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LABOR EXCHANGE UNION NEWS ITEMS

...st cards, addressed and ready for the ... of the I. W. W. to send in to the ... Worker, have finally arrived from ...

...const and the I. W. W. band are still ... Mont. They are having good suc- ... the agitating work, and report very ...

...by Livezey of No. 434 is in the "Horse ... country, back of Kennewick. Grub is ... water is hauled 12 miles from the river, ...

...The A. F. of L. steamfitters' helpers are on ... in Spokane. The steamfitters are doing ... the work themselves; thus do one group of ...

...S. P. Wise is driving a freight wagon out ... of Amstead, Mont. He says wages are \$2.25 ... and \$2.50, and \$5.25 board. Poll tax \$4.00. ...

...John Panener of No. 92, Portland, is at Sea- ... side, Oreg. He says that the "Worker" is ... the bluff for the "Worker" and that "when ...

...J. W. Johnstone, secretary of Industrial ... Union No. 173, San Francisco, Cal., says that ... the members in Frisco are getting the harpoon ...

...The secretary has some of Tom Malony's ... scribbles which Malony defrauded several of ... Italian members. There is no law for us, ...

...Don't forget to send in your employment ... office tickets and tell us how much you have ... been robbed. We are arranging for a ...

...John Mohr of 222 is firing a boiler near ... Johnson, Wash. He has distributed several ... thousand copies of the Industrial Worker and ...

...Golden State Portland Cement Co., Ora ... Grande, Cal.—Nine hours' work day, average ... was \$2.25; foreman O. K.; board for married ...

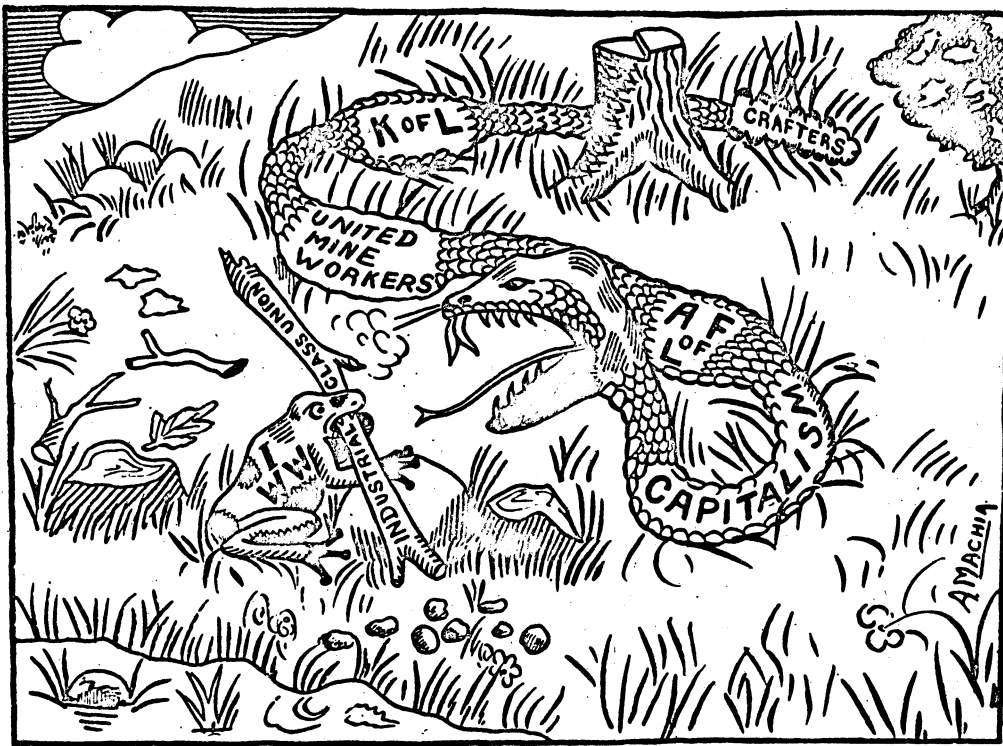
...B. C. Stork of No. 134 is at Waterville, Wash. ... It will be several days before harvest is in ... full blast around there. The farmers have a ...

...The scale of Federal Union No. 12,222 of ... the A. F. of L. is \$2.75 for eight hours' work. ... This is generally lived up to by the boys of that ...

...I. W. W. men are working outside ... of d'Ale, Idaho, for the Blackwell ... company. Conditions are as follows: ...

...V. Roe has left New York, reached ... and is now on his way back to Spo- ... will have a very interesting article ...

...in can fight booze, and fight the em- ... class.



WILL HE BE ABLE TO SWALLOW THIS ONE? NO, NOT AS LONG AS HE KEEPS THAT STICK IN HIS MOUTH!

HESLEWOOD IN SEATTLE.

Fred W. Heslewood is going to Seattle to ... and organize. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn is ... in Spokane lecturing for the union. Her husband, ...

A DIRECTORY OF I. W. W. UNIONS.

Secretaries of Industrial Unions of the I. W. W. ... are asked to send the addresses of their ... Secretaries, and the time and place of the ...

THE "PROLETARIAN" WILL SOON APPEAR.

T. Takahashi of Chicago, the editor of the ... Proletarian, an I. W. W. paper printed in Japanese ... and English, has had some delay in getting ...

THE I. W. W. GROWS.

New Locals Organized. Propaganda League, Butte, Mont., July 6; 40 ... members. Paul Cooney, secretary, 261 E. ...

The Palouse towns are full of idle men, and ... conditions are just what may be expected with ... a crowd of ignorant and brutal ranchers and ...

GET INTO THE COLLAR.

Fellow Worker Joseph Muehr of Bremerton, ... Wash., sends in subs to the amount of \$7.00. ... Elizabeth Gurley Flynn has collected about ...

Cowardice, ignorance and superstition divide ... the workers and then starve them. Did a ... brave man ever die for want of an effort?

Why does a workingman live longer than his ... employer? He don't—it only seems longer.

ROOM FOR ONE MORE COEUR D'ALENE WRECK

Here is a letter from the manager of the Spo- ... kane & Inland road. This is the road which ... had a wreck near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The ...

This manager gives out that he intends to ... have another coat of whitewash, in the shape ... of an "investigating" committee. This committee ...

Graves says that "it"—the company, presu- ... mably—could not furnish accommodations for a ... representative of the Industrial Worker, or the ...

This letter is characteristic. The working ... people are killed and wounded and nothing will ... be done about it, till the workers do it. The ...

Now, what are you going to do about it? ... INLAND EMPIRE SYSTEM ... Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad Company. ...

Mr. James Wilson, Editor of the Industrial Worker, Spokane, ...

While desiring to have the whole public ... advised as to the cause of the wreck, it must, ... nevertheless, limit the number of those who ...

CLYDE M. GRAVES. SPOKANE & INLAND EMPIRE RAILROAD COMPANY.

THE COEUR D'ALENE WRECK.

Saturday, July 31st, a head-on collision took ... place between two overloaded electric passenger ... trains of the Inland Empire System. The ...

Of course, this wreck is only one of the ... every-day occurrences of like nature for which ... the greed of the master class, and it alone, is ...

The reception given by the convention of ... Flint Glass Workers to the representative of ... the Industrial Workers of the World was ex- ...

as they could do nothing but accept it, even if ... they had been docked a week. The masters ... of the lumber mills here well know that while ...

SPOKANE STREETS FOR THE GRAFTERS.

The city council passed a law on Tuesday, ... August 10, allowing the Salvation Army, the ... Volunteers of America and such other religious ...

M. L. Hughes of the "Labor World" was ex- ... pected to be present at the meeting of the ... council last evening on behalf of the Christian ...

One of the ancient maids of the Salvation ... Army thanked the smiling president of the ... council and also Schiller. She said that "if the ...

The I. W. W. has as much right on the streets ... as any of the Bible pounders, and it is certainly ... a "new one" even in Spokane, if the mayor is ...

The toad-eaters who make up the Spokane ... city council are afraid of the I. W. W. Even ... the devil is not afraid of the Starvation Army.

FROM NO. 12, LOS ANGELES.

The following are the true conditions in ... Los Angeles and the surrounding country: The ... aqueduct is still as fierce a job as ever; hard ...

Work at San Gilles is 12 1/2 cents per hour, ... 12 hours per day, in water up to the waist; ... poor food and a mean boss.

Local No. 12 is taking in members every ... day and still shouting up on the street corner. ... We are making a soap-boxer a week and ...

Jos. J. Ettor now in New Bedford, Mass., ... reports of splendid meetings and large gains in ... membership. The leaders of the old organiza- ...

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SUCCESSFUL TRIP WORK OF E. G. FLYNN

My western trip has convinced me of at ... least two things, that the sun doesn't rise in ... the Long Island sound and set in the Hudson ...

My trip started in Minneapolis, where Local ... No. 64 is forging ahead. We held a series of ... open air meetings in the employment agency ...

One little fellow I offered the Industrial ... Worker to answer with a shame-faced air, "I'm ... awful sorry, Miss Flynn, but I have to ...

Butte, Montana. And then came Butte, and that's almost ... "nuff said." I spoke there on Miners' Union ...

It is interesting to note that the ... movement of the state was the selected orator, and ... this was the first time in the 31 years of Butte ...

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Great Falls was not visited for a speech, Mr. ... Scrivens, the secretary of the I. W. W., ... explaining to me that they were satisfied; the ...

KallsPELL, Mont., and Wallace and Burke, ... Idaho, brought forth four extra good meetings, ... the one in Wallace a street meeting. A clean, ...

My visit to Seattle was rather marred by a ... sore throat. The famous Alaska-Yukon-Pacific ... exposition is very disappointing, as all such ...

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FRENCH EMPLOYERS LIKE JUDAS GOMPERS

Journal, a capitalist paper published in France, on the first page of its issue of August 11 contains the following article: "Le Petit Journal," has just published a large picture of Samuel Gompers, worth 5,000,000.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is at present in Paris, France, on a very important mission. It is a very important mission because it has a very considerable influence on the subsequent development of the labor movement in France.

The "Peaceful" Cowards! If the American Federation of Labor re-elected G. G. T. and Mr. Gompers one of its presidents, the American Federation of Labor would be constantly in a state of civil war.

The sacred Contract. In the United States, the principle of collective contract is universally observed. That is, the labor organization, or rather its chosen heads, confer with the organized employers as to conditions of the labor contract.

Mr. Gompers is, in the eyes of our ranters of the C. G. T., "reactionary" thus to put the public welfare above the immediate interests of a group of workers. Thus, in order not to shut off the industrial activity of a great part of the United States, he, five years ago, authorized the great strike of railroad employees, sacrificing the momentary work demands.

The "Anarchists," Hal Hal! The French C. G. T., with its anarchistic aims, its political aims, its shameless bluff, its media for disorder and its absolute barrenness in economic matters, embarrasses the great labor organizations, not only of America, but of other foreign countries.

There appears the importance of Mr. Gompers. Because he, the most eloquent and the most powerful labor leader of the world, is the international congress of the labor unions, which was to be held in Sweden, has been set off by the C. G. T. in the hands of an insignificant party of revolutionists. They consider the matter at hand to recall the French laborer to a more just notion of things.

Advice From the Enemy. The C. G. T., under pain of discrediting itself among the workers of the whole world, should not allow itself to be used as a mere tool by the enemies of the labor movement.

Don't know the fate of soldiers? They are but Ambition's tools, to cut a way to her unlawful ends—and when they are backed, head with constant service, thrown aside, to rust in peace and rot in hospitals.—Southern.

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AROUND GLENDIVE, MONT. This is the cheapest thing I have seen for some time. Union Leader, 15c per package; blankets, \$2.50; the rest of commissary in proportion.

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The I. W. W. will express itself politically in its general convention and the referendum of its members in the industries throughout the land in proportion to its power.

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(Continued from Page One.) bit. Jim is too poor to put in good roads, but rich enough that a \$5000 purse of his is presented to the A. Y. P. exposition.

After the plea for an injunction was filed in the court, seeking to restrain the union and stop the sale of the Industrial Worker, a warrant was issued for my arrest.

The trial was had and ended in a farce; the sharks proved on the witness stand that they didn't know what I had said, and as a result the case was dismissed and I was allowed to go on my way and do it some more—which I have done.

It now develops that the employment sharks are afraid to come into court on an injunction case and are going to drop their fight in that direction.

Already we have more power in the town than the trade unions, and the employing class is at a loss to know what to do with the men who instinctively act against them on every occasion.

A PLAIN TALK, AND A FINE ONE. Having just returned from one of those rambles after a "job," such as we of the overalls have to make occasionally in order to exist, I would like to state some of my experiences.

There are several I. W. W.'s here and if I am not mistaken, there will be several more as soon as they arrive in town. I will not bother you or take space to give you the harrowing details of the long, weary, footsore trip of eight miles with a pack on each shoulder.

Nothing is too bad for a workingman who wants others to fight his battles, while he hangs back. Line up, or shut up!

GIFTS BY MEMBERS TO PRINT E. G. FLYNN'S LECTURE

Table listing names and amounts: C. Hous \$1.00, W. McDugle .50, G. M. Crean .50, Louis Alombert .100, John Reese .50, C. L. Filigno .500, R. E. Will .50, O. W. Gambee .50, G. R. Tallman .50, Total \$10.00

STRIKE FUND RECEIVED BY SPOKANE I. W. W.

Table listing names and amounts: R. Hoffman \$5.00, W. B. P. 1.00, Fred Vanryt 1.00, B. W. P. 2.00, Geo. Noonan, Los Angeles .50, Fred Freeman, Los Angeles .50, Robert Wilson, Los Angeles .50, William Cashman, Los Angeles 1.00, Previously acknowledged \$11.50, Total \$180.55

FROM PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

Just a few lines to keep the boys posted as to our movements here in Prince Rupert. For the past week Organizer Dowler of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, which I understand is a part of the A. F. of L., has been in our midst.

Princed Rupert, B. C., Aug. 1, 1909. Mr. Chairman and Fellow Workers. I wish to move the following resolution: That according to our constitution and fundamental principles, it is our duty to oppose any formation of craft unionism within our midst.

Therefore, believing that without unity of all the workers it is impossible to put a stop to the continual warfare between capital and labor, and that as we believe that the laborer is entitled to the whole proceeds it produces, any other organization which has for its purpose the benefits only for a certain part of the working class is of a selfish nature and is not built on the basis of brotherhood of man.

Therefore, be it resolved: That it is to the best interests of all wage earners that this union use all honorable means to set aside the growth of a craft organization within our midst, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to headquarters to be published in the labor papers.

Moved by Fellow Worker Daly; seconded by Fellow Worker Jenkins. Carried. Industrial Union No. 326. P. DALY, Secy.

EARTH IS HEAVEN, OR HELL. (Written for the Industrial Worker.) The workers are robbed of what they produce. The grafters and leeches our people reduce; And good willing workers must lie around loose. Oh, me! Oh, my! I wonder why.

