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STRIKE FIGHTERS

HELEN KELLER'S ANTI-WAR SPEECH

"UNION" FOREMAN INTENSIFIES LABOR

THE ONE BIG UNION IN THE NORTH WOODS

Supported By the State Government, and Yet Unable to Cope With the Superior Economic Power of the Mine Owners.

Urges Working Class Preparedness, While Showing the Futility of National Conflicts - Great Enthusiasm Follows Address.

of Union Printers on East Side, New York. Scabbing on Efficiency Expert.

Unorganized Workers Calling for I. W. W. Speakers to Come to the Camps, and Vowing That if the Boss Doesn't Like It, He Can Go to Hell.

The San Francisco Labor Council were entertained with quite a nice little talk at their regular Friday night business meeting by Organizer Tanner, representing the Western Federation of Miners in the struck district of Arizona (Clifton, etc.). In the course of his remarks he mentioned the fact that the state, county and city officials, from the governor down, were all heart and soul, with the strikers, fraternizing with the miners (top leaders), giving them all the moral, physical and financial aid possible.

(N. Y. Times) More than 2,000 men and women, who gathered in the Washington Irving High School last night to hear Helen Keller, under the auspices of the People's Forum, speak on " Militarism," cheered the deaf and blind lecturer when she said: "Let us be organized by order of Congress!"

(Special to Solidarity) New York, Dec. 29. East Side newspaper printing plant was struck up over organization of labor introduced in "The Day" shop by a new foreman, Frank J. Kasper, known as "Yewoh Stink." This man, receiving four dollars a week above the union scale as a result of the morning hour overtime, and compelled the crew to make it up the rest of the time.

(Special to Solidarity) Biimidji, Minn., Dec. 24. The lumberjack is awakening from the sleep which has for him meant outrage and robbery and destitution. He is adding his voice to the disenchantment of the working class. He has to a greater extent than ever before awakened to the truth that anything he want, done he will have to do himself.

Governor Hunt and other officials have sent out written appeals for the miners and are defending their action on the platform; in fact, nothing that the officials could do for the strikers is left undone. The usual howl for protection of property was made by the "never wases," who demanded the militia. This was granted and the armed force of the government went on record, assessing themselves part of their wages as long as the strike continued. Not satisfied with helping financially, they proceeded to protect strikers from gunmen with such a will that it wasn't very long before the sheriffs and their deputies had rid Arizona of these buzzards.

"As President Wilson pointed out in his message, the new Continental Army would defend the interests of the capitalists," she said. "It has already proved itself an enemy of liberty." "It is an army that can be used to break strike as well as to defend the people."

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And these are the men who worked long hours in lousy camps as low as \$3 a month last winter touched with the hope which the coming of the I W W into this field has awakened in the hearts of the workers. This mental attitude the result of years of outrage, with some of the greatest fighters in this great industry behind it is the handwriting on the wall for the bosses of Northern Minnesota.

TRIAL OF A SOCIETY

In reply to the above actions the mine owners have brought economic pressure to bear to such an extent that the state's finances are thoroughly crippled, even the governor's chauffeur has not received any wages for the past six months. This was brought about by completely shutting down the affected towns and withholding the taxes on their wages as long as the strike continued. Not satisfied with helping financially, they proceeded to protect strikers from gunmen with such a will that it wasn't very long before the sheriffs and their deputies had rid Arizona of these buzzards.

CLINE'S APPEAL

The indomitable friends of Charles Cline, who is still in the Besar county jail at San Antonio, have taken an appeal and hope to get a retrial in another county at last. There is new evidence in his favor which can be put on if they can get sufficient funds. Buck, the star witness for the state, it is said has made admissions to parties which will be of inestimable value to Cline. The chairman of the San Antonio Cline Committee writes: "It is seldom that a lawyer will give his private opinion to a committee about a case, but our attorneys in this case say they KNOW Cline is innocent."

THE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AWAKENING.

A few of the transportation workers on train service are beginning to see their power properly organized. A few of them are already lining up in the I W W and will bring more. A conductor asked by the writer what the possibilities of a railway strike said that he did not pay much attention to it. "We have had many of these agitations, many talks of strikes and lines. Many of the men here feel the same way," he has stated. "The truth is that we are organized to stay apart instead of fight together and I don't think we can remake our machinery made to keep us apart work so as to get us together." He admitted that the I W W was the one hope for them, as it is organized on class lines. Many of the men here feel the same way and are now thinking of the kind of organization that meets and can combat successfully the Industrial Union of the bosses.

GERMAN SUPER-ORGANIZATION

Superior industrial organization in Europe, brought about by the extensive nationalization of all industry by the war, has been made possible. The author argues that if the industrial organization of European countries survives intact, or even improved, after the war, they will be a more forceful competitor. Moreover, he regards it as possible that the individual efficiency of the workers will be better than the average of military discipline.

DETOIT ENTERTAINMENT

A Smoker and Entertainment will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 1, 1916, at the Casino, 1013 Broadway. By resolution copies of Miss Kasper's address will be sent to President Wilson and members of Congress. The great crowd outside greeted Miss Keller with enthusiasm as she left the school building in the fall. She said she would speak, and so the great was the rush to ward the steps to hear her that the police reserve and it is estimated that 100,000 were present.

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AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ORGANIZATION IS FORMED IN CALIFORNIA

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bership both the ranchers who exploited and the workers who were exploited, it is very easy to understand that as a tactical measure we must be successful in the first clash with the masters.

The Campaign is to be one of ACTION, and the THEORY; for that reason we are assured of the co-operation of all who really believe in DIRECT ACTION, that is, ACTION DIRECTLY AT THE POINT OF PRODUCTION, JOB ACTION.

The foregoing record gives an outline of the proposed activity of the A. W. O. in California and all that we can say further is "watch our RESULTS." And in an attempt to keep the general membership informed of our progress through the agency of SOLIDARITY.

PERC. COMMITTEE OF A. W. O.

ARBITRATORS HAND WIS. LUMBER CAMPS PROVIDENCE CARMEN LEMON FOR XMAS

From Providence Evening Tribune, Friday, Dec. 24th:
"Providence, R.I., Dec. 24th.—The 'Up' were some of the most potent expressions with which the report of the Board of Arbitration in the dispute between the Rhode Island Lumber Company and the Providence Union was received by the employees of the company in two mass meetings."

More adjective, however "impotent," could not tell the story better. This arbitration resulted in the strike of the carmen on the Providence system last July. It was a beautiful strike. The carmen, shop workers, engineers, linemen, etc., standing out, essentially 100 per cent strong, to Providence the Carmen's Union takes in all the workers in the system. The tie-up was so effective that in two days' time the company made overtures for "arbitration." As the result of this principle of their international union, it was accepted by the carmen.

The Board of Arbitration was made up of his honor, Mayor Gagne, of Providence, representing the principle; M. J. Hoolihan for the company and Henry T. Baldwin for the union. This lasted for five months to "arbitrate" and it was a thorough job, if you please. The record speaks for itself. The bill of the stenographer foots up to a modest \$7,000, half of which is paid by the union and half by the company. You know labor and capital are brothers, so 50-50 is the correct thing!

It was argued that the award was to be retrospective, that any increase given would date from June 1st, 1915, as the carmen waited in patience and contented themselves in laying plans to spend the lump sum they were to receive sometime before Christmas.

"It's a real story, mate," as the official statement of the union puts it. "This Christmas will be the happy one to which they have eagerly looked forward."

Bailed down to bare facts, this is the "award." The platform men in the employ of the company working less than one year get what our French comrade call a double award—nothing. The second and third year men get the equivalent increase of one-half cent per hour; after the third year all uniform men will get a still larger increase, a namely one cent and one-half per hour or a grand total of 33 1/2 per cent.

The janitors, drivers, gutmen, blacksmiths and electrical repairers, growing-tenders, greenhouse attendants, truckmen, freight department employees, etc., numbering nearly 800 men, are one-third of the membership of the union. As the union is not yet organized, the union is not yet organized to reduce their wages. The wages of some of these men are as low as 12 1/2 cents, 17 1/2 cents and 20 cents an hour.

The entire backlog due to the uniform men totals \$25,000. As the union's share of this entire backlog is about \$20,000, the union has been approaching the entire \$25,000 backlog towards the expense of the arbitration proceedings.

It is the intention of the union to be satisfied with a merely \$25,000. Other expenses are paid here, there and everywhere. The "backlog" amount \$1,000. The union is not yet organized, but should have a silver and gold lining for some time.

ANOTHER TRIAL FOR CHAS. CLINE

Here is a Man Who Deserves the Support of Every Worker in America.

(Special to Solidarity)
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 19. If there is, or shall ever be, a man whom the working class ought to know, it is Chas. Cline. He is a leader in the time of strike has subjected himself to all kinds of persecutions, trials and imprisonments. From the reason of such action taken has suffered privation, starvation, ostracism and persecution.

Such a man is Chas. Cline. Chas. Cline has fought the battles of the working class as a unit, and who by the active part he has taken in the organization of the workers in the time of strike has subjected himself to all kinds of persecutions, trials and imprisonments. From the reason of such action taken has suffered privation, starvation, ostracism and persecution.

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ARE WE DO YOUR DUTY?

Whether your contributions may be small, they are the most vital of all. They are the life blood of the movement.

Yours for release. THUMAN EVANS, Editor of the Cleveland Citizen.

R. R. W. U. ON SCHEDULE TIME

Safety first. No. 600 arrived on time. The Railroad Workers' Industrial Union is now organized and chartered. All railroad workers are urged to join.

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THE SCHMIDT-CAPLAN TRIAL

Brings Out the Customary Fairy Tales From Burns Detectives, But No Evidence Against Schmidt.

(Special to Solidarity)
Angelo, Calif., Dec. 19. No doubt you have been reading about our silence regarding the Caplan-Schmidt trial. It is partly due to your absence from Los Angeles, as I was engaged elsewhere in the interest of the defense and partly to the fact that other imperative expenses have forced the publicity brought into the background for the present.

So far nothing has developed in the testimony that points to the defendant, M. A. Schmidt. The hundreds of affidavits submitted in support of his innocence are still lying in the McManis. A whole tribe of scab contractors have been on the stand testifying to the efficiency of the McManis campaign. While the morality of the campaign was not questioned, all testified to its efficiency.

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R. R. SHOP WORKERS ARE WAKING UP

(Special to Solidarity)
Providence, R.I., Dec. 24. Industrial Unionism is now the chief topic here among the over a thousand men employed in the big Northern Pacific shops here. The men are waking up, which through their division of the workers and their time contracts have been making it impossible to have the same efficiency in organizing the workers as in the past.

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The East Twenty-second Street station were called out to restore order. Miss Keller repeated her appeal to others not to serve in the proposed army of defense, and concluded her speech by saying:

"I am a woman, a living, with much talent for making a living, who lately has been living under several aliases. The world is full of lies and the things that make a man a brute and of God a monster."

The world is full of lies and the things that make a man a brute and of God a monster. She had stopped there was a concerted rush toward her, and she was lifted from her feet and carried to a waiting automobile.

THE TRIAL OF A NEW SOCIETY

By Justice Elbert

A great look on a big subject. Showing the court cases of the Exor and Glavattin provisions of the great Lawrence textile strike and automobile. Most interestingly written, containing authoritative account of the striking work of this great conflict.

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