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"The Community Be Damned"

Says the Kansas City Times: "The man who wants to work and cannot find work is a loss not only to himself and his family but to the community as well."

From this we are supposed to infer that the employers and all their mercantile, professional and other retainers are very much opposed to unemployment on the part of the workers in their community.

There is still another way of making the attitude of the employing class clearer, as suggested in a conversation recently overheard by a friend of the writer's.

Just at present unemployment is at a minimum in this country due to special conditions that may or may not vanish in the near future.

Montana Workmen's Compensation Act

The Workmen's Compensation Act of Montana is like other laws passed by capitalist legislatures—this act is strictly for the benefit of the capitalist.

first two weeks medical and hospital services not to exceed \$50. But he receives no money of any kind.

2 After the first two weeks they pay the worker one-half of his wages, but that one-half must not be more than \$10 a week or less than \$5 a week.

Under this law there are three plans a company may choose:

- 1. They can insure their workers with the state at the above rate of compensation. 2. They can insure their workers with an outside insurance company...

To some companies in Montana the workers pay \$1 a month hospital fees; for this the workers are supposed to receive something extra, but they pay for it.

The only way for a worker to do under this law, is to go to a hospital as soon as he gets hurt so that he cannot work.

P. C. WETTER

The City of Rubber

An hour's ride south over undulating country, by trolley from the outskirts of Cleveland and you'll awaken to the fact that you have saved an hour, because the time in Akron is the same as the time you left Cleveland.

This doesn't mean that the town of Akron presents the proletariat with an hour of labor, but that they keep central time, an hour is gained from here to there.

Summit county in which Akron lies is reputed to be the topmost point in the state. This is true not only as to sea-level, but also as to elevation.

Several years ago when the rubber workers attempted to organize and struck to obtain their demands, one of the biggest of the rubber companies purchased a local newspaper.

Craft unionism is embryonic at the very best at present as far as Akron is concerned and there is scarcely a bit of agitation going on in this field.

One of the heads of the B. F. Goodrich Company, the biggest in Akron, stated something to the effect that the business and the prices for the same was so enormous that a fortune was to be made even though the market should cease in a short time.

The skilled crafts, electricians, carpenters, steam-fitters and the like, receive anywhere from fifteen to thirty per cent, less than their brothers in Cleveland.

"Come to Akron, the city of opportunity," is the mendacious insignia billboarded about the outskirts of the town to greet the credulous traveler as he whirls into the town.

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The One Big Strike

Words and Air by G. G. Allen

Now we have no fight with members of the old A. F. of L. But we ask you to use your own heads with the facts we have to tell.

Don't let them use the gun, scalps and all their like. What you need is One Big Union and the One Big Strike.

Why do you make agreements that divide you when you fight and let the bosses buy you with a contract's "sacred right"?

That your interests are identified it's time that you find out. There will be a revolution—a wheel shall run.

"Mobism" or "Democracy"

Sioux City, Ia., Oct 7 Editor "Solidarity":

The usual and accepted definition of the term "Democracy" is "Rule of the People." In the working class sense it would read "Rule of the Worker."

Men, unused to organization, may, without their execution, be victimized and deluded into accepting mob action as democracy.

Everett Fight-- Aid Wanted

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 4. To All Members of the I. W. W. Fellow Workers: The master class of Everett are determined that they will have the best of us.

From our Jewish I. W. W. paper, "The Industrial Unionist," published in Brooklyn, N. Y., we learn that the Publishing Association which is getting out the paper, decided at its last meeting to issue Joe Hill Special Edition in November.

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CAIF. FISHERMEN STRIKE IN

Women Take Leading Part in Fight That Brings Fish Merchants to Strikers' Terms.

(Special to Solidarity) fish dealers tried their last scheme... sent for L. Parenti (who was here directing the strike) and S. Tripani, president of the American Fish...

On the 18th of June we commenced to organize the fishermen on the Cuyahoga and Sandusky rivers. We started with 30 members. As they were organized by the A. P. of L. four different times and failed, the officials having expelled them...

On the 25th of August, first day of the fall season, the fish barons cut the price of salmon from 5c per pound (price fixed by the union) to 4c. It has been the custom of the fish barons to cut the price down to as low as one and one-half cents a pound in the fall...

But things have changed this time. As soon as the price of fish went down to 4 cents they struck and stood solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. They knew if they lost the strike the union would break up and they were doomed.

The majority started their nets in their homes. Although hunger was at their doors and the children began to cry for bread (the majority have big families) the women encouraged the fishermen to stand solid...

After the boys went out fishing, the fishermen's Industrial Union, Secy. RICHARD BRAZIER

YAKIMA CITIZENS "RECEIVE" I. W. W.

(Continued From Page 1) a conference with the city fathers, where the whole thing was discussed pro and con with the result that we were allowed to re-open the hall and continue the work of organization...

Lumberjacks of Minnesota

(Special to Solidarity) Bemidji, Minn., Oct. 4. We have opened a new branch of 400 at Bemidji for the lumberjacks. It is the best hall this side of Chicago. There is plenty of work here and men are scarce.

I traveled all last winter in these woods and found the camps in bad condition and needed a change. I went to the I. W. W. There is a class of workers here to handle who are different from the harvest workers. Camps are starting at \$40 to \$45 a month, thinking they will stop the I. W. W. from coming to the woods. Last year and the year before they paid the writer \$11 to \$16 a month and canned him for getting too much mail in camp...

ANOTHER URGENT DEFENSE CASE

(Special to Solidarity) Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 4. James Connelley has been released from Brown county jail at Aberdeen, S. D., after a year or more of confinement for shooting a brakeman in self defense over a year ago.

Workers who have gone to Canada to help harvest the grain have found themselves badly stung. First, their wages are lower than in former years, because the soldiers are working as laborers. The latter are receiving \$11.10 a day from the government and about \$2.50 a day from the farmer.

The government has also released practically all Austrians and Germans from the prison camps of the east and have sent them west to work for the farmers. In the west they work for whatever wages the farmers want to give them and the farmers report to the officials twice a month how they are doing.

Second, all farmers are paying off with checks, and when the workers take the checks to the bank to have them cashed they find there is a 10 per cent discount for the benefit of the King.

Third, if a worker or two should quit a job they are liable to be arrested for striking or inciting to riot, and their sentence will be suspended only if they will join the army.

Fourth, if you are standing on the street and are approached by a farmer who wants you to work for low wages and you refuse, you will then be arrested and kept about six months, unless you accept their offer and join the army.

GURLEY FLYNN FOR THE DEFENSE

P. O. Box 372, Virginia, Minnesota. Fellow-Workers: The trials of Carlo Trezza, Joe Schmidt, Sam Scarlett and others now held in the Duluth jail on a trumped-up charge of murder, have been set for December 12 at Virginia, Minn.

Between now and then we must do our utmost to make their case known to the wage-workers of America so they can be helped. All the I. W. W. workers appear for trial they will be sentenced with knowledge of the fact that the workers of America are looking on determined that no harm shall be done to those who have dared to think and fight.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will make her eastern tour for the defense fund on November 8. MARTINGONI, Secy. Fishermen's Industrial Union, 449

We have made up the list of dates as follows: November 4—Chicago, Ill. November 5—Detroit, Mich. November 6—Toledo, Ohio. November 7—Cleveland, Ohio. November 8—Buffalo, N. Y. November 9—Rochester, N. Y. November 10—Hartford, Conn. November 11—Schenectady, N. Y. November 12—Newark, N. J. November 13—Portland, Me. November 14, 15, 16—New York City. November 17—Paterson, N. J. November 18—Newark, N. J. November 19—Scranton, Pa. November 20—Philadelphia, Pa. November 21—Baltimore, Md. November 22—Pittsburgh, Pa. November 23—Kensington, Pa. November 24—New York City. November 25—Chicago, Ill. November 26—Twin Cities, Minn. November 27—Duluth, Minn.

We found that time will not permit us to give the localities any opinion as to dates. We will see that Flynn must return here for the trial. We have arranged the dates as best we could, the thing to do now is, to immediately get down to work and arrange for monster meetings everywhere.

Remember, fellow workers, the liberation of our fellow workers are at stake. If you are advised in time by our mail, please come to our meeting. Let us hear from you at your earliest possible opportunity. DEFENSE COMMITTEE, James Gilley, Secy.

Delegate Peter Rosell writes from Kenmare, N. D., stating that James Doyle wants to see the following fellow workers: James Dunn, Ed. Harnik and Mike Quigley. Doyle was stationary dealer in Kenmare and got arrested for defending himself against two hijacks. All witnesses in the case were from Kenmare and got arrested for defending themselves up to Minot jail again. Don't forget to see Doyle for \$2500. We have a lawyer here by name of Cooper, who has kept them from doing so. We have a lawyer here by name of Cooper, who has kept them from doing so. We have a lawyer here by name of Cooper, who has kept them from doing so.

Industrial Union literature And Propaganda Mediums

The following is a list of ALL the literature in stock at this time, additions will be announced from time to time as added. To avoid errors, articles and literature are listed in English language papers as advertised in these columns. (*) are available only in single copies.

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BOOKLETS: How to Overcome the High Cost of Living—T. F. G. Dougherty. Single copies 10c, 5 or more \$5. Industrial Organization and the I. W. W.—J. E. Jeter. Single copies 10c, 5 or more \$5. I. W. W. Songs (64 pages), Joe Hill Memorial Edition. Single copies 10c, 5 or more \$5. \$15.00 per 1,000.

I. W. W. PUBLISHING BUREAU 112 Hamilton Av. Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A. The I. W. W. in different industries and in different parts of the globe are summed up. It is generally gratifying to see the progress made in history, and this special issue will, what they call in Boston, an historical review.

CIRCULATION NOTES

The I. W. W. U. Special Edition has gone out into the big world and from all reports it is making good. Local 600 surpassed itself in filling this issue of Solidarity with the lively stuff that railroad men like to read. It was the only one of its kind in and helped to put a copy of the "Special" into the hands of every one of their fellow workers on the job.

ATTORNEY SHOWS UP; SHERIFF

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His reference in his interview to the hundred copies of the "Special" failed to see how empty her boots were for selling liquor. The "Special" would prove a piece of legal proof. If she has any evidence against any one of the I. W. W. members, she has him an opportunity to present it the first thing after the start of this month. If the sheriff presents evidence of liquor violation, it is the first time since the first time in his nearly three years of office that he, the chief police officer of the city, has been before the grand jury evidence of violation of the liquor laws or of the lottery laws. Forgive has cost this county several thousand dollars, and the expenditure of this amount of money is the property of a little mob for "So-called" I. W. W. take last week?

Minnesota and Other Prisoners Need Your Assistance

VOLUME SEVEN W. W. O. MOVING ALONG IN WASHINGTON

Decide They Have Evicted I. W. W. Invasions and Subside.

(Special to Solidarity) Zillah, Wash. A word from a field delegate, A. W. O. in the Northwest, reported a case in North Yakima "Central Club" had tried to pick their hands. It was in jail for two weeks...

Special Offer: An introductory package containing one each of all pamphlets, Song Book and West Pocket Edition. Price includes carriage prepaid.

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