

THE HISTORY OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNION MANIFESTO.

A Meeting in the Ontario House. On June 25, about 15 men who had come to Chicago to attend the convention...

Those who had called the meeting in the Ontario House had agreed not to let it appear in any way...

It was for this reason alone that the meeting was open to everybody. Debs and De Leon had met in the forenoon...

Haywood presided, for three hours and a half opinions were exchanged. Debs was the most advanced in outlining the policy...

It was in this session again where all the signs of the manifesto, at least those present agreed that any introduction of secret work...

THE WORKING CLASS FOR UNITY. It was in Pittsburgh, where one of the biggest mass demonstrations ever held in that part of the country...

It was in Youngstown again, on Labor Day, the most startling manifestation where it was observed that the toilers do not desire to be in each other's hair all the time...

weighed like an albatross upon the actions of those who could not understand the impulsive actions of the workers. It was not what the masses wanted, who, as Debs says in his speech on "class unionism"...

What happened in New Castle, Pa., that a "leadership" could destroy all prospects, could throw back into the abyss of disappointment thousands of hopeful workers...

THE AFTERMATH. There are only three men alive who participated in another conference held at New Castle, and who know that transpired behind the scenes after the enthused crowd that had travelled from near and far had dispersed...

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The New Castle conference between the three men, which it was agreed that the supporters of the theory that the economic organization should not permit the domination of its own affairs by any political party...

A FEW WORDS ON PANICS. Much has been said and written on panics and their causes, and from the theories held by many of the so-called authorities on subjects of this nature...

When we take economic panics in the light of the theories of the capitalist, or economist, as are easily obtainable and not too complex, and with those for text and other sources of general information...

formation for our consideration, we can draw such an indictment against the present system, as would serve to condemn it before any body of ordinarily intelligent people.

Before what we might term the machine age of our development we had famine, due to a multiplicity of causes. War, drought, pestilence were the chief ones. In some of these famines, all portions, or classes, suffered from want and hunger.

It cannot be denied that, with the introduction of machinery, production increased considerably and as the machine became more practical, so much in proportion as the population increased. At this point we can trace the logical source of all our modern panics and discern the source of the panics of the future.

We get a clue from the Republican platform adopted at the recent national convention. They dwell eloquently upon the fact that during their administration the manufacturing industries alone paid out in weekly wages to their workmen the sum of \$1,000,000,000...

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The two first named have related the same facts, and the third knew of the version given by them to the incident of New Castle, on the first day of the second convention of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Now we go to the process of re-union and concentration. Manufacturers and merchants are continually being merged together. Inevitably others fall. Merchants and manufacturers do a large volume of their business on paper, that is, on credit.

THE STATEMENT CONFIRMED. Mr. E. V. Trautmann, General Secretary-Treasurer, Industrial Workers of the World, 210 Bush Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:—In a communication from Mr. J. H. Hanneemann we are informed that by a referendum vote, taken recently, the Industrial Workers of the World decided to disband on July 1, 1908.

There was never a disagreement about the election of officers only a few whose offices had been abolished at the second convention in 1906, took possession of the old headquarters of the organization with the aid of professional slugs...

As we have the sense of panics, we really settle what might be understood as the remedy. The capitalist class, by their individual selfishness, have their individual selfishness, hold their hand on the lever that,

wrongly used, leads to wrecks and demolition. But, even with their imperfect knowledge of the gigantic organism they control, so integral and independent are the many parts that make up the complex that, even in spite of their carelessness, selfishness and ignorance, the evolution that is steadily being forced upon them, hurried along more so than ever in their mad race for profit, in what the end will lead to their destruction as a class.

In the mad rush for profit it is of vital import that everything in the nature of a useless expense must be eliminated. We the capitalist realized that wage labor was cheaper than chattel slaves labor, he gave up the ownership of man in the flesh for the more advantageous ownership of the tools of production and distribution by tool through which he would have more complete control over the worker than ever before.

The time must come soon when the workers will realize, after having had the pointed out to them, that, through the proper method of organization on the industrial field alone can they effect any permanent relief or ultimately the working class of this country, i. e., those who work at gainful occupations, including brain as well as physical workers, represent 93 per cent of our total population.

But we must try to distinguish between what is political action and political politics. Political action means a recognizable force, some definite quantum. It may be even small, but it must be manifest. It must be so thoroughly disciplined that wherever this political action takes place, it is subject to either be bought, waylaid or caajoled.

Although I have digressed somewhat from the starting point, still, nevertheless, this is relevant to the subject in hand. To merely say a few words on panics is simply a waste of time. It is my purpose to point out to you, not only what, in my opinion, causes panics, but what to me is the logical remedy which will make any other remedies, this costs nothing.

If we want to abolish panics we must abolish their cause and the only practical method is that held out by the Industrial Workers of the World. It is up to you, fellow workers, to get together. Yours for industrial freedom. SAMUEL A. STODEL.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of July 13th was received today. The Industrial Workers of the World have not disbanded, the organization is today in just as healthy a condition as it was in the days of its inception.

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The Industrial Workers of the World have since 1906 a complete and complete stenographically recorded minutes are at your disposal if you desire

to have more information of the present status of the organization. The next convention will be held on September 21st, 1908, in the city of Chicago, as already announced in the weekly publication of the Industrial Workers of the World, of which I will mail you a copy.

OLEANING FROM THE INDIA-TOR. From Reports Received at Central Station, 212 Bush Temple. Pacific Coast—From Seattle to San Diego the I. W. W. is getting headway.

New England States—Continually progressing, active, enthusiastic and practical in their work. Disturbing elements absent.

New York and Paterson—Settling down to earnest construction propaganda. The main issue during the last few months are forced slowly to vamoose. Heavy rains, leaving a few alone in "travelling the constitution," settled the dust.

Chicago, Aug. 13. The I. W. W. will give an entertainment and dance, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 8 p. m. at Gluecks Hall, corner of Siegel and Spagewick Streets.

ADVANCE NOTICE. If conditions permit we will get out an I. W. W. special edition of the I. W. W. Bulletin, eight pages of up-to-date "Petitbone Dope."

Another endorsement of resolution. Peter Jacobson, Secretary of Local Union No. 91, Yorkers, N. Y., informed headquarters officially that said local had also endorsed this resolution...

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Canadian Pacific Railway is putting to work during its present strike show good knowledge of the wage market, and no inclination to take less than going prices. Perhaps this is only exchanging one peril for another.

A CORRECTION. The constitution of the National Industrial Union of Textile Workers provides that six members should be elected on the Executive Board of that organization.

NOTICE. All unions of textile workers of the I. W. W. will receive this week copies of the official count of ballots on the election of national secretary and the national executive board.

ATTENTION, ITALIAN WORKERS. Local unions of the I. W. W. throughout the West are hereby notified that the services of fellow-worker Gildo Ringi, who is an efficient Italian organizer and speaker, holding organizer credentials from headquarters, can be had for the purpose of organizing Italian workers...

CHICAGO WORKERS TAKE NOTICE. The Scandinavian branch of the I. W. W. will give an entertainment and dance, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 8 p. m. at Gluecks Hall, corner of Siegel and Spagewick Streets.

ASSIST THE STRIKING FELLOW WORKERS. About two weeks ago members of the French branch of the I. W. W. Textile Workers' Union of Lawrence were compelled to walk out of the factory because they would not stand for any more cuts in wages.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION.

In accordance with the constitutional provision regarding amendments to the I. W. W. constitution, I offer the following suggestions for publication in the Bulletin.

Let the General Secretaries prepare a model constitution as a basis for action by the coming convention, and containing, among others, the following proposed changes:

(a) Abolition of mixed or "Local Recruiting Unions," except those well defined industries, i. e., those embracing workers of a single industry only.

(b) The substitution of Propaganda Leagues or Clubs for Mixed Locals, the members of such Leagues to have no vote as such, in the administrative affairs of the I. W. W. and subordinate parts thereof.

Reasons for (a) and (b): Mixed locals have failed to train their members to a proper understanding of the structural form of the I. W. W. They are not industrial in form or functioning.

As recruiting unions they have been a failure on account of recruiting for themselves instead of for bona fide industrial unions.

Thousands of workers have been driven out of them because of internal dissensions over theoretical or non-essential questions, which for the most part do not affect bona fide industrial unions, which are mainly concerned with practical affairs of their respective industries.

Mixed locals open the door for schemers and impractical "intellectuals" to meddle in the administrative affairs of the industrial organizations, with the result that unwholesome controversies are by the mixed locals kept alive throughout the entire organization.

pay two cents to local unions seven cents per member per month, the stamp system to continue.

Reason: The present high per capita in the I. W. W. is a serious drawback to the growth of the organization, especially in the east, where in many industries very low wages prevail.

A high per capita means high dues in local unions, or if dues are kept down, very little is left in local treasuries to carry on the work of organization.

It has been found necessary for the G. E. B. to offer reductions of per capita to outside organizations considering affiliation with the I. W. W.

The above are some of the changes which appear to me to be necessary to put the I. W. W. on a workable basis and to avoid many of the errors of the past three years.

The following are some of the amendments to the constitution submitted by the Industrial Union of North America and endorsed by:

1. Clothing Workers' I. U. L. 59, New York.

2. Bakery Workers, L. 46, New York.

3. Millinery Workers, L. 53, New York.

4. Textile Union, L. 157, New Bedford, Mass.

5. Metal and Machinery, L. 15, New York.

6. Mixed Local, L. 206, Brooklyn, N. Y.

7. Musicians' Union, L. 522, New York.

Article V. Revenue of the Organization. Sec. 2. From monthly per capita stamps sold to national department at the rate of 3 cents; to national Industrial Unions at the rate of 6 cents; to local industrial unions at the rate of 10 cents.

payments, since the monthly stamp is often affixed when the full quota of part payments are made.

If some locals should think that expenses for printing weekly stamps will cost a lot, we submit that we are in favor that dues stamps should again be printed in plain sheets of 100 stamps as formerly.

It will cost much less to print same and enable headquarters to get a better quality. The stamps should stick better, at any rate.

We also suggest to general headquarters that in case the amendments are carried, the monthly stamp be of red color after the present stock is used up, and the weekly stamp of a deep blue color.

This Local, knowing that membership books of our organization are always open to be mislaid or stolen, wish to prevent such membership books being used for fraudulent purposes by persons who would impose on the good nature of members and locals.

This Local therefore suggests as a remedy for such an evil, which it believes is often perpetrated, that members from now on sign their names in their membership books, and the address of Local to be left out altogether.

Local 179 submits the following amendments to the Constitution: First: Resolved, That the members of the General Executive Board of the Industrial Union or Departments, shall be in good standing in the General Organization at least one year, and 30 days in the Local Union.

WHERE LABOR IS ROBBED. It is of the highest importance to have a clear understanding of the place and manner in which the robbery takes place, otherwise we shall be in danger of drifting far from the power of the I. W. W. and have no voice in the Socialist program.

Probably the principal reason for much of the opportunism that afflicts the Party today is to be found in a lack of understanding on this subject. A Battle Creek contributor tells us of a local where labor is employed, and directly, nowhere else.

Labor cannot be robbed in the prices it is compelled to pay for the commodities which it consumes. For the good and sufficient reason that the cost of living determines wages. Wages always hover about the cost of subsistence.

The only workmen in whose pockets the Boss Trust has its hand are its own employees whom it robs, as its employer does, in their pay envelopes. That the wage-earner does not pay the taxes is directly evident with the great majority of them who have nothing to tax.

ened transit, or if they made it free it would be all the same, municipal lighting, lowering of rents—all these and similar measures are seen to be purely Middle-Class measures, designed either to make the big robbers divide up a little more evenly with the little robbers, or to enable the employing class to house and feed their wage-slaves more cheaply and, consequently, get them for less wages.

The one thing needful for the working-class, without which all efforts to better their condition are vanity and vexation of spirit, is the capture for collective ownership of the land and the machinery of production. When we have this, we have it all. Without it we are nothing. All efforts or attempts to benefit the workman by lowering the cost of his living will only play into the hands of the employing class.

A knowledge of the fact that labor is robbed just where it is employed, and, directly, no where else spells REVOLUTION.—The Wage-Slave, Hancock, Mich.

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THE JOBBITE'S SOLILOQUY. (With apologies to the late William Shakespeare.) Jobbite: One who makes an idol of a job and a god of the man who owns the job.

To scab or not to scab? That is the question; Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of a respectable job Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them? To work: To slave; and by slaving to say we are free.

That patient merit of the hobnob takes When he himself might his quietus make With a humble job? How would parasites bear To grin and sweat under a weary life? But that the dread of hunger when divorced from a job, The oft counted ties from whose weary way Many a hero returns, puzzles the will And wears us rather bear the jobs we have.

Thus do jobs make cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied o'er with the pale doubt of worry, And enterprises wherein we can gain our manhood? With this regard, their currents turn weak and dull, like swarming locusts; And we lose the name of men for jobs. Hush! Here cometh the job. Siren! When thou art imprisoned, Let thy sins be remembered. Fraternally yours, HARRY JARDINE.

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PREAMBLE OF THE I. W. W. The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

"Little Billec" insisted after hearing a patriotic lecture at the Sunday school that he had six fathers. His mother tried to convince him otherwise, but he said, "Yes, I have, I got my own fader, den der is our Fader in heaven, and de lady told us of our forfathers what comed over in de Mayflower, and I jus' guess dat makes six, don't it?"

In Constantinople the shoemakers are all poets. In this country it might help some if all the poets were shoemakers.

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