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# U.S. CAPITALISTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

### Their Operations Are Developing Labor and Social Conditions Similar to Those in the United States.

(Special to Solidarity)

Lima, Peru, South America.

I suppose some of the fellow workers of the United States would like to hear about the doings of the American capitalist abroad. When I heard that in South America I heard so much about what a good thing it would be for the American capitalists would go to and develop the natural resources of South America. Yes, a good thing for themselves, all right, but for the South Americans.

I had a good taste of the methods of the American capitalist by its means. I decided if possible to steer clear of them here. But it was my misfortune, through conditions, to be at the end of an old enemy of labor, the name Guaymas.

These companies, like the American workers; the outfit here runs under the name of the Chile Exploration Company—should be Exploitation Co. They have a mine and a town called Chuquamatá, which is situated in the middle of a large tract.

On leaving Antofagasta we were met by partner and I, if possible get work with the Salt Petre Company. As most of the fellow workers know, practically all the salt is mined in the world comes from Chile. These companies, like the American workers, do not strike any luck with any of these companies, but quite a lot of useful information.

When the salt petre was discovered on the desert of Northern Chile, the capitalists were at a loss as to where to get their labor force, as the people of the desert were quite contented with their small piece of land each, and only understood the meaning of industrial exploitation. But the capitalists, as the people of the desert, were quite contented with their small piece of land each, and only understood the meaning of industrial exploitation. But the capitalists, as the people of the desert, were quite contented with their small piece of land each, and only understood the meaning of industrial exploitation.

# HARD COAL SITUATION STILL IN A TANGLE

### Operators and A. F. of L. Worried Over Influence of I. W. U. Among Discontented Miners

(New York Press, Apr. 5)

Negotiations between representatives of the miners and the anthracite mine owners are not making satisfactory progress, it developed yesterday, and the miners made no secret of their anxiety over the restlessness manifested by the union members. The miners, according to reports, by the I. W. U.

The I. W. U. was charged by the wage scale arbitrators with plotting to discredit the United Mine Workers of America with the operators and so prevent reaching an agreement. It was said I. W. U. leaders have plenty of money and are spending it with the miners, stirring up discontent and trouble.

The arbitrators who represent labor are tired, irritable and afraid of the temper of their constituents because evident in many ways yesterday. For one thing, they turned sullenly against one of their own number, John Dequany, of District No. 1, who has been fighting for a higher scale on machine-mining. He called a conference on the subject. The meeting developed much heat, and Dempsey was accused of procrastinating and preventing a final agreement by pushing "hot" issues including the eight-hour day, recognition of the union and a 20 per cent increase in wages.

It is understood that when the arbitrators went to their homes for April 1 celebration they were told some plain things by the miners. They have come back badly worried. It now is believed a cordy effort will be made to reach an agreement or a definite break this week.

A session was held at the Union League Club yesterday. At its close a statement of about fifty words was given out to the effect that machine-mining was discussed. Miners last night quoted their proverb, "The nearer the break the shorter the statement."

# Y. SUBWAY WORKERS STRIKE

### Care of Union Scabbing Made Tale by an Old Wage Slave

(Special to Solidarity)

New York City, April 6.

Over 10,000 laborers went on strike here a few days ago for more pay; they were employed in building the new subway in this city. The strikers are mostly Irish, but some are being paid as low as \$1.00 a day. They demand an increase in wages and an eight-hour day.

An attempt by the strikers to get the skilled trades, such as bricklayers, plasterers, drillers, hoisters, carpenters and other supposed-to-be union men to strike with them, has failed so far. As these other supposed-to-be union men seem to be going to scab rather than to strike and help their fellow workers.

I was out to the 34th street and Broadway entrance of the subway construction and some union scabs going to work, when I saw an old gray haired man with a heavy beard and a picket on strike duty and ask him how the strike was coming on.

"Oh, they ain't been able to get away (damn scabs yet)," answered the old man.

"I think you're mistaken, young man," said the old man. "I just saw some scabs with tools going down to work."

"O, hell, them ain't scabs," said the picket. "Them is union carpenters."

"Well, they must be scabs if they're working," said the old man, "because you men are on a strike and those boys are working as helping the boss beat you, so they are scabs."

"Oh, what's the use of talking to you," said the picket, "you don't understand unionism or you would know that's the only man."

"Well, I can't understand how a union man can scab and still be a union man," said the old man as he started down the street.

I hurried after the old man and stopped him. I told him I had heard him talking to the picket and asked him if he believed in all workers striking at once.

"Yes," answered the old man.

"Then you must believe in the I. W. U.," I asked.

"What does the I. W. U. believe in?" asked the old man.

"I answered the old man, "I believe in all workers to unite to one Big Union and to all strike together for more pay, etc." I answered.

"Well," said the old man, stroking his beard, "I reckon if all the workers were in one Big Union, they could raise some hell besides raising pay."

"I reckon so, too,"

# THE I. W. U. GROWING IN AUSTRALIA

### In Spite of the War, and the Attempted Suppression of Free Speech By the Labor Government, the One Big Union is Taking Shape and Forging Ahead.

(Special to Solidarity)

By Tom Barker

Since writing my last Australian budget on Solidarity I have had a very busy time. Early last September our Labour Government began to take the I. W. U. very seriously, and kicked up quite a row in my spare time, inviting the parliamentary brigade to go into the trenches at Gallipoli, to fight for their country. Incidentally I asked the workers to follow their masters.

Of course, our patriotic labor politicians don't mind other plutes going to the front, but object strenuously to being told by the I. W. U. that their champagne-tainted bowels scattered over the countryside by Turkish shrapnel. So your humble servant was taken away from the printing office in Sydney, on the morning of the 4th of September, by a small army of detectives and police.

A few minutes later I came in front of a magistrate, whose charging arrangements is sadly in need of a spring-cleaning, but whose patriotism is of a very high and sublime order. After delivering an oration on the wisdom which Australia should have of dying for Australia at Achi Baba, he turned his limpid, love-lit orbs on to the criminal in the dock.

The charge clerk read the blister which stated that I had printed a poster likely to prejudice recruiting for the war, and he promptly refused me bail, and adjourned the case for eleven days. Consequently, I made my second visit to our Labour Government's nice, palatial house, where guests are the unsuccessful criminals in New South Wales, situated at the start of the street.

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# A CINCINNATI BAKERY

### (Special to Solidarity)

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8.

In this beautiful city of Cincinnati is a bakery where they have a steady stream of victims, sacrificed to the god of greed. The average number of the slaves is that hell hole are \$7.50 per week. The outfit is not very particular when they accept that they like them to be middle-aged and preferably married; expecting those to be better workers.

Their speed-up system has got Taylorized by miles. The laborers know only one English word for larceny food poison, and slaves seem to know only one English word for that is "Hurry, hurry, hurry." The best is intolerable and combined with their speed-up system is enough to make anybody lose his balance of mind.

A little slip, take your eyes away just for a second, and the huge state saltery, that just minute before had been rolling dough, are now crunching and rolling a human limb into a shapeless mass of bloody flesh. It is possible that any human being can eat anything that comes from such a place. Are we reverting to cannibalism in reality?

# Joining Down and Out Club

The following ads appeared in the Chicago Daily Journal April 10, from the State Employment Office, 525 Dearborn St., along with 500 others:

Wanted—A PLUMBER, 30c an hour; must be handy—(5 Japanese cook, \$2 a day, board and room) (\$2.00)

CARPENTERS, 35c an hour—(8 hours, \$2.80)

50 Coal Heavers, \$2 a day at 8 hours—(\$2.00)

MASONS, PLASTERERS, \$2 a day, skilled—(\$2)

Dishwasher, girl, \$1.50 a day and board—(\$1.50)

ONE BUSHELMAN, \$2 a day—(\$2.00)

100 Greek Laborers, \$2 a day—(\$2.00)

Skilled and unskilled meet upon the auction block of the employment office on Dearborn Street, and the chest of the skilled stiff is sinking and his bag going up. Industrial feudalism is creeping in upon us, and it's but a short trip to Woburn Street Mechanics, common laborers sit side by side, awaiting a chance to slave at \$2 a day. All join in the chorus. "It makes no difference what you were—it's what you are today." And the A. F. of L. has two million 500 thousand members? (sheep herded within).

The secretary of the I. W. U. has bought an extra supply of pencils and books to meet the rush of new members this summer. How are the wobbles in Chicago? Well, all our meetings are attended by 10 to 20 pinka, detectives, policemen. I reckon the wobbles are doing business, huh? How is Shy? JOE FOLEY

# Phila Waterfront & I. W. U.

Have the I. W. U.'s got control on the docks in Philadelphia? Have they? Well, I guess they have.

There are over 3,000 members in the Marine Transport Workers of the I. W. U. in good standing.

They have job control on all docks in Philadelphia except all longshoremen except those on the two scab docks belonging to the I. W. U.

All coal heavers, who coal the boats, belong to the I. W. U. Unless you are a paid up member in the I. W. U., you cannot work on those docks.

On Feb. 22, a longshoreman went to work. The other longshoremen who were at work found that this fellow got his wages. So they refused to let him work until he went to union hall and fixed up his dues.

They have just started to organize the seamen into the Marine Transport Workers. There is one Spanish delegate at work already taken in 200 new members.

The lightermen are to join the Marine Transport Workers next week.

To start with April 6th, the dock workers through the I. W. U. received a 5-cent an hour raise in pay. This is the first time the dock workers of Philadelphia ever got a raise in pay without a strike or without any worker losing an hour's time.

Delegate Paul Baker and Financial Secretary George McCannan are doing great work for the dock workers. It was through them that this raise in pay was gotten without a strike.

Put your eye on the Philadelphia waterfront, for the I. W. U. is there with both feet and the workers are joining the One Big Union in bunches.

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No Let Up in Strikes--Other News And Views

Well, there's no let up in the number of strikes... Capitalism has strikes...

The war is calculated in England to last another year... The calculations of capitalism are always grim calculations.

"The I. W. W. is dead." Tell that to President White and he'll say, with a sigh, "It is like--it is!"

Labor is now experiencing such intensification as a result of recent wage increases, as to make more revolts and strikes inevitable.

Nearly 900,000 women are now at one kind of work or another in Berlin, says a recent dispatch.

The farm population of the South is considerably larger than the South is considerably larger than the South...

Things here look not any too bright in favor of any kind of organization at the present moment.

Now, you fellow workers who are ready to start something, it's here ready to start.

Webb City I. W. W. THOUGHTGRAMS

This city, like many others of its size, has had been beset by the unwelcome host. Unwelcome to the employers, at least.

Some time about January 8 a fellow striker in Webb City, he came from somewhere in Northern Missouri, and was supposed to have brought his home with him, judging by the looks.

The operators have learned to have a wholesome "fear" (?) of the metal miners and smelters.

The Employers Association of Washington is now engaged in framing up a plan to increase the number of its members at the next election.

In February the Magons were arrested in Los Angeles on charges of inciting to murder and arson.

A meeting was held in Johnston, a suburb of Charleston, on the evening of April 7th, Riley go the box.

All members are urged to pay the local unit when passing through the Office at 1025 North Derby Street.

Canadian Soldiers Cow Cops

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Now that the Socialist Party has, for a time at least, been eliminated from the limelight in Butte, let us hope that the workers will once more depend on the industrial organization.

THE PREAMBLE

This working class and the unemployed class have been made slaves of the ruling class...

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organized movement...

J. J. Hill says that wages must come down. The organized workers should fight to stop it.

Denver, April 9--John D. Rockefeller, Jr., himself a Baptist, has agreed to contribute toward the erection of a Roman Catholic church at Berwind in Colorado.

The Colorado Fuel & Iron Company is providing a semi-monthly contribution to the congregation at Berwind.

In carrying out the scheme of cooperation outlined in the industrial organization plan adopted by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

In its latest monthly letter the Old National Bank of Spokane has the following statement:

Continued From Page One... from the made-criminal class, kept for the purpose of doing away with strikes.

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The I. W. W. Press

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"THE LIGHT" (The Light) Finnish, Monthly, 50 cents per year...

"THE PROLETARIAT" (The Proletariat) Italian, Weekly, \$1.00 per year...

"THE REBEL" (The Rebel) Spanish, Bi-Weekly, 50c a year...

"RABOCZYA RECH" (The Voice of Labor) Russian, Weekly, 40 cents a year...

Portuguese, Semi-monthly, Subscription 50 cents a year...

Swedish-Norwegian, Danish, \$1.00 a year...

Polish, Semi-monthly, \$1.00 a year...

Australian Administration "Direct Action" (English), Weekly, \$1.50 per year...

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