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BOYS WANT TO STRIKE

New York Kids Tired of Short Pay, Long Hours, and No Holidays.

The strike germ which has bitten car men, farmers, Standard Oil employees and so many others of late is about to add two thousand of the American District Telegraph messengers in the service of the Western Union to its list of victims.

For the messenger boy the time for soft words has passed. He has told his unionist friends of telegraph companies and the like just as he has to do, and now, like his more experienced comrades, the adult unionist, he intends to enforce his ultimatum by a walkout.

VICTORY GIVES BOYS HOPE

The boys are already elated with the first victory their union has won over the A. D. T. Company, the organization that pays their salary and "runs" their services to the Western Union.

In the list of their original demands, framed at a meeting on September 24, they requested that holders of the strike be obliged to pay back to the A. D. T. Company each week for their uniforms removed. Two weeks later, officers of the company announced that this demand had been conceded.

WAR CHEST IS GROWING

Since the work of organizing the messengers began, a month ago, the war chest has grown to a credit of \$100.00.

LANE ORGANIZATION

Alford Stearns, Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 26. Solidarity: In the U. S. 354 Solidarity entitled, "Some Urgent U. S. W. Problems," suggesting changes in re-organization and other organization matters, is worthy of the consideration of the delegates at the convention.

JAMES PHILLIPS

Will Wm. St. Germain please address in 724 11th Ave. New York.

Shall These Men Be Sacrificed to the Steel Trust?



SAM SCARLETT

JOE SCHMIDT CARLO TRESCA

The Faith of a Little Child

"I was never so pleased with all the many resolutions and letters of protest and sympathy, as much as with this letter from a little ten-year-old girl."

"Dear Friend: I have been thinking of you for a long time, ever since I heard you were in prison; of which I feel so sorry for you, and also your companions."

"I have asked Plotti why they have put you in jail, and can not understand how they can put such a good man as you in jail. Are the people ever the so cruel as to do such a thing?"

"Here we had a few conferences so as to get money to get you to get out. And I hope you may soon be out and free again, so that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again."

"Papa and Mama and my little sister and Plotti and all the good people of San Rafael are joining me in sending all their best regards. I guess you remember me—the little girl that used to play the piano when you came and spoke in San Rafael."

Well, goodbye with love and many good wishes. Your little friend,

Box 592, P. S.—If there is anything I can do for you, kindly let me know. I am sending some flowers from my garden. Bye-Bye. L. C.

Remember that the miners on the range are doing all in their power for those in jail. All that can be expected of them. Union sentiment runs strong at every camp. Some mines are closed shops 100 per cent. I have just come from a Flynn meeting, where the packed hall rang with applause as the speaker put up the plot of the accused and crucified the hirelings of the Steel Trust. Thirty dollars were in the collection and fifteen men paid up on the cards taken out during the strike. New members come into all locals every day. Crosby has put a dollar assessment for each member to aid the defense. Others will follow.

The miners went back to work and turned all the support you gave them over to defense purposes. They elected James Gilday, as Secy-Treas. of the defense. It is their request that the U. S. W. locals be well represented in Gilday's first report of contributions received. ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART? HARRISON GEORGE

Enclosed find the sum of \$... to be devoted to the defense of the Mesaba Range Strikers and organizers. Yours for Their Liberty,

EVERETT FIGHT BITTER

(Telegram to Solidarity) Seattle, Wash., Oct. 31. Everett fight raging. Forty-one men attempted to enter Everett by steamer; paid their fares. Were met by mob of drunken vigilantes. Taken in automobiles by mob and taken to run the gauntlet of over 200 vigilantes armed with guns and clubs. The men were badly beaten up. Some man's shoulder broken, many cuts, bruises and broken heads. Some treated at Seattle hospital for serious internal injuries. Men to carry on the fight as badly needed. Give all publicity possible to the shame of Everett. Full particulars follow.

ONE TRIAL ON RANGE

(Telegram to Solidarity) Virginia, Minn., Oct. 31. The trial of Mike Vukobrat for murder is on at Hibbing. La-Sueur, leading counsel for defense, is making a magnificent fight for his incompetent workman. State witnesses all police, wags and gunmen. Testimony looks like frame-up.

TEXTILE "ARISTOCRATS" STRIKE

Loomfixers of Philadelphia Quarrel With Their Brother, the Boss, and As a Consequence May Sometime Find Their Place in the Labor Movement.

(Special to Solidarity) Philadelphia, Pa.

The Loomfixers' Union with 500 members in Philadelphia, recently declared a strike to enforce their demands for more wages. It was on Oct. 18th that they struck after trying to come to an agreement with the textile baron. The loomfixers have succeeded in breaking the ranks of the barons.

The loom fixer is the aristocrat of the textile industry, so aristocratic that he thinks he is a part of the firm and acts accordingly. That is, he has been acting that way until the firm refused to grant him \$8 more per week than he was getting prior to Oct. 18—\$22 per week.

The Loomfixers' Union is not affiliated with the A. F. of L. It is independent. About 5,000 textile workers are affected by the strike. The weavers who are thrown out of work as a result of the strike, held a meeting Oct. 23rd under the auspices of the A. F. of L. Cloth Weavers' Union, Local 72, which has a membership close to 1,000.

The next order of business will be a great big revolt. When it comes it is going to make the strike in Lawrence, Mass., and the Paterson, N. J., strikes look like child's play; 135,000 textile slaves in Philadelphia, outraged and brutalized by textile barons and labor fakirs, are getting tired of conditions as they exist today and are going to make a change in the near future.

Mr. Loomfixer, if you want to better your condition, you will have to organize with the rest of the textile slaves, not through federation, but industrially, that is with everyone that works in the textile industry, such as weavers, warpers, loomfixers, twisters, harness-binders, card-cutters, reed-makers, designers, spinners, slasher, wool sorters, dyers, etc., yes, even the awsew—everybody but the boss. When we strike, we shall all go out, taking the fireman and engineer with us. That's the way the Industrial Workers of the World do it, and that's the organization we have chosen to join.

THE STANDARD OIL METHOD

Writing to the New York Mail after personal investigation of the case of the Standard Oil Co. in the Bayou, I have found that the Standard Oil Co. is not content with brutalizing conditions and is now trying to get the workers to go to work as usual. It is of course inevitable that when a great crowd of undisciplined workers break out in an ambitious revolt against conditions that have stunted and often times brutalized them, there should be on their part acts of violence and resentment, but I give personal testimony that the brutality of repression, the absolute cruelty and wantonness of the police and government in this second great strike was enough to goad any set of men into acts of violence.

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N. Y. WAITERS PLAN STRIKE

Plans for a strike of waiters and kitchen workers have been formulated by union organizers, who announced last night that they intend to attempt to tie up the service of hotels, restaurants and clubs in the city. It was learned last night, however, that the waiters are not yet to affect the regular service of the hotels. Members of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance of America and the Federation of Culinary and Allied Trades, are holding a meeting at the Hotel Hamilton, where they are planning a strike, are employed as banquet waiters and cooks in small restaurants, only a small percentage being in the employ of hotels.

The demands of the waiters are a ten-hour day, pay for overtime and one day of vacation. After a meeting of the waiters' organization, held yesterday at the headquarters, 12 S. Mark's Place, at which the question of a strike was briefly discussed, William Lehmann, the union's general organizer, said that before any definite action was taken the matter would have to be referred to the executive committee of the organization on Wednesday—N. Y. Tribune, Oct. 21.

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Disinterested America

President Wilson, in an address to women at the Chicago Auditorium recently, relieved himself of the following: "Some of the difficulties in our foreign relations in the last two years have been due to the fact that it was not comprehended by some of our statesmen that the United States is really disinterested."

Assimilating The Foreign Workers

Ludlow, Colo., the Mesaba Iron Range of Minnesota, and Bayonne, New Jersey, are some recent industrial battlefields of the United States. Others too numerous to mention, have gone before them—all presenting the same characteristics, as far as the attitude of the employing class is concerned.

Haymarket Memorial

A Memorial Meeting, to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the hanging of the Chicago Haymarket victims, will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 p. m. at East 14th St. and Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Speakers: W. D. Haywood, Emma Goldman, F. P. D. East, J. J. Welsh, J. J. Editor, and Dr. Ben L. Reitman, chairman. Singing, music and foreign speakers.

was a fine lesson in assimilation! At least the children of these dead and injured strikers have been born of U. S. Citizenship. As they grow up, they will be expected to condemn the parents as criminals for trying to deprive their children of their childhood. They will be taught to sing, "My country 'tis of thee; sweet land of liberty, whither my children are bound."

It is well to note that this method of "assimilation" has its disadvantages, from a worker's standpoint. It has a tendency to DIS-assimilate the workers from their masters very sharply, and make clear the fallacy of the "harmony of interests" theory so strenuously advocated by social reformers.

It is here that the I. W. W. enters the arena with its One Big Union proposition. The mission of our organization is to assimilate all the workers into one body, regardless of the accident of their birthplace, and regardless of their color or creed.

Once this process of assimilation through One Big Union is well under way, the power of the master class will wane. The only kind of power that will remain will be the rendered ineffectual through the coercive power of industrial solidarity.

Organization And The Seamen's Bill

After sailing on the lakes all summer, I have found that the seamen are no better off this year than the years previous to the so-called Seamen's Bill, which has been a law since last November.

The only way I can see to get anything, is by organizing. It is true that wages have been \$10 to \$15 more a month this year than last. But the Seamen's Bill isn't responsible for the raise, as the officials of the Lake Seamen's Union claim.

The only union that organizes that way is the Marine Transport Workers' Industrial Union of the Industrial Workers of the World. Follow the example of the Marine Transport Workers' Industrial Union which is the I. W. W. Read its books and papers, and when you are finished, pass them over to your mate and let him write and after you have read the stuff of the One Big Union, member that we are living in the twentieth century, and therefore we have got to organize in the most up-to-date union and that is the I. W. W.

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Another Banquo's Ghost

Governor Spry and his clique of political associates, who listened to the votes of the corporations in Utah and saw Joseph Hill administered them at the time by none other than President Wilson, are still smarting from the blow.

In the case of Georgia President Wilson refused to interfere with the processes of the courts. He told 2,000,000 petitioners on behalf of Leo M. Frank that as President of the United States he would not interfere with the operation of justice in a sovereign state.

By John A. Fitch Three people had a dozen or so in the city hospital badly wounded, property destroyed, innocent people bruised and assaulted in the strike in Bayonne, N. J., after two weeks of the strike of the employees of the Standard Oil Company.

What is it all about? What desperate situation lies back of it all? There are varying opinions, but here seems to be about the only documentary evidence; it is the list of "demands" served on the Standard Oil Company by the Standard Oil Company.

21. "We request that an 8-hour day be adopted as a basis throughout the industry." 22. That fairness be exercised in discharging men and that men shall be discharged without being placed in the street there are two classes of men.

"We make the above requests in a peaceful and amicable manner, without threats or violence, preferring to obtain what we deem justly due in a friendly and peaceful manner." Workers' Industrial Union of the Industrial Workers of the World.

These two strikes within fifteen minutes of each other are a striking proof to suggest that the workers of Bayonne and the workers of Cleveland are in the same position, turbulent and bloodthirsty lot.

Home Valley, Wash. D. C. The evolution of the human race is the result of the struggle for existence. It is the struggle for existence. It is the struggle for existence.

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CALL TO ORGANIZE

Conditions of the Workers in the National Candy Company of Chicago.

In the factory of the National Candy Co. in Chicago is practical exploitation of the worst type. At 6:30 in the morning the slaves can be seen flocking to the factory...

The law nor the worker has anything to say about the working hours.

And the law conflicts with the profits of the company the law must take a back seat for the law which capitalism makes and makes has nothing to do with the company's reputation for getting out the goods.

No such excuse can be given in the Billings case. The people of San Francisco were deeply stirred by the preparation of the final indictment...

Most of the employees are foreign-speaking, Italians, Polish, Austrian and German.

There are about twelve candy factories in Chicago. Four of them within a radius of six blocks and a continual demand for common labor.

The idea is to get on the job in this one industry, which is an easy thing to do and concentrate your efforts in that one place.

Concentration of forces is a great thing and by concentrating our forces in this particular industry we can accomplish something worth while.

This is not a pipe dream or an impossibility. Chicago has been the stronghold of the American Federation of Labor but we can make it the stronghold of the I. W. W., if we so wish.

There are a few here but not near enough, and you members who are roaming about the country seeking the ever elusive job, come to Chicago.

There is not a reason in the world why we cannot succeed in this one undertaking. We are not members of these factories are ripe for organization and we can organize them by the delegate system, which is a very practical way.

You can get on the job in these factories now that the busy season is on, and the busy season will last till the first of March and the thing to do is to get in and make yourself solid.

Remember our departed fellow workers last words and wishes. Organize, don't mourn!

If you are interested in this piece of work come to Chicago or write to V. R. Crangan, 808 West Van Buren street, cor. Halsted street, care of Iron Workers Hall, or Card No. 191595, Room 307-154 West Washington street, Chicago.

Reaction in Australia

Sydney, Australia, Oct. 1

Since my last communication, things have developed some. The military powers have taken full control without actually declaring martial law. The Industrial Bureau has thrown its office (called people's rights) as not needed.

September 30th last thirty plain clothes police with military powers swooped down on our headquarters and arrested all men on the premises.

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Ted Fraser would like to hear from John Parrish, late secretary of miners' local, Wash. City, Mo. Also Frank McCoy, Brown at Lyons, Kansas, knowing where these fellow workers are, please inform them of this note.

Spokane headquarters for both 222 and 223 are at 1155 Broadway St. to 207 Trent Ave. Better hall good local at AVONDALE, Minn. Also at Virginia, Minn. at an on strike at the John Mine in Crosby, Minn. in the city.—Don Sheridan, Sec'y.

THE BILLINGS VERDICT

Billings has been convicted. Convicted in spite of his proven innocence. For it is literally true that in the Billings trial the prosecution not only failed to make its case but the defense actually PROVED the innocence of Billings, proved that, even according to the State's testimony, was a physical impossibility.

Subly woven through the State testimony could be traced the fine handiwork of Private Detective Swanson, confidential representative of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the United Railroads, chief detective of the Public Safety, and who unanimously agreed that they were incapable of being mistaken or telling a lie.

All this in full view of the big audience attracted by the sensational trial. But instead of giving vent to their anger, these ever-unfortunately by the attorneys for the defense, there appeared a steadily growing crowd, silent and commanding, whose invisible presence was yet palpably felt.

The prosecution was shaken to its very foundations. It did not dare ask for the death penalty. It ignored the evidence and wrapped itself in the folds of the law.

Like the scenes of some absorbing drama, the courtroom scene unfolded on the stage of the dinky courtroom. Within the railing, on reserved seats, sat a crowd of witnesses of this intense human play.

The crowded courtroom held its breath as the jurors slowly filed in. They had no time for a moment of which were spent at luncheon—a fat of a half hour.

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CIRCULATION NOTES

Every member of the I. W. W. realizes that the success of the movement is due to a knowledge of the One Big Union and the things it stands for.

DEFENSE IN PHILA. (Special to Solidarity) Philadelphia, Oct. 26. Just a few days ago we were told to know that the defense conference here is still on the live wire and will stay there until our countrymen are freed from the bull pen of Minnesota.

There are dozens of college weather jobs where the same stunt can be carried out by the great work of the I. W. W. are now employed in the great factories of the master class.

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