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Let us make 9-17 the Banner Year! CELEBRATE JANUARY 17, 1917. A COMING BATTLE FREE SPEECH WON DEVELOPMENT OF EVERETT FIGHT

While the Black Flag of the Steel Trust Floats at Half Mast, at the Death of Its Murderous Hopes, The Miners Get Treason, Schmidt and Scarlett With Cheers of Welcome.

ELS OF TODAY, heralding the future, swinging forward ever forward to the stirring strains of the tunes and the music of Joe Hill... Following Hilton-Treaca spoke in Italian; while Scarlett set the audience wild with an address, rich with glowing pictures by iron bars... "It made no difference, I discovered," he said, "whether you were in jail among the walls were iron bars or whether you were in the Belgrade Mine, where the walls are of iron... It is just the same, we are prisoners of the system in either place."

On Thursday, the 14th, 38 men who have charges pending against them by King County were released on bonds of \$50 each... The following are the men out on bail: W. O. Lily, C. L. Johnson, F. Lansing, Steve Helotour, James Callahan, Sam Scott, J. A. Hady, Willis Johnston, A. O. Hooper, R. W. Jones, C. C. Hulbert, Chas. Ellis, Thos. Smye, Harry Chase, E. Belmont, E. G. Ackmore, Chas. Day, Robt. Woods, L. E. Butcher, O. Genty, Hy. Parker, J. Ryan, Joe Kelly, C. Burke, E. McBride, M. Skomo, H. P. Humberger, and R. Nicholson.

Union sentiment is running high among the sawmill workers in Minnesota... The date of the trial of the 74 men now in jail has not yet been set. The prosecution is enlisting the services of all the outside talent obtainable in order to put these men behind the bars for life.

WAR BRING UNTOED RICHES TO U. S. By Dr. Arthur Selwyn-Brown... The old year leaves us the wealthiest nation in the world, with a per capita income of \$1,200 and 42 cents is colossal.

FREE SPEECH PRISONERS ARRANGED Saturday Dec. 23... The arraignment of the 74 men charged with murder by the prosecution of Snohomish County, Wash., took place at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, Dec. 23.

GERMAN WORKERS ATTENTION! We, the undersigned, desire to assist towards propagating the ideas of industrial unionism among the German workers and feel the need of a German paper to that end.

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Make 1917 the Greatest Year for the I. W. W.

It may be well to keep in mind, with the closing days of 1916 that the past year has been a year of triumph and achievement for the Industrial Workers of the World. The one Big Union swept the agricultural, lumber, mining and other regions like a whirlwind and banded together an army of thousands of workers into a great fighting organization. For the sole purpose of extracting more of the good things of life from out of the hands of the exploiting class.

The gaining of a little more is but a step toward the goal for which we are eventually striving. Our mission is the overthrow of capitalism, the abolition of the wage system and forming the structure of a new society within the shell of the old. The foundation for the new society has been well laid and in the year 1917 we were reinforced most wonderfully. Many of the out-of-date methods and rules were laid aside at the 10th annual convention, which have been replaced by new ones. The needed changes within the I. W. W. were met and made to cope with the existing conditions and changes within the industry. Therefore, knowing this, we are prepared to forge ahead with our wonderful structure of industrial organization, as perhaps no other union has ever done before.

At the conclusion of the general convention, a delegate was heard to remark, "Let our slogan be One Million I. W. W. Members Within Another Year." Fellow workers, do you think it is possible? Many wonderful things have been accomplished in this great age of achievements and we can say it is not impossible. We of the Industrial Workers of the World declare we are going to try and make this slogan a reality. To achieve this every member must do his or her part.

Many do not believe in New Year's resolutions, but remember when the first of January, 1917, comes, you to yourself: "I resolve that I will do my utmost in helping to make 1917 the greatest of all years for the I. W. W."

"I resolve that I am going to put my shoulder to the wheel and do my share of the organization work."

"That I am at all times going to be alert and ready for immediate action when the organization needs me."

"So, therefore, I, as a dues paying member of the I. W. W., am constituting a unit of the organization, will immediately find my place and function to the best of my ability."

It would be well to bear in mind something similar to the above and when the year 1917 is ushered in, we can have already prepared ourself to our part for the building of the greatest fighting revolutionary labor organization the world has ever known.

Now is the time. Prepare yourself today. Do your duty to the I. W. W. and the working class.

C. W. ANDERSON

An Illuminating Law Suit

Sometimes suits take place in court that are illuminating—they tell in light on the meaning of modern corporations.

Recently some minor stockholders sued Henry Ford in order to contest his distribution of dividends. They raised in order their unusual and peculiar claim that it was his policy to benefit humanity rather than make money for the stockholders. The immense "capital assets" of the Ford Co.—\$108,000,000—would indicate that the allegation is either not well founded, or that the most important part of humanity under the circumstances—the Ford workers—is not getting all that is properly due to it, according to the allegators' contentions.

However, that, just now, is neither here nor there. What is noteworthy is the fact that a court has been appealed to in this "civilized" country in order to prevent a corporation from being operated for human benefit rather than the advantage of its stockholders. Heretofore we had been led to believe that a corporation is a social creation with social objects primarily. But now, it appears that this belief is unwarranted; that a corporation is an organization solely of, by, and for, its stockholders. Their profit is the primary consideration. They come first, and after them, the deluge.

This is a very interesting disclosure. It may help to explain much. Why corporations that exploit foreign nations are first to advocate war—for national reasons? Not that they are really their stockholders. And why back of every cry against "attackers" corporations there may be found, not the protection of private stockholders. Workingmen shot down in corporation strikes are now enabled to realize more fully what they are being murdered. In many of the strikes where they are being murdered, humanity must take a back seat and suffer. Truly edifying, uplifting and noble!

It does not appear, though, that the court appealed to in the Ford case took the minority stockholders' claim very seriously. It decided various points without rendering any decision on it. The court evidently knows corporations too well to be impressed by any argument that would make them out to be primarily altruistic. A corporation that has a humanitarian rather than a profit motive business policy is such an impossibility today as to make no impression when alleged to exist. In addition to refuse to be misled by any contention alleging lofty purposes to it. Its paternalism rebuffs the workers of initiative and self-reliance, reducing them to mere automatons set in motion by Mr. Ford. The technique speeds up the workers to the limit and makes of them, nothing more than a mass of raw material. When they are tired and overworked, the Ford Co. knows no humanity. It knows only espionage and non-unionism—submissive wage slaves and cogs in a great big productive and distributive organization, which crushes them beneath a thousand tons.

The humanitarianism of Ford, like charity, should start at home! He should get off of the workers' backs, so that they may see.

Perhaps the court knew all this, and so knowing, refused to

consider the alleged Fordian philanthropy in the light presented. One word more, and then we'll close. Why should not corporations be primarily humanitarian? Why should it not be alleged against a company that it is being operated for private instead of social good? Ask yourselves these questions and then read I. W. W. literature to help you to find an answer to them.

J. E.

Arraignment Day In Everett

By Charles Ashleigh

On Wednesday, Dec 20, there was a stir upon the streets of the "thriving" city of Everett, Wash. Quite a number of citizens were to be seen congregated in the vicinity of the County Jail and Courthouse. Several women were there and quite a few working men. Among the throng would be seen every now and again a slouching, scowling figure, at whom all looked askance. This was one of the gunmen imported by the business interests of the city to "protect"—what? Nobody knew they were supposed to protect—not what they were to protect it against. But they were there; the Commercial Club had no rule!

Presently the men were opened and a little procession passed the threshold. Three groups of workmen, guarded by a strong escort of deputies, made their way down the street. There were men of all ages in the captive company. Many were boys, some were in the prime of life and others were grizzled veterans of industry. They wore clean-shaven and neatly dressed and each one carried himself with a self-reliant and contained air.

Now, some of Everett's citizens had the chance, for the first time, of looking upon some of those dread I. W. W.'s about whom the press had so hysterically raved. But, they did not look like desperadoes. They were not one among them who bore himself in the so-called characteristic manner of the criminal. No hangdog air about these! Clean-living and clear-thinking workingmen, they appeared, with something solidly about their orderly manner of progress; for they are soldiers; soldiers of the Industrial Commonwealth to come!

Motherly old ladies in the crowd crooned sympathetically over them as they passed. "Poor boys," said one old soul. "Why they don't look as though they'd hurt a fly! "Hurt anybody?" said a hunky single-weaver standing near. "Why, of course they don't want to hurt anybody, but they're trying to do, mother, is to stop the bosses hurting us!"

Many workmen in the crowd said an encouraging word, for the I. W. W. boys as they filed past. Others were silent; but their tight pressed lips and clenched hands spoke more clearly than all the hurrying and hurrying about them.

Seventy-three of them were there; for one, Ed Roth, lies sick in hospital after a dangerous operation. One of the good respectable citizen's bullets has just been taken from his lung and it is not quite certain whether Ed will live on to fight the good fight.

Seventy-two of the men were dressed in clean-shaven and unfinching, among the furtive hulking gunmen. They were unalashed and unafraid as becomes good rebels when they face the enemy. And many good townsmen of Everett came away with a different conception of the character of the I. W. W. than they had held before.

In the dull, close court-room a droning voice went drearily on through the monotonous mazes of legal formula. A murder charge was being laid against these men; they were charged with the killing of a deputy on Nov. 5. And around the Court-house the press of the crowd was ready to burst its way through the Hugo Gerlat, Abe Rabinowitz, Felix Baran, Gus Johnson and John Looney on that same Nov. 5. But they were not in the dock. They walked the streets free men in this fair land of justice and equal rights.

Over them was over the boys trooped back to their prison. This was the first glimpse of the open they had had for over a month. If the Lumber Barons have their will it will be the last glimpse of their lives. For the masters would starve these men of light, air, and liberty for all their lives long and, if only there were capital punishment in the state, would gladly send them to send them to their death? Perhaps the living death of penal servitude is even worse than the gallows, and it is to this that the ruling class would condemn our Fellow Workers.

But why do they want to doom them? Why do the paid or unpaid masters of the world want to see the lives of thousands of their kind perished? Because they believe in ORGANIZATION! Because they are in revolt against the rule of the masters! Because they are soldiers in a holy war against profits. And whoever sends them to the knee to profits, him will the rulers grind to his death.

Workingmen, shall this be? Shall yet more of our number be offered up upon the pre-stained altar of Profits? Shall the long drawn out tortures of the penitentiary be the lot of our Fellow Workers who have raised their voices for Free Speech for Labor? They left Seattle on Bloody Sunday, Nov. 5, with song upon their lips and light upon their faces and they have come to spread still further the good news of Industrial Unionism to the working class. And now they walk in the shadow of lifelong imprisonment with all the powers of organized capital against them and only the hope of the workers' solidarity to sustain them. Will you let them die?

You, the workers, are all they have. It was for you they fought; it is for you they risk life-long imprisonment. It is you only that can deliver them. What will your answer be?

Joe Hill

Sweet singer of a militant democracy, inspired poet of the working class, whose verses run the gamut of proletarian hopes and aspirations, his name shall be remembered and his memory and brave forever shall live in the hearts and literature of those to whom he devoted his life.

He perceived, with clear vision, that without organization and education must precede emancipation. He believed that enduring, revolutionary working class organization can be effected only at the point where they come into immediate contact with their exploiters—in industry.

Joe Hill not only believed in Democracy, but he was willing to work for it; and his tragic death resulted from his valiant fight for industrial liberty.

It is a legend of the Westland from whence our post-organization came, that is a legend that something of the purpose, spirit and courage of a brave warrior who has died on the field of battle, enters into and becomes a part of those who live to continue the fight. Whether as falsehoods are perpetuated or not—many truths as well as legends are of this nature. It is the spirit that actuated Joe Hill is rampant today in the lives of a growing militant working class and must increase and intensify in the days to come.

J. STEPHEN DODD

Reorganizing Union 44, of Minneapolis, is again on the map with a good membership to welcome the new year. We had our first meeting on Sun. Dec. 17, at the Gynal Doid Hall. In spite of the cold we had a good attendance, and are going to keep the workers in the city of mills. After offering officers and hearing G. E. R. Member Lambert, and Robert and Bill come of the A. W. O. of N. B. and taken to court the union of the day. We can use some good rebel girls and a few more. Keep your eyes on G. E. Secretary Walker, R. Russell, Press Committee.

The organization committee immediately rented a permanent headquarters located at 311 E. 5th St., New York City. We plan to hold lectures and discussions as we see possible. Some of the locals will hold their business meetings there and their share for the upkeep of our headquarters. The organization committee is also handling all defense meetings. We are arranging two meetings for James P. Thompson, on Jan. 14 and 15. All who come this way, drop in. The hall is open to all. Literature on sale.—Press Committee.

G. A. Roberts has been elected secretary of I. W. O. 66, and branch secretary of A. W. O. 400, at Fresno, Calif.

Learning From Our Masters

The slow-down tactics of the advanced industrialists, the plutocratic press indignantly smarts. "The damnable policy of restricting production," has been attracting a fair share of attention in the Eastern States lately. To a community that has been subsisting for years on the water-gruel economies of the Western in press it may occasion some surprise to learn that the "go slow" idea originated in the brain of the capitalist. The "damnable policy" of restricting the output of commodities has been, and is, explicated to evidence that such a policy is not merely gutted with its essence, meat, or fruit, or tobacco, or transport facilities such as trips to Sydney. Holding the key of the position, either as the owner of a commodity, or as intermediary between the man who grows or makes it, and one who eats or uses it, the CAPITALIST SLOWS DOWN where there is any likelihood of an article becoming so plentiful as to clip the profits. Should Nature, with that callous disregard for the convenience of mankind, so characterize her, attempt to deal unfairly with the Fat man by blessing the country with a good season, wheat, fruit, fat beef, butter, and so forth, are produced in abundance and should be reasonably cheap. Here the Fat man steps in and says, "What? Rush all these things on to the market? No fear. Why, prices would go down with a bang, and then where would be the profits? Go slow. Regulate supply in sunny New South Wales, and don't rush things." To such lengths does Fat carry his slow-down tactics that he has the object of keeping fruit at a profitable price, hundreds of tons of that necessary, and expensive, article of diet, have been towed out and dumped into the Pacific and hundreds more sent to the incinerator in sunny New South Wales. The Australian Gas Company is a pointed out to him that compulsion and cloth, by irrevocable dumping coal-tar into the sea because it cannot get its usual, satisfactory price for that useful commodity. Should some misguided individual attempt to explain what an iniquitous rule the capitalist code is engaged in, he is reviled and spat upon. Then, he is told he should have his metal outfit, and ridiculous and reproves him. He is told he should have his metal outfit, and ridiculous and reproves him. He is told he should have his metal outfit, and ridiculous and reproves him. He is told he should have his metal outfit, and ridiculous and reproves him.

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A Study in the Degeneration of Political Game

From Perth, Australia, comes the "Truth," which contains a good arrangement of "labor" and the so-called "laborer." The "truth" is a "study in the degeneration of political game." It is a study in the degeneration of political game.

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