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LABOR EXCHANGE UNION NEWS ITEMS

Secretaries of the unions are asked to send in a weekly account of industrial conditions...

Golconda, Wash.—Goldbar Lumber Co. Too many men on this job, and the bunkhouse is...

Everett, Wash.—Merrill & Ring. Wages \$2 per day; pay 10th of month; rotten grub; hospital...

South Bellingham, Wash.—L. W. Lumber Co. Wages \$2 to \$4; hospital fee; fair grub; bunkhouse...

Madison, Wash.—Dickey & Angel's camp. Wages \$2 to \$3; fair grub; pay any time; bunkhouse...

Ladoux, Wash.—Hewitt & Lea's camp No. 1. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50; hospital 50c; employment...

Bayan, Wash.—Stinson Lumber Co. Wages \$2 to \$4; fair grub; hospital fee; camp delegate...

Edmonds, Wash.—Brown Bay Logging Co. Wages \$2.25 to \$4.50; pay once a month; good grub...

Hazy, Minn.—Fredrickson, contractor. Wages \$2.50 per day; fair grub; 10 men sleep in a...

I am working for Jim Hill at the G. N. dock. The bosses O. K. but the system is rotten. They...

Ellow Worker Board, secretary of No. 322, Vancouver, B. C., sends in \$3 for a bunch of...

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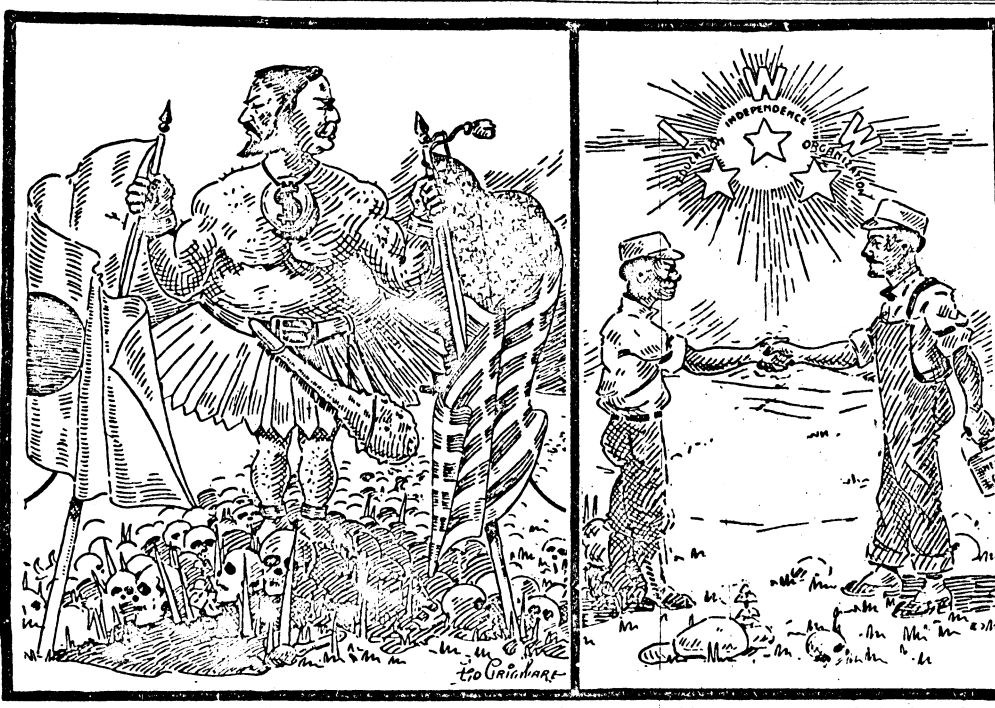
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PATRIOTISM SLAUGHTERS THE WORKERS AND SUPPORTS THE MASTERS—INDUSTRIAL UNION FREES THE WORKERS AND DEFEATS THE MASTERS

OUR MARTYRED DEAD.

In making out membership books today for the members of McKees Rocks, Pa., we discovered that every one of the men murdered by the Cossacks of the capitalist class here in...

I. W. W. AND A. F. OF L. IN MISSOULA MONTANA

(By Pete Brown.) Labor day celebration in Missoula, Mont., was the biggest fake ever pulled off. Of course all the A. F. of L. unions were in line to advertise the wares of their masters...

ORGANIZE AND ACT.

The interest in the I. W. W. is growing among the workers everywhere, for on every hand we hear the bosses' sheets from the country town are making an awful howl about the...

A. F. OF L. JAPS ARE APPROVED BY CAPITALISTS.

In a reception banquet in honor of Japanese Consul Minamo visiting Kiyama, Wyoming, given by the leading capitalists in the city, and...

"CONVENTION" OF SCABS.

The "International Brotherhood of Sawmill Workers and Woodsmen" held a convention about two weeks ago in Everett, Wash. By actual count, there were just six delegates present...

LOGGERS OF PUGET SOUND.

The loggers on Puget Sound are well convinced of the necessity of being organized. What they need most is to be shown the best and most effective way to organize themselves...

known organizer of the I. W. W., who has had more experience than the average logger in that line. He has been on Puget Sound since August 10th assisting the loggers here in getting themselves organized...

In the first place, an organizer of the I. W. W. is not wanted in many of the camps, because the bosses understand the significance of this organization better than the average logger working for him...

This has been done in several places and has been found to be most satisfactory to both parties, as in the first place the imaginary superior were not invited, neither did they appear...

With all the difficulties to overcome, the Loggers' L. U. No. 432 is increasing every day in numbers, and in numbers lies strength.

WM. LIEBRECHT.

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This important convention of six delegates is a turning point in the career of the "International." They are turned down for good, in spite of the scabs and their herders...

Why should those by whose toil all comforts and luxuries are produced or made available enjoy so scanty a share of them? Why should a man able and eager to work ever stand idle for want of employment in a world where so much useful work impatiently awaits the doing?

To make happy freeloader climate To weans and wife; That's the true pathos and sublime Of human life.

—Robert Burns.

SOLID I. W. W. UNION AT MCKEES ROCKS

The following is a statement of facts in regard to Industrial Union No. 299, of the Industrial Workers of the World, at McKees Rocks, Pa. The rectitude of these statements may be verified by either the membership of the union or the employers and their patriotic "A. F. of L." The following concessions have been gained from the company by the I. W. W.:

- 1. Half holiday on Saturday. Although this was not supposed to go into effect till a week after the settlement, the men simply quit work on Saturday afternoon and made good. 2. No Sunday work. Although reducing the hours about 10 per cent. Company announces that 1900 additional men will be put to work at once. 3. Shop rules completely changed. Now very liberal. 4. Any foreman accepting a bribe will be immediately discharged. There is now a union to enforce this rule. 5. Pooling system abolished, which means for some an immediate increase of 15 per cent in wages. 6. Immediate increase of 5 per cent in wages all around. 7. After 60 days, restoration of 1907 scale, which means 15 per cent more increase. 8. Discharge of all strike-breakers. When the men returned to work they found that not a thing had been done by the scabs, except the painting of a few cars. The big shop was in a state of complete anarchy. Slime and dirt and rubbish were everywhere but the foremen, who formerly used their muscles and guts on the men, now took off their hats to the returning strikers.

When the settlement of the strike was announced, ten A. F. of L. organizers came to the strikers' headquarters and presented their credentials. Five of the strike committee voted to tear their A. F. of L. cards up and throw them in the cuspidor. Wise, the chairman of the strike committee, voted against this, and left the hall with the A. F. of L. organizers.

While thousands were congregating at I. W. W. headquarters, 100 Chartlers avenue, putting in their applications to the I. W. W., these A. F. of L. organizers, together with Wise, came over and urged the men not to join the I. W. W. Wise wanted them to join the "Carmen's International Union" of the A. F. of L. Joseph Schmidt, the secretary of No. 299, I. W. W., made a speech in three languages, denouncing Wise and the American Federation of Labor. Hungarian and other speakers followed. James Carr, one of the strike committee, also vouched that the I. W. W. was the right union for the workers to join.

A. F. OF L. TACTICS.

One of the A. F. of L. organizers thereupon struck Wm. E. Trautmann of the I. W. W., and Trautmann then knocked him and Wise out of the hall. The same evening there were 2000 or more people at the I. W. W. headquarters. All the members from Pittsburg helped out, taking the names of applicants for membership in the I. W. W. Several speakers addressed the crowd in six languages. The Cossacks were afraid but were afraid of the enormous crowd. This was simply great! Next morning Wise went to the chief of police and wanted Joseph Schmidt arrested for organizing the men in an "anarchist" organization. Then in their utter despair, the A. F. of L. organizers went to the Burgess (justice of the peace) of McKees Rocks and told him that Trautmann, the General Organizer of the I. W. W., was a swindler and had no charter, etc. At 1 p. m. a big crowd, headed by Wise and four others, entered the hall, policemen in tow, together with the Burgess. The Burgess demanded Trautmann's papers, credentials, etc. Trautmann refused to answer any questions, while Wise and the A. F. of L. bunch shouted like maniacs. Trautmann was arrested at once. This stirred things up, and was the best thing that could have happened and showed the big crowd on the mound that it was a trick of the company to prevent organization. Wise saw at once that his game was up and tried to smooth matters over. Trautmann had his hearing in the evening, and in the meantime all the A. F. of L. organizers had skidded. The immense crowd standing inside and outside the courtroom were about to vote to continue the strike, as the arrest of Trautmann was seen to be a trick to prevent the men joining the I. W. W. The Burgess then dismissed the case against the "anarchist."

Car Builders' Industrial Union No. 299, I. W. W., has a charter membership of 5000, and every new man in the shops is forced to show a card in the I. W. W. or go out and get one before the other men will work with him. This is a case of an open union and a closed shop. The I. W. W. headquarters at 100 Chartlers avenue will seat about 600 people and there is standing room for several hundred more.

On September 16 the Associated Press announced that the American workers had been separated from the "foreigners" and that a new strike had been started by the "anarchists" but that the patriotic Americans had broken the strike and marched back to work "following the American flag, etc." This was a lie out of whole cloth. The facts are as follows: All the scabs that were working in departments of the Fesset Steel Car Company, where foreign-speaking workers were employed, were fired at once. This was not the case in those departments employing Americans. The foreign fellow workers thereupon took the initiative to reinstate every last one of the American strikers and see that all the scabs were fired. The men decided to remain in the plant and refuse to work unless the foremen at once fired all the scabs. The result of this action was that inside of thirty minutes there was not a scab left in the works. At noon that same day, September 16, Wise, the former chairman of the strike committee, and supporter of the American Federation of Labor, advised the men not to return to work at all, hoping to cause confusion and dissension among the workers by arming, if possible, the Americans against the others. The employers hoped by using Wise to break the solidarity of the workers. This attempt failed utterly. The I. W. W. is solid at McKees Rocks and presents an unbroken front against the employers, and is growing stronger every day. This is the state of affairs as we go to press on September 23.

A systematic effort is now being planned to organize the other mills in the vicinity of Pittsburg. Joseph Ettor, member of the G. E. B. of the I. W. W., is now on the scene as well as a number of I. W. W. organizers.







VANCOUVER I. W. W. APPEALS FOR UNITY

Conditions surrounding the labor market here in Vancouver are, figuratively speaking, considerably better than elsewhere in this much-boasted Pacific northwest.

The working class, slow though they are in doing so, are beginning to arrive at the conclusion that there is little or no hope for them under this present system.

Don't Ask, But Take! No; this great work of emancipation will not be accomplished until we are united as one force upon at the place where we are robbed of four-fifths of what we produce.

- TO UNION SECRETARIES. The following is a list of the Industrial Unions and Branches of industrial Unions of the I. W. W. in the United States and Canada. It is possible that there are some errors and omissions in this list.

REVOLUTIONARY UNION THE C. G. T. OF FRANCE

(By Andre Bruckere.) There are few subjects more discussed at this time in France, and everywhere for that matter, than the General Confederation of Labor. It is perhaps worth while to furnish some documents about this Confederation, on account of some singular legends that are being woven around it; and the facts being so distorted, that it becomes necessary to trace them anew with only one aim in view, that of historical accuracy.

The year 1906 was exceptional on account of the number of strikes resulting from the eight hours agitation. It was remarkable also for the stubborn resistance of the employers, reducing the percentage of complete and partial success to 62.50 per cent, from an average of 80 per cent for other years, an average which is not surpassed in any country.

Cannon Ball Chop House 519 FRONT AVE. BIG MEAL 15 CENTS

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