

The Working Class And The Employing Class Have Nothing In Common.

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HAIL TO THE FIRST OF MAY

The remnant of the Spokane Free Speech (Conspirators) prisoners, or guests of Spokane county, reduced to the number of three, namely: Otto Justh, Hartwell Shippey and the undersigned, desire through the "Industrial Worker" and "Solidarity" to convey to the membership of the Industrial Workers of the World, our heartiest greetings in your May day issue.

May day destined to become the working class Labor day throughout the world, comes at the season of the year when all animate life appears to take to itself a renewed lease of courageous activity. While there are no seasons when the I. W. W. cannot both sow and reap; there is a special season for sowing the seeds of industrial organization, namely; during "industrial depression." There is correspondingly a special harvesting season, namely; during "industrial activity."

During industrial depression, the prices of commodities, including labor, fall. During industrial activity, the reverse is true. The years of 1907-08 and part of 1909 was a season of industrial depression. The reaction has been taking place for about a year, prices of commodities have been soaring skyward. The newspapers and magazines are discussing the reasons for the same, and all kinds of answers are being given. May day is an appropriate time for the I. W. W. to renew its activities.

At our May day gatherings throughout the land our speakers can give a scientific explanation of advancing prices, and why there are and must be strikes, and rumors of strikes, and the reasons for the same.

To the extent, that the I. W. W. was active in sowing the seeds of industrial organization during the late industrial depression; correspondingly will be the harvest ready for reaping. The only question is, are we ready and willing for the harvest? Remember fellow workers, the workers instinctively look to organization, in the battle of raising prices.

Autonomous trade or craft organization, have been well weighed in the balance, and found wanting in efficiency, by vast numbers of wage slaves, to be followed by still greater numbers in the near future.

The I. W. W. at its May day celebrations will have an opportunity to enlighten large numbers of workers of the good that "Industrial Power" through "Industrial Organization," is the only power that will avail them ought, not only in their battle to raise the price of their commodity, approximately to correspond with the raising prices of the commodities that they produce, but also is the only power, that will eventually "when sufficient of the workers are industrially organized" enable them to change the present capitalist system of producing commodities for sale by which the capitalists saddle themselves on the workers' backs, and build up in its place a system where the workers will secure for themselves all the benefits, to be derived from the commodities produced.

When the workers get a taste of industrial power, they will want more, and in this essential, they will be like the present owners of industrial power. This desire for the same thing, will inevitably lead to conflict, and must be looked forward to, so that the workers may find the line of least resistance, and direct their efforts to the best advantage.

To the writer the present outlook for the I. W. W. appears far brighter, than at any time, since it was born. Conditions are certainly ripe for us to obtain large results, if we will only make united efforts to obtain them. Every effort possible, should be made to increase the circulation of all our papers in their respective fields, not only the Industrial Worker, and Solidarity, but our "Polish," "Solidarity," "Spanish," "The Industrial Union" and "Japanese" Proletarian, also the new literature, which we can hope, to be steadily increased from now on.

Trusting the meetings of the Rebels will prove a great success everywhere, will conclude with:

Hail to the First of May,
Labor's international holiday.
For men, who know that might makes right,
And are not scared, to make a fight
Against ignorance, that dark despair
Of the "Prowling Terrier" in his lair.
Break our chains, so we can stand,
Then take command, throughout the land
Banish poverty, and misery,
Establish "Proletarian" sovereignty.
Your fellow worker,
THOS. WHITEHEAD,
Spokane County Jail.

The reports of the shortage of labor in some of the inland cities of the States of Washington are only fakes. Let the ranchers come through with decent conditions and wages, and they will have no trouble whatever to secure all the labor they need. In the meantime let us remember the coming harvest. Start the ball rolling for better conditions of employment. Start an agitation for shorter hours and better wages, and then when the harvest is ready, give the farmer and ranchers a taste of I. W. W. tactics. Make them come through with the goods before any grain is harvested.

THE WORKER AND THE POLITICIAN BEFORE AND AFTER ELECTION



WORKER WANTS.



POLITICIAN PROMISES.



WORKER BOOSTS.



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THE THING WE ARE UP AGAINST

J. MOSS IN INDUSTRIALIST, ENGLAND. In the Morning Post for February 1st, there is a statement to the effect that according to Professor Garner of Harvard University, U. S. A., that country will, in 1912 or 1913 be visited by one of the worst panics in its history. In dealing with this question it must first of all be understood that these crises are not confined to any one country. Such being the case the intention is not to deal specially with the crises predicted by the Professor, but with crises in general.

These crises, as most people know, are periodical, and are termed by the capitalist class, financial panics. To the working class socialist though, something more is conveyed by them. We term them industrial crises, and base our contention on the fact that they are caused by the production of commodities exceeding to a great extent the consumption. Or, in other words, overproduction.

To the working class these crises should be demonstrative of the fact that the tremendous increase in production which has taken place through the introduction of machine labor, has not conferred any advantage upon them. To the capitalist class they are anomalies that the majority of them do not understand; so they leave the unravelling of them to their professors who can do nothing towards preventing them, and often put forward some idiotic twaddle about faulty banking systems being the cause. I do not insinuate that that these men do not understand the real cause, nor that the professor mentioned here has made such a statement; but it has been put forward no doubt with the idea of obscuring the real cause to other than the financial wire-pullers. It should be patent to everybody that these statements are false, inasmuch as these crises obtain in every commercial country, however perfect the banking system, or however different. Although the real cause has been stated numbers of times, in the different socialist papers and pamphlets it is unfortunate that it is still not understood by the majority of the working class. As a truth cannot be repeated too many times we will go over the ground again.

In the first place it is an obvious fact that year after year the total production in any country increases considerably. It is also a fact that the proportion which is consumed by the working class grows less yearly. On the other hand although the amount consumed by the employing class grows greater yearly, yet it does not increase in the same ratio as the rate of production. It follows from this that over a period of say 10 years a considerable surplus will be accumulated. The warehouses become stocked to overflowing with goods. The working class do not receive sufficient in wages to buy back any more than about a quarter of the wealth they have produced; the capitalists cannot consume the surplus, so a considerable amount remains on their hands. Although to the capitalist class a considerable amount of stock represents so much wealth, yet it is not much use to them unless they can turn it into cash. Owing to the enormous amount of stuff on the market they are unable to do so with a good portion of it. As it applies over the whole field of production, or perhaps it would be more correct to say, distribution, credit ceases to be given. Everybody wants gold. There is a rush on the banks, and as there is only sufficient gold to pay out a small portion of their liabilities, they soon become broke. The doors of the banks are closed and financial chaos reigns supreme. Factories close down because the owners have piles of stock which they cannot sell and numbers of workers are consequently thrown out of work. Numbers of small capitalists unable to stand the crash, succumb. The whole field of production is turned upside down. The thousands of workers who are affected are reduced to almost starvation. The country in which it takes place is face to face with one of the greatest anomalies it is possible to conceive of. Although the warehouses are stocked to overflowing with those things necessary for human comfort, thousands are starving. There is an abundance of food, yet the workers who produced it are without any. They have no bread because there is too much, no boots, cloths etc., because there too many of them.

Such a state of affairs can only exist in a system of society where the people who produce the necessities of life do not own their own products, or the means whereby they are produced. Such a state of affairs could not possibly exist if things were produced to meet the needs of the producers, and not as they are now, for the profit of a comparative few individuals who have no hand in their production, yet own them when they are produced. This is the logic of the capitalist system. This is the reason why industrial crises occur.

Seeing that these crises become more terrible each time they occur, because commodities continue to be produced in even greater abundance through the introduction of better machinery and the speeding up of labor, and also that the intervals between them are growing shorter and shorter, for the reason that,

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EXPELLED.
1015 Clay St., California Hall
Oakland, Cal., March 13, 1910.
Whereas, communication from Local Unions No. 272, Phoenix, Arizona, Local No. 12, Los Angeles, Cal., and fellow worker, Rees, warned and tried to show that fellow worker Dick Ford, is a crook, and

Whereas, the so-called fellow worker Ford, appealed to No. 173, San Francisco, Cal., to help him to build up Local Union No. 174, of Oakland, and No. 173 did all it could to help him to build No. 174, and in spite of our help and the desire of a large number of workers to organize in Oakland, he has not built it, but on the contrary there is practically no local and scarcely any record of what he had done; but said Ford has turned the I. W. W. to his own aggrandisement and benefit, and

Whereas, many wage workers have stated that they could not join the I. W. W. until Ford is put out of the organization, and

Whereas, when we in a fellow workers' manner asked for the books in order to carry on a systematic and organizing meeting, he went as far as to draw a knife on fellow worker, Brandesteeter, and only subsided on view of greater force; therefore, be it

Resolved by Local No. 173 and No. 174 in joint meeting assembled that in order to act promptly we suspend the rules of organization and order and proceed to expel Dick Ford from Local No. 174, I. W. W. Adopted unanimously.

Moved and seconded that Dick Ford be expelled from the I. W. W. Carried; one against it.

Moved and seconded, that we send a copy of this resolution to Locals No. 272, No. 12, and to the Industrial Worker and Solidarity for publication, and also, to general headquarters; carried.
THOS. RAYM,
Rec. and Cor. Sec'y. Prot.
(Seal)

EXPELLED.
Spokane, Wash., April 24, 1910.
Industrial Worker:—I have been instructed by Local 223 to notify you, that James Wilson has been expelled from that local, and to ask you to put a notice in the Worker to that effect.
I remain, yours for the I. W. W.,
A. E. COUSINS,
Recording Sec'y No. 223.

Perhaps Philadelphia wasn't awake after all. The noise we heard may have been simply a snore.

SPARKS FROM A LIVE WIRE

Walker C. Smith.

Industrial Unionism is more than a form of organization; it is a system of fighting. A partial list of the tactics of the I. W. W. would read about as follows:

- Always strike without giving notice.
- Don't worry about the bosses property.
- Always strike in the busy season.
- Accept insults when business is dull and remember them.
- Limit the output to avoid stockpiling.
- Make the employer hire extra men whenever possible.
- Always demand shorter hours as well as higher wages when you strike.
- Don't sign contracts unless forced to do so.
- Break a contract if you can get a nickle raise a day.
- Don't rely upon sympathy or public opinion.
- Don't try to fight the employing class with money.
- Make an injury to one the concern of all.
- Accept no decision as final or binding.
- Remember that strikes are war.
- Remember that war is hell.
- Remember that "All's fair in love and war."
- Remember that you have no interests in common with your masters and that you are fighting for your class as well as yourself.

In the extreme eastern part of the United States the village philosophers sit around the stove and discuss the cause of hard times. The oracle rises to the occasion and states impressively that the reason for bad conditions is, "them furrin' dagoes." Going a little further westward you can meet a similar group. This time the cause is laid at the door of "the sheenies." In the middle western wheat belt hard times are attributed to "the Dutch." In Kansas, Missouri and that section, "the farmers' sons," are said to be to blame. In Colorado the fault is placed upon the shoulders of "the lungers." In Utah it is, "the Mormons." In Texas it is, "The Greasers," and so on through the various parts until you get to California. In California we find the real danger plainly exposed. An old German in talking to a fellow-worker got at the root of the matter

when he said, "Der troubles iss dot der iss too many Yaps." That's it. Too many Yaps. For the sake of three squares a day and the Industrial Republic quit being a Yap. A Yap is no good, it matters not what may be his nationality. Join the I. W. W. Don't be a Yap.

Ours is a winning cause. We may receive an apparent defeat, our forces may be scattered for a time, but victory is perched upon our banners and we will win. Social systems have come and gone. Beneath each like beasts of burden have remained the workers, increasing in number with each change. The middle class disappears through that power of combination which forces the workers from isolated production into the modern factory system. The skilled craftsmen succumb to the onslaught of the machine and is engulfed by the ever widening sea of proletarians. Subdivision of labor simplifies the machine process and adds to the army of the unskilled. The woman comes from the home; the child deserts the schoolroom; both swelling the hosts that are marshalling for the supreme battle. The field is now cleared—the class struggle stands forth in all its hideousness—common misery has forced the wage slaves to a common understanding. Capitalism is crumbling. The worker are undermining the foundation of the present order. And within the old is springing up the new. Capitalism is dying. The future belongs to the wage-workers. Ours is a cause that calls for the best in every worker. Are you fighting the battle of your class?

On the 18th of April J. Pierpont Morgan celebrated his 73d birthday. This old pirate is in failing health and before long may be expected to go the way of his fathers. This fact is unimportant to the workers except in calling attention once more to the fact that the capitalists play no necessary part in industry. Morgan's death would not affect industry in the least and so that it may not affect the stock juggling on Wall Street there has been formed a syndicate to take immediate charge of Morgan's affairs in case of death. Dire results were predicted as the result of the death of E. H. Harriman, but it seems that the old world wags on just the same. When J. P. is under the sod the wheels of industry will turn as before. The workers are the only necessary factor in industry and it is the mission of the I. W. W. to tell them this and to organize the workers to own the machinery they now operate.

