Workers is on, whenever the interests of OUR CLASS is menaced by THEIR CLASS.

What are YOU going to do about it? There's but one way out, and that way is to join the MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS, I. W. W., and join it TO-DAY. The Dock and Cotton Council, as a fighting machine, is deadlier than Hector's pup and it's up to you to build a greater fighting machine than that of the Bosses or go into the stockades—SLAVES.

CHINESE OUT-SCABBED.

The Marine Transport Workers in New Orleans are now up against a new variety of scabs. We have had experience with the Bodine brand, then the nigger variety, then the Chinese and now we are up against what is known as the "home crew" kind.

These "home crews," who are "white" men, are recruited in Norway and Sweden and they are the final word on scabbery, I believe so, anyway as they are working for less than the Chinese, and many of them are carrying union books from Norway and Sweden.

These "home crews" who are a disgrace to the Caucasian race and more particularly to the Scandinavian, are the most docile, spineless bunch of slaves the writer has ever run across. And, it is said, the Chinese are kept tractable by threatening to fill their places by "Home crew" scabs.

On the last trip of the "Agnella" her crew were put ashore and a scab "home crew" were taken aboard. I asked the Captain why didn't he get Chinese and he replied, "I prefer white men, and they are cheaper." Say, mates, what do you think of it! We thought that when we had enjoyed (?) the acquaintance of the Bodine, nigger and Chinese scab we knew them all, but it seems that there are a number of gradations in the prices of scabs, and we are wondering what kind the bosses are going to spring on us next.

The former crew of the "Agnella" were all country-men of the scabs that took their places, and the funny part of the affair is that the men who were scabbed out of a job did not realize that they were. One of the displaced crew shook hands with one of the scabs and was quite friendly with him. I found out that they were cousins. If one of my family were to scab on me I would not shake his hand, but his neck.

This scabbery must and can be stopped if our Scandinavian fellow-workers make up their minds to do it. They should by word of mouth and the written word apprise their countrymen at home of con-

ditions here. Every effort should be made by our Scandinavian fellow-workers to enlighten these "home crews" to the damage they are doing their class. Special efforts should be made to get these "home crews"—when an opportune time presents itself, and opportune times are but our own creation—to seriously inconvenience the ship on which they are employed.

Letter should be written to the Unions and the labor papers of Norway and Sweden asking their help and co-operation in preventing the enslavement of their own people.

Lastly, they should, in every means possible, urge these men who are, for the most part, unknowingly committing a crime against their class to become acquainted with the plans and principles of The Marine Transport Workers of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Toilers of the Sea, you have been slaves long enough! Arise! Be a Man! Join the I. W. W.

Marine Transport Workers of the I. W. W. Halls in all principal ports.

SEAFARERS, ATTENTION!

Any Seamen who have had any experience with the United States Shipping Commissioner's Office and the United States Marine Hospital Service in New Orleans, will please get in touch with the undersigned.

I want your actual experience; I want the facts, as it is only upon facts that I can act.

The proper administration of these offices is of utmost importance to seamen, and more particularly to seamen sailing in vessels of American register.

FRANK ALBERS, Organizer, M. T. W.,
307 N. Peters St., New Orleans, La.

The capitalist class want you to work for all eternity for them, and they have gall enough to say that it is God's will.

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All 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 prepare for the GENERAL STRIKE of all Southern Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers!

Yours for victory,
PRESS COMMITTEE, L. U. 275

Sweet Home Strikers Standing Solid Despite Association's Armed Assassins.

Ball Front, La., Feb. 26, 1914.

I suppose THE VOICE readers are wanting to know what has been going on in this neck of the woods. I shall not begin to tell all that has happened since the boys have been on strike at Sweet Home Front, for I do not know.

The country is full of detectives, thugs and gunmen armed with high power rifles and shotguns, loaded with minnie balls and buckshot. So you see what we are up against.

With more than a score of "guards" whose jobs depend upon the expected work of some maddened striker, so just by looking at the economic interest of the "guards" one readily sees who "Pistol Pete" is: It is generally believed they are the fellows who set fire to a trestle, with which crime three Union boys are charged and held under bond of \$600 each. Then, on Feb. 7th, four or five gunmen who have some kind of a "commission" or other, entered the home of an aged widow and arrested her son, Fellow-worker Tom Torry. They now have him in jail at Alexandria charged with shooting from ambush at strikebreakers. Also three other Fellow-workers, Oscar Chandler, Demsky Coleman and Columbus Coleman, are in Colfax jail waiting the action of the grand jury. It is reported that they are charged with being members of some kind of a "White Cap Clan." I guess they have reference to the I. W. W.

If it takes men to make money, then surely the Sweet Home Lumber Company is growing rich, for they sure have the men. There is one crew on strike, solidarity unbroken; one crew working, who never grumble; one crew coming, that ask no questions; one crew leaving, hard to catch; one crew of gunmen to see that everything goes on lovely. The latest report from the mill shows that everything is alright, only they can't get any logs.

Well, Steve, if any one happens to ask you, tell them the fight is still on at Ball Front and, if you see any one one headed this way, tell them about those "guards" that are all armed with dangerous weapons and doing all they can to hold their jobs.

All Rebels are invited to come this way and help win the fight, as this is not a fight for more pay or hours but simply a fight which "spells shall the Forest and Lumbers Workers' Union stay here or shall it be blotted out?" No financial aid is asked for yet, and will not be until the grand jury meets; then, if the Fellow-workers are indicted, we ask all to help free them and not let them suffer for the crime of a gunman.

Yours to win the World for the Workers,
J. WILLIAMSON.

SPECIAL WIRE TO THE VOICE.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1, 1914.—Eighteen of our men were arrested Saturday night at conclusion of street meeting. The new charge is that of "disturbing the police." Men in jail are standing firm. These last arrests have substantially depleted our ranks, men are urgently needed to win this fight.

On to Kansas City, your Rebels!
PRESS COMMITTEE.

NOTICE FROM VANCOUVER.

Local Union 322 has nothing to do with the association of enforced unemployed idle as it is a SCAB layout, or in other words "A CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE."
R. SULLIVAN, Secty No. 322.

ORGANIZATION OF THE UNSKILLED.

By AUSTIN LEWIS, in "The New Review."

The foregoing (attempts and failures of the A. F. of L. to organize the unskilled workers) represents the work given to the organization of the migratory unskilled in the State of California. It shows that the activities of the American Federation of Labor in this regard proceed from two main theories, the one being that the migratory unskilled are capable of organization by the A. F. of L., the other that this class of workers must be organized for the benefit of the skilled craftsmen whose province they threaten to invade.

According to the underlying conception of organization of the A. F. of L., unskilled labor must be regarded as a craft. In fact the report of the committee quoted at the beginning of this article declares that it is so and says, "your committee firmly believes in the possibility of organizing this craft." But unskilled labor of the sort described is no craft. The man who is handling a shovel to-day may tomorrow be working with a machine, and six months from now be taking his place with a gang of lumber workers. If these men constituted a craft the work of organizing them in the A. F. of L. would not be so difficult for the scope of their employment being limited, they could, without more than ordinary difficulty, be brought into such a position that a union would appear advantageous to them. Moreover, if they really constituted a specific craft with recognized limitations on the scope of their employment, the A. F. of L. would not be very anxious to organize them.

The mere fact of their poverty would by no means be sufficient incentive for the spending of money and the piling of organizers in the field by an organization which is not engaged in the business of general charity to the working class. It has a very distinct policy in such matters, namely, that the component factors of its organization must be capable of maintaining themselves intact as separate individual crafts.

If the unskilled were such they would need no assistance beyond the use of the skilled organizer. They would organize spontaneously in terms of their specific craft and thus form a part of the Federation.

Speaking of the disbanding of the Los Angeles union and the reason given, that it so disbanded because the other unions did not support it, the committee said, "If the organization of migratory workers is ever going to be really successful and a power in the land it must learn to depend upon its own strength rather than the support of other unions." But that is just what these unions have not done since their inception. They have come into being artificially as the product of the labor and money of the other A. F. of L. unions, and have perished wherever artificial sustenance has not been forthcoming.

Briefly the organization of the unskilled is not compatible with the A. F. of L., for the reason that the latter in its essence is a federation of individual crafts, whereas the unskilled cannot be by any means so classed.

Moreover, the organizations themselves recognize this fact. They are anxious to organize the unskilled, not, as has been already remarked, because they are poor and ill-used, but because they are dangerous. Andrew Furuseth and O. A. Tveitmo, than whom there are no two better informed labor men in the entire West, regard the organization of the unskilled as an absolutely necessary step. Toward what? The development of labor and the merging of all factional and jurisdictional differences in one great solidified labor organization? By no means. The object is the maintenance of the crafts as they now exist against invasion.

The unskilled, for the most part, are products of the machine industry and operate in terms of the new system. The crafts are tottering before the assaults made upon them by the machine industry. Therefore the unskilled must be organized to form a screen between the crafts and the operation of the machine industry. The unskilled must remain classified as unskilled, in order that the crafts may maintain their prestige as skilled, and their pay in proportion.

And this notion is by no means confined to the American representatives of the craft notion in labor organization. Even such a radical syndicalist as Tom Mann cannot rise above the notions of a lifetime when he deals with the unskilled labor problem. He regards the problem from the point of view of the skilled craftsman, he appears to concern himself as to how far this unskilled labor group actually threatens the existence of trades organization, as at present constituted, and there is evident the same lack of ability to really comprehend the position of the

unskilled laborer. The reader will easily detect the weakness. Mann says in No. 3 of the "Industrial Socialist":

"The reason that many men are graded as semi-skilled or unskilled is because the capitalist system will not permit of all engaging in skilled work—no matter what the amount of skill men may possess. There must be no lowering of the standard of the skilled, but there must be a raising of the standard of the lower-paid man. The position of the latter must be made worthy of a man; and as he serves society not in the manner he desires, but in the manner society compels him, he must in future be counted as a man and a brother. The skilled men must throw off that silly notion of superiority which still characterizes a number of them."

That the same notion is generally prevalent among trade unionists, even the most radical, appears also from the pamphlet entitled "Synicalism" by Earl C. Ford and Wm. Z. Foster (Chicago, 1912). These writers are affiliated with the Syndicalist Educational League, which is the American counterpart of Tom Mann's English organization. Its purpose is the extension of Syndicalist action and organization among the unions as they already exist. The Syndicalist League denounces the formation of any labor organization outside of the A. F. of L. In accordance with this idea the unskilled laborers must be brought into the Federation, and the Syndicalist so-called are confronted by the same set of circumstances and the same difficulties as the California State Federation of Labor has faced.

It is easy to say that the unskilled must be taken into the unions. The question after all is, will they join the unions? The above writers say:

"The skilled workers in the large industries are in such a minority that they cannot seriously disorganize these industries—and without this disorganization of industry they cannot win concessions from their employers. To be able to win they must pool their demands with those of the unskilled workers, and by sticking with them bring whole industries to a standstill. This involves letting the unskilled workers into their union."

It would appear as if these writers already regarded the matter as accomplished, as if all that had to be done is for the unions to declare their readiness to accept the unskilled and the question would be immediately solved. But as we have seen, this is not the case. The unskilled do not see their way to joining the unions even when they are actually persuaded to do so and even when the unions have expended money on behalf of their organization.

The organizers admit this and attribute the refusal to a callous indifference to their own degraded condition on the part of the laborers and a refusal to recognize the benefit which would arise from association with the A. F. of L.

This is hardly the case. It may apply to a certain extent to that portion of the unskilled proletariat which has, so to speak, become sodden with misery and which has lost the impulse to struggle, owing to the continued pressure of miserable circumstances. But such people form but a very small fraction of the great army of the migratory unskilled.

On the contrary, this body of men consists for the most part of young bachelors in the full flower of youthful vigor. No others could do their work or endure the hardships which they daily face. It is the poorest sort of sophistry to speak of these men as passive and disinclined to rise. On the contrary, they form some of the very finest fighting material as passive and disinclined to rise. On the contrary, odds, if once they have learned the trick of solidarity and organized movement.

The consciousness that they cannot achieve their solidarity within the American Federation of Labor is one of the chief reasons why they do not join the United Laborers' Locals which have been instituted in their special behalf. They know that there is no identity of interest between themselves and the craft organizations; that the latter will use them when it is convenient to do so, otherwise they will repudiate them or will refuse to make any effort to help them gain better conditions.

This has been made apparent time and time again. The molders not so long ago had a strike in which were involved also the molders' helpers. The latter were ignored when the time of settlement came. The crafts, when a strike is declared, do all in their power to persuade the unskilled men in the shops to quit their employment. Indeed, they must do so, for if the unskilled remained at work it would be useless for the crafts to strike, for as has been already shown, the position of the craftsmen is so uncertain that their places can be readily filled by the unskilled. But when the time for settlement comes these unskilled men whose sacrifices have been necessary to the success of the strike are completely left out of consideration. It cannot be expected that men who see this sort of trick constantly played upon them will show any great enthusiasm for the organization whose members so believe.

Besides, the unskilled men are not fools. They know that the margin of skill upon which the crafts rest their claim to superiority and to their higher wages is very slight. The helper and the unskilled man knows that is the great majority of cases he is able to perform the work or could perform it satisfactorily with a slight amount of practice. He sees in the United Laborers an attempt to keep him in a perpetually subordinate position. The union rules

are such that he cannot join the skilled crafts, for he cannot pay the required initiation fee. He may be discriminated against in the matter of the technical examination required by the membership as a necessary preliminary to admission to the craft. He may be, and in fact is, placed at a great disadvantage at every turn.

This man sees, or thinks he sees, in the United Laborers an attempt to bring him into permanent subjection as a member of the unskilled class, and to discipline and control his union by the united forces of the associated crafts either in the Central Labor Council or in the Building Trades. Thus, in my particular locality, the United Laborers are attached to the Building Trades, the great organization of so-called highly skilled craftsmen, which is actually by virtue of its own well-established position and petty-bourgeois tendencies, the one least able to comprehend and sympathize with the unskilled laborer.

The prospect of permanent subjection does not appeal to the imagination of the unskilled, particularly when he recognizes that such position is purely artificial, that the superiority of the crafts does not proceed from an inherent quality, but that it is transient, evanescent, and only maintains itself to-day by a designed partial monopolization, that it will be obliterated by the natural process of economic development.

Besides, the unions have been by no means impartial in their attention to the organization of the laborer, and in cases where they have aided such organization they have been inclined to favor such elements as could offer direct assistance to the leaders. This has been very apparent in San Francisco, where such laborers in the Building Trades as could readily exercise the electoral franchise or were affiliated with such an organization as the church have received special attention. The difference in the treatment of the Irish and Italian laborers is clearly in point. The former have been assisted so that the hod-carriers form a really very important organization while the laborers in cement who are for the most part Italians are in no such comfortable state. The former are of course for the most part voters, the latter are not.

(To be concluded.)

WE SHALL COME as comes the cyclone—in the stillness we shall form—

From the calm your terror fashioned we shall hurl on you the storm;

We shall strike when least expected, when you deem Toil's route complete,

And crush you and your hessians 'neath our brogan-shodded feet! —From "Us The Hoboes."

FREE TRADE AT FULLERTON.

I am bound to relate to THE VOICE readers another act of the Gulf Lumber Company at Fullerton, La. I was informed by some of the men, both black and white, that the Company's building a new Bullpen around the Negro quarters, so as to keep produce peddlers out, and forbids the Negroes to buy anything outside the commissary. I asked these people what they were going to do about that sort of bosh and they said: "Well, they tell us if we trade with the produce people we will lose our jobs, but we ain't got much jobs nohow, so we intend to buy as we have been buying, if we do have to walk." I said, Why don't you get in the I. W. W. and help better your condition? And the answer was: "You need not fret; if you knew how many I. W. W's. are at work in these mills you sure would be surprised, and so would the Boss."

I told them that was right, for all of them to put their shoulders to the wheel and it would sure turn, but if they did not help better their conditions they would be like a wagon in the mire—they would never get out.

So come, your Lumberjacks, white and colored, join the I. W. W., help the I. W. W. and the I. W. W. will damn sure help you. Else, how can any of you expect a good thing when you don't demand it? And I want to say to all you old Lumber Workers, your wages are a matter of nothing now, then how are you going to provide for your families when your wages are cut, as they are being cut? Why don't you say "I Won't Work when my wages are cut," and MEAN IT? Why should YOU suck and scab?

I am still here and never sucked or scabbed in my life and I am still true to the I. W. W. and still yours in the cause of freedom. J. R. STROTHER.

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Help THE VOICE spread the battleline and at the same time increase its circulation by sending in the names of working people you think might subscribe. Write names and Postoffice address PLAINLY, using only one side of a sheet of paper.

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Only by your help have we come thus far. Only by your continued support can we go on with the fight, for THE VOICE is absolutely in the hands of the Rebels who support it. It has no other resources and we want no other. At all times it is up to you to say whether it shall live or die, THE VOICE.

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NOTICE! NOTICE!

To the Public—Merryville would be heard from more, and everybody look, listen, read The Voice, for you are going to get some interesting facts about what has happened what is and what are going to happen in and around Merryville, and would all so give the SAW DUST RING a small dose of pills just to see how they like um the justice as dealt out by the Louisiana courts would not be over looked either. For they have done there worst and we must do our best to rite the wrong that they have done. I would handle this subject with gloves but the kind that I have been using picking corn with in Iowa. This article would tell you all about the sab cat and her fine bunch of kits that are causing their misteris so much worry just now. And how the American Lumber Company had to shut one of their mills down so the company mite have all the good slaves to help keep them bunched as much as possible, this would tell you what the I. W. W. has is and are going to do in Merryville we would all so see who has fought the I. W. W. Why they don't for and what they got for it also who went on strike at Merryville and the class of citizens that they got in return for them and their good work of last spring? Who they deported and why they don't it kind of a bull pen they built and the kind of negroes they put in it, J. L. Estes and his gang has had twelve months to plant potatoes in we must dig in some of their potatoes hills and see if their is any thing in them.

This article would run twelve weeks in The Voice of The People and no one that is interested in the kind of justice that has been dealt out here for the last year can afford to miss it for we are only going to deal out some cold facts and if the SAW DUST RING don't like them we would tellum whereto go later.

Yours for the One Big Union.

Maxey Wopez, 1779.

CRAWFISH, KINK OF THE CHINKS.

"In a blaze of glory, 'loking every inch the king,' in all the tinsel splendor of capitalist majesty, followed by his fleet of junks manned by Chink, Nigger and Whitetrash scabs, Crawfish, Rex, King of the Carnival, Kink of the Chinks, Bunc of Bluefields, Con of Colon, 'arrived' in New Orleans, La., on Monday, February 23rd, and was handed something that already belonged to him and his gang—"the keys of the city."

The Stingaree, the Eel, the Kipper, the Jewish, the Garfish, the U. S. Commissioner and His Britanic Majesty's Consul, also the heroes Dunn and Dillman must have been toadying somewhere, in the servants quarters, we suppose.

If this is lese majeste, well—we don't careadann.

BEHIND ALL Kings and Presidents, all Government and Law,

Are army corps and cannons to hold the world in awe:

For Might is Right when empires sink in storms of steel and flame,

And it is right when weakling breeds are hunted down like game. —From "Might is Right."

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

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THE PREAMBLE.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid in employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries, if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto: "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword: "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the 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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OLD BILL CADY GONE NUTS.

The following "manifesto" has been posted up all over the Peonities of McNary and Cady and the surroundings elsewhere as well, so we are informed.

Says Czar Bill:

"On account of the recent growth of disorder and lawlessness around our plants and operations, and to better protect those who are desirous of co-operating with our management in the interests of law and order.

Employees Will Take Notice

that any one in our employ found attending performances of traveling circuses or shows in our neighborhood or assisting them in any manner whatever, or found patronizing places that are conducted in defiance of and contrary to law, will be paid off without delay.

"Our employees are asked to lend every assistance in co-operating with the management for peaceful and decent living conditions.

(Signed) W. M. Cady Lumber Co., Ltd.
McNary Lumber Company, Ltd.
Wm. H. Cady, Pris."

SAY, LUMBERJACKS, ain't that a peach of a proclamation? THINK of Bill Cady as a guardian angel of law and order, of you can—BILL CADY! THINK of Bill Cady denouncing "lawlessness!" THINK of Bill Cady getting huffy about "places that are conducted in defiance of and contrary to law," BILL CADY! Well! Well!! Well!!! What next? Guess it will John Henry Kirby denouncing "free lovers;" Swords Lee getting wrathful and preaching sermons on the "sanctity of the ballot-box;" Doctor Knight going wild and manifesting on the "awfulness of slugging innocent men;" Jim Estes delivering lectures on the "sacredness of private property, especially hogs;" the Elizabeth Gang screaming against "assassination," old Bodeaw against the "crime of forest stealing" and Frosty Johnson declaiming against the "evils of the Robbers' System." Yes, this may happen any day now since the beloved Parson has just given a million dollars of OUR money to "save our souls" and BILL CADY has come out for "law and order." After this NOTHING is impossible. Even the Y. M. C. A. may reform and manifesto us something or other. Let us hope on even while we are dying and going to glory from too long a diet of commissary cut!

Also and likewise, THINK, if you can, of "peaceful and decent living conditions" in a Peonity. And aint you free, AINT YOU? This Czar who is slugging perfectly innocent men, men whose only crime is what they are out of work by no fault of their own, onto the chaingang in his private towns and STEALING their labor-power (the only thing they possess with which to make a living) now issues a ukase that YOU must not dare attend "circuses and shows in our neighborhood" (even the neighborhood belongs to them) or be guilty of "assisting them in any manner whatever" under penalty of immediate discharge; also of the BLACKLIST, but we guess the Czar of McNary didn't have guts enough to put that in, but that's what he means, alright. And on top of this insult to your manhood and intelligence (if you have any, and this manifesto, as you accept or resist it, will tell that) he demands that you shall "lend every assistance" to his attempt to gyve and chain you, your wives and children, as the black men never were enslaved in the days before the war.

YOU ARE NOT MEN IF YOU DO NOT JOIN THE FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS UNION TO-DAY, AND CALL BILL CADY GOOD AND HARD. IT'S THE UNION THAT'S GOT HIM SCARED, OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FOOL ENOUGH TO ISSUE THIS NUTTY MANIFESTO. BE MEN! UNION MEN! L. W. W.!

WILL THE WORM EVER TURN!

By W. M. Wirt.

Say, will the worms ever turn? It looks as if they would not, the worm-workers, for they certainly have been spat upon long enough it would seem.

"War is hell" so is peace and starvation more hell.

Last night I saw a "rounder" from McNary who said he saw a gang of 20 men, all charged with "vagrancy," at work under guards there. It sure is hell when they get to picking them up out in the pine woods at a 2 by 4 place like Cady's mill.

The Lake Charles hellhole is full and a large gang on at Alexandria. The hellholes of Texas and Mississippi are full. The roads and streets are full of willing slaves looking for a "Boss." All the mills are full-handed and working them harder than ever while the cost of sorbely and beans go higher every day under Wilsonism and free trade.

In view of all this one is excusable in doubting whether "the worm will ever turn." It seems that the workers must be starved before they can reason. They haven't the sense of mules. I once saw a bunch of mules get out of a barnyard at noon into a big pasture. They could not be driven in until night, and a half-day's work was lost. But the poor two-legged animal begs for work. Ain't it hell!

The philanthropist is a parasite on misery.—Bernard Shaw.

OPEN LETTER TO "PARSON" LONG.

Longville, La., Feb. 23, 1914.

Mr. R. A. Long,

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:—We Lumberjacks of the Long-Bell Lumber Company regret very much that you have given one million dollars to the Christian Church as we note from the "Daily Item."

Contributing this million will mean that you will have to devote more energy and strength to "conserving" your business. As a great many of us Lumberjacks have learned what "conserving" your business means we will not be surprised when the Boss speeds us up, cuts wages, robs us in the commissary, or lays us off. We will know that it is done through a Christian desire to do something for the world and the master.

However, I am not of the opinion that it will have a tendency to usher you into hell in advance of your time, as you seem to think, but from a material standpoint I would rather think your million dollar investment would have the effect of prolonging your days in a world where you have learned to take advantage of ignorance.

If you haven't forgotten the Timber Workers strike, remember what a great advantage it was to have the infantry of the Y. M. C. A. reinforced by the Sunday School teachers of the Long-Bell Sunday School union go over to Grabow, La., and help the Galloway Brothers murder a few union men who were trying to get the workers to organize in order to get better pay. No doubt, this Union is destined to add many more chapters to the World's history. But the onward march of any progressive movement can be checked for a time. If this missionary superstition and charitable conthrowing would be installed among the Lumber camps it would be the most effective means of chloroforming the minds of the slaves that a Christian genius could hope for.

So long as slaves are contented with yokes, crosses and worn-out creeds, they will not compete against YOU for the MATERIAL THINGS YOU are so fond of.

I must congratulate you on your excellent method of impeding the progress of human intelligence.

Through your method you may prolong the ignorance of slaves an indefinite period thereby saving millions and avoiding the wrath to come for many years.

Yours for less "Hereafter" bunc and more pork-chops and butter HERE and NOW. ABEL.

THE MACHINE.

The day is already here when the Workingmen and Working Farmers must either own the MACHINE or the owners of the Machine will own them, body, soul, boot and breeches. Your very Liberty is at stake. Says Daniel Webster: "God grants Liberty only to those who live it, and are always ready to go out and defend it." That is true as witnessed by every act of the Lumber Trust in the Southern Timber Belt where, despite all the prayers and petitions you have offered up, you, the Workingmen and Working Farmers, are SLAVES to the Machine, and nothing more. You cannot even call your lives your own, much less your Liberty. And this has come about by the Machine, a thing that should have been a blessing, instead of a curse, to ALL mankind.

It was the Machine (in Private Ownership) that swept all the Forest Workers in Peonage. It was the Machine (in Private Ownership) that swept all Cloth Weavers into slavery. It is the Machine (in Private Ownership) that is even now sweeping thousands of Working Farmers, as it swept their sons before them, into bondage either as Tenants to the Landlords or as Industrial Serfs to the Captains of Industry. It is the Machine (in Private Ownership) that is stockading the World of Industry. It is the Machine (in Private Ownership) that is driving the Workers on to Revolution and, strange as it may seem, it will be the Machine that will free the Race, for it is around the Machine that the armies of the Toilers and Spoilers are forming for the World's last great Revolution—the Spoilers to keep the Machine as Private Property and make it a curse to the Race, and the Toilers to take the Machine as Common Property and make it bless the Race.

In the great, world-wide battle for freedom where do YOU stand—with the enslavers or with the freers of the Race? With the Liberticides or Libertarians?

A SONG OF THE STRONG.

Wrongfully charged, we three workers in Colfax Jail, have been denied the right of bail.

Though this hell is cold and dreary, sure we never shall get weary.

Willingly standing temptation, we'll ever try; we'll be victorious bye and bye.

As the time shall onward roll, the workers are marching to the goal.

Now, brother workers in Labor's field, put your shoulders to the great strong wheel; and let's have freedom ever more, as our fathers gone before.

Yours for Industrial Freedom and the One Big Union,

Three Rebels of Local No. 275,
Feb. 27, 1914. Colfax, La., Jail.

Have Capitalists Declared Civil War?

The above question may, at first glance, sound sensational to the unthinking, but let us consider whether it be so or not.

That the British Empire, including its Satrapy called the United States of America, is already practically in a state of civil war, war declared on the Workers by a gold-crazed Plutocracy, no one with eyes to see and ears to hear will deny.

In New Zealand, in South Africa, in India, in Canada, in Australia, in Ireland, in the United States and in Britain itself, in fact throughout the British Empire the Capitalist Class is at this very hour engaged in prosecuting a most ruthless and relentless war upon the Working Class.

Here in the United States, Carl Person lies in jail, charged with the "crime" of defending his life against a gunman of a railroad whose gunmen calmly shoot down innocent men upon its tracks whenever it so pleases them, and these murderous thugs are never even arrested.

In the dungeons of San Antonio, Texas, Charlie Cline, J. M. Rangel and 12 other men are suffering tortures a savage would not inflict and are being rushed to the heidiously inhuman prisons of Texas after trials that are nothing short of mockeries of justice, there, in these prisons, to have their labor-power sold by the Governor of Texas to the County Road Commissioners at wages "far cheaper than free labor could be employed," or so the Capitalist Press states the Governor's boast.

In West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, the miners are being hunted down like wild animals and their wives and daughters being outraged by the lowest army of praetorians that ever murdered for hire. The forest of Louisiana, the only State in the far South where the Workers have so far had the hardihood and courage to revolt against the infamous living conditions the Masters of Bread seek to impose upon them, are filled with the same thug army and the soil is red with the blood of assassinated Lumberjacks. Here, by the Lumber Kings, women and children have been starved by the thousands because their husbands and fathers dared protest their right to a Man's and not a peon's life. Every infamy conceivable to a money-mad mind has been visited upon them, the Lumberjacks, and the "State" has quietly looked on until some worker driven wild by persecution at the hands of the Overseers and thugs of the Trust resisted in the only manner left, defended his life and liberty by an appeal to the Natural Law of Self-defense and, in so doing, injured some armed and liquor-soaked gunman of the Trusts, then came the "Deputy Sheriffs of the State" and the Lumberjack, already outraged beyond endurance, is thrown into jail, "held for the action of the grand jury," (which is in nearly all cases nothing but the retainers of the Lumber Trust assembled) "indicted" and "tried," before a Lumber Trust judge, by a Lumber Trust lawyer, and sentenced to build automobile roads and levees for the Trusts. Insofar as his chances of getting justice are concerned, it were far better for him had he been tried openly by Drumhead Court-martial, for then the war would be open and not veiled, and war veiled, however thinly, is far more infamous than open war.

Such is the condition in Louisiana and such is the condition throughout the British Empire, a condition of civil war declared upon the Working Class by the Capitalist Class. Openly and brazenly the New Orleans "Times-Democrat" gloats over the "lawlessness of the State," declaring it to be more powerful and effective than the "lawlessness of the Unions." And so it is up to to-day, for the Unions are as yet ineffectively organized. But, what are WE, the Union men going to do about it? Let them murder all our most active spirits and send the rest of us to the chaingangs, as they are already doing from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico to-day? What are WE going to do about it?

For us "the times that try men's souls" are here again and we have one or two options to take—ORGANIZE IN ONE BIG UNION AND FACE THEM WITH A SOLID WALL OF UNITED LABOR, OR GO ON THEIR CHAINGANGS. Which do YOU choose? The One Big Union means Life and Freedom; the Chaingang means Death and Slavery, slavery a million times worse than the black men ever knew in the days before the war.

No true mother-woman will breed children to be consigned to such a fate. No man, white, black, or colored, with a drop of American blood in his veins will submit quietly to such a system. It's up to you, the Workers. You either OUT-ORGANIZE the Boss and OUT-FIGHT his Thug Army, or—on the Chaingang YOU go, and your children after you.

LUMBER WORKERS OF THE SOUTH!
RAILROAD WORKERS OF THE SOUTH!
OIL AND COAL MINERS OF THE SOUTH!
WORKING FARMERS OF THE SOUTH!
LET US UNITE! Let us organize in ONE GREAT CLAN OF TOIL and FORCE the Industrial Carpet-Baggers and Sealaws to take their Iron Heel off the neck of Southern Labor forever! Let us FORCE them to disband their Private Armies of thug gunmen and rurales dputies, or disband them for them. Let us drop all differences for awhile and stand together like MEN determined to be FREE or PERISH. Let us get ready for the battle NOW. Let us FORCE them to respect the RIGHTS purchased with our fathers' blood if we have to SHUT

DOWN EVERY SAWMILL, MINE, FARM AND RAILROAD IN THE SOUTH TO BRING THEM TO THEIR SENSES. Let us ORGANIZE and, if needs be, ARM ourselves in defense of our Lives and Liberty.

Carry this message through all Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. "ALL WORKERS GET READY FOR THE GREAT GENERAL STRIKE AGAINST PEONAGE AND TENANTRY!"

Let your rallying cry be: "Equal Rights to ALL, Special Privileges to NONE! The World For the Workers!"

THE FIGHT IS ON! ON WITH THE FIGHT!

TO "STAR EYES."

By CASHL. M. STEVENS.

Mate of my rebel spirit,
Twin of my heart and soul,
Will we travel the trail together,
Will we fight till we gain the goal?

The bugle of Truth is calling,
"ADVANCE," in the rosy dawn;
Will we stand in the ranks as comrades,
When the war of the worlds is on?

Out where eyes shine brightest
Under the bending sky,
Under the blood red banner,
There let us win or die.

Sound, then, the call of the Clansmen!
Up with the flag of the free!
Will you come to the call of a comrade true,
Will you go to the end with me?
—Milton, Okla., Feb. 22, 1914.

PACIFIC COAST COAL COMPANY TO ITS SLAVES.

Workers in every department of Labor, listen to this. The Pacific Coast Coal Company to its slaves of the Black Diamond Mine, greetings:

To our employees—We have learned that there are disturbers among you, they have misled you into believing that you have grievances, that your environments are not exactly ideal. That your children and wives, are not living in beautiful homes, surrounded with all the luxuries of life, and your houses not sitting snugly on some green plot, hidden in summer by flowering hedge rows, with a gravel drive from the street to your garage containing the latest thing in "BUZZ WAGONS." These malecontents and disturbers of the peace, have told you all of these things and caused you to STRIKE. Shadows of Calumet, visions of Colorado, such ingratitude! Must we repeat these acts? Stop! and think what the cost will be to the State of Washington with its owners of small homes now taxed to the limit, or side graft, and road building. That we may ride in comfort flitting from town to town, enjoying the scenery, inhaling the invigorating ozone, bringing joy to the hearts of our children, and their eyes to sparkle with pleasure and their cheeks vie with carnation for the pink of health, listen not to these agitators! Know you not Miners that STRIKES disturb our peace of mind? Hypnotize yourselves into thinking that the mine shaft is a place of beauty, when you inhale the poison gases just think that it is the perfume of ROSES, wafted from the flower-sown materials. If a ton or so of rock falls on your head, and you've life enough left, remember that we will provide another workman to carry on your task, but above all, do not Strike, powder and lead cost money, and you are forcing us to place a further burden on the small tax payers; remember, that GUNMEN and STRIKE-BREAKERS are expensive luxuries, then remember again that a MINER with an ounce of lead in his heart will be of little service to us, or those depending upon him, remember these things. Think of Michigan and Colorado and be contented.

Hoping that you will consider these things and remember that this comes straight from our liver. If you do, we'll remain forever your Masters. Pacific Coast Coal Company.

THE SONS OF THE SERPENT.

By COVINGTON HALL.

The Sons of the Serpent are the Sons of the Light, And the Sons of the Serpent are the Heroes of Might; 'Twas a Son of the Serpent who learned us of Life And sent us Wisdom's message through our father Adam's wife.

The Sons of the Serpent are the leaders, the van, Are the agents of Lucifer, the teachers of Man; They acknowledge no Caesar over earth, sky or sea, So the Sons of the Serpent have forever been free.

"LAND IS PERPETUAL MAN. All the ingredients of our physical frame come from the soil. The food we require and enjoy, the clothing which enwraps us, the fire which warms us, all save the vital spark which constitutes life, is of the land, hence it is perpetual man."

—From the Ancient Irish Laws.

The charity organizations are pimples on the neck of capitalism.