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BREWERS ON STRIKE IN LOS ANGELES

That the interests of labor and capital are identical is receiving proof in the Brewery Workers' strike now in full swing in Los Angeles, and this in spite of the fact that labor and capital are fighting one another in that industry. The identity of interest lies in the fact that the capitalists desire no loss on account of the strike and look with contempt on the conservative tactics of the strikers, while the strikers are doing everything in their power to prevent loss to the boss and are thereby justifying the bosses' contempt.

The strikers have proposed to leave the matter to an arbitration board composed of three from each side and a "disinterested" seventh. Har! Har! As if the boss would "arbitrate" anything that he could keep by force! And if he couldn't keep it, why arbitrate?

Is not that enough "identity of interests" for anyone? From "The Citizen" of that city: "After being flatly refused upon the agreements submitted at a meeting with the owners of the different breweries, the joint committee held a meeting and decided to call the men out. IT WAS DECIDED THAT ALL ENGINEERS, FIREMEN, MACHINISTS, STABLEMEN, AND ONE BREWER WOULD BE LEFT IN THE DIFFERENT PLANTS, IN ORDER THAT NO LOSS MIGHT COME TO THE BREWERIES THROUGH THE STOPPING OF THE REFRIGERATING AND THAT THE HORSES MIGHT BE TAKEN CARE OF UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BREWERIES EMPLOYED NON-UNION MEN. In other words, they will do all in their power to SCAB ON THEMSELVES until such time as the brewers can get some others to do the scabbing. No men were called out in any agency in the city, but were later locked out by the managers of the various agencies. Is not that enough to make a horse laugh! No wonder the workers are held in contempt by the boss, and justly, when they act like a bunch of ignorant yaps.

For the sake of decency and what little self-respect that is left the workers, GET WISE, BREWERY WORKERS! At least show that you have the intelligence of a bunch of cattle. Why strike at all if your sole interest is to see that the boss does not suffer loss? For the love of Mike, DO ANYTHING TO CRIPPLE THE BOSS. Do you need "justification" in striking at those who are taking "by force and stealth" the products of YOUR labor? If you have only a grain of intelligence it should serve to show you that crippling the boss IN ANY POSSIBLE MANNER is the correct tactics. Put him completely on the hog if possible. Show absolutely no "mercy" or "courtesy" to your master. Instead of preserving his property, call out every man Jack of the workers, and LET THE MACHINERY GO TO THE DEVIL, AND HELP TO SEND IT THERE; ALLOW THE BEER TO SPOIL AND SPOIL IT YOURSELVES IF YOU CAN; LET THE BOSSES' HORSES STARVE—BETTER THE BRUTES THAN YOUR WIVES AND CHILDREN—OR DO YOU CARE MORE FOR YOUR BOSSES' PROPERTY than you do for your family? If you have any brains at all, USE THEM IN YOUR OWN INTEREST.

COOKS AND WAITERS ARE STILL SMILING

The past week has been one to bring a smile to the faces of the striking cooks, waiters and waitresses, for things have been coming their way all along the line. The bosses, the owners of the Association houses, are weakening fast, and the strikers are now assured of victory.

Three of the most important houses that have up to now been on the unfair list deserted the Association by selling out to parties who are intelligent enough to see that it is to their interest to be known as "union." Those three are the "Little Brick," "Jim's Oyster House" and the Fern cafe, and they have been considered the strategic points of the fight, have agreed to the union's terms and are now patronized by the public at large instead of by the silly, labor-hating animals that eat in houses that are at war with labor.

The Association, as is usual with the bosses, is fighting with the conventional tools of deception and lies. They have circulated lying reports of scabs being beaten up by the "slugging committee" of the unions, while as a matter of fact there is not a word of truth in the statements, and this has been shown in the "Press." It is a pity, though, that there cannot be a slugging committee to assist the Association to a better understanding of the truth, and improve their "moral" (?) fibre generally.



Political Freak: "Vote." (It will keep his mind from Industrial Organization.)

Labor Taker: "Crafts and Contracts." (He is an enemy of Industrial Organization.)

Sky Pilot: "Lay up treasures in Heaven." (The boss grabs everything in sight.)

There is one particularly pusillanimous party and that is the proprietor of the Creamery cafe. He is putting out cards and hand bills to the effect that none but union men are employed in his place, while, as a matter of fact, they are not even waiters nor restaurant men of any description, but a lot of farmers and manure shovelers and SCABS, scabs all of them. M. F. Hadley is the principal owner. His partner, it is claimed, wanted to sign up with the union.

The good union bartenders and the good union bakers and the rest of the good union (?) men belonging to the other crafts are serving and delivering good union beer and bread, and WORKINGMEN are doing ALL that is being done to break the strike. They are the only ones who CAN do anything, for or against the selves.

The thought comes and the question has been asked, "Would the present strikers scab on the bartenders or the bakers or any other workers if THEY were on strike?" From the strong sentiment of INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM to be found in the ranks of the present strikers we doubt if they would ever be found scabbing again. They are beginning to recognize that they must strike INDUSTRIALLY and that to remain at work while some fellow workers in the same industry are out is just as nefarious scabbing as to do the Farley act.

As it is, the tactics advocated by the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, direct action, disregard of contracts, and refusal to compromise are what have brought them within sight of victory. The unions have turned the tables on the boss in tactics, the strikers acting collectively through their union, and at the same time insisting on treating the bosses individually and not recognizing the owners' association. This has resulted in forty-three houses yielding to the union, and they are surrendering at the rate of one and two a day. The strikers, on the other hand, are sticking almost solidly. More power to them.

STRIKE ON IN LOS ANGELES.

Editor Industrial Worker: On June 1, 1910, the Metal Trades of Los Angeles went out on strike for an eight-hour day and a minimum wage of 50 cents per hour. The employers are all deputized and carrying guns, so a great deal of trouble is expected. It is up to every man working in and about the Metal Trades to keep away.

The Brewery Workers here are out on strike for more money, but owing to the scabbery on them they have accomplished but little so far. Every man keep away from Los Angeles, as there's nothing doing here now.

MAURICE A. LOVEY,
Corresponding Secretary Local No. 1,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Fellow Worker: We sent for a charter Friday and if it gets here by Sunday will get down to business. Foster was turned loose Tuesday morning and has gone to Leavenworth, where about ten of the boys are working. Yours for Direct Action.

TOM HALCRO, Wenatchee, Wash.

After reading your Industrial Worker don't ditch it, but hand it to some Fellow Worker on the job. Request him to subscribe. Try and see how it works. Go to it, boys!

FAKE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN GREAT FALLS

The following clipping and letter are self-explanatory:

"Great Falls (Mont.) building trades workers who are members of the unions are said to be locked out and agents are seeking men to take their places. W. A. Spence, an agent for the employers affected, has been in Minneapolis several days hiring men. He is said to have secured enough painters to fill the places of the men who are out, and sent a crew west late Saturday. He is said to be experiencing some difficulty in securing workmen in other lines. He wants carpenters, bricklayers and plumbers in particular.

John Wahlquist, member of the general executive board of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, who is the representative of the general organization here, received a dispatch from James Gray, organizer, who is in Great Falls, advising him of conditions and asking him to look after the interests of the unions. Mr. Wahlquist says the trouble was brought on by employers who are using the Industrial Workers of the World, a rival labor organization, to defeat the American Federation of Labor unions.

"Minneapolis building trades workmen are now in the midst of the best season in the city's history," said Mr. Wahlquist, "and there is no likelihood that they will leave their home city for something so uncertain as the employment offered in the west."

The above clipping was received from a Fellow Worker in Minneapolis, taken from one of the Daily Liars, dated May 24. To those familiar with the history of the I. W. W., particularly in the northwest, it needs no apology. But as there still is in existence a large number of workers who worship or condemn a name instead of what the name may or may not represent, the above needs more of an explanation than is embodied in the clipping.

Mr. Wahlquist says the trouble was brought on by employers who are using the Industrial Workers of the World, a rival labor organization, to defeat the A. F. of L. unions. In reference to that statement I will say that though the body in Great Falls who are fighting the A. F. of L. call itself the I. W. W., it is not a part of the general organization and has not been for something like two years. Its charter from the I. W. W. was revoked because of the fact that the so-called I. W. W. men in Great Falls started out on the A. F. of L. scab breeding route by signing contracts with the employers regardless of the welfare of other workers. They were canny by the I. W. W. for being A. F. of L.-ites in fact, though Industrialists in name. Now, we say, there is nothing in a name. That being so, when we see a body doing anything that is detrimental to

the interests of our class it is up to us to do what we can to stop it. Consequently, the expulsion of the body in Great Falls from the I. W. W. To justify the action of the I. W. W. in expelling the Great Falls branch we have only to point to the present mixup there. It is next to impossible to live up to a contract, which you sign with your boss without scabbing on fellow workers.

Are you sure, Mr. Wahlquist, "the employers are using the Industrial Workers of the World" or is it a counterfeiter? Do you know what a "maverick" is, in the parlance of the cow-puncher? In other words, is William H. Taft (International Society of Steam Shovel Men) a union man? Here's an easier one: Is T. Roosevelt (B. of L. F.) a union man, woman or child, or what in hell is he, anyway? Let's hear from the Civic Federation on the subject, as the American Federation does not appear to be certain as to whether Polcent perfumery is antiseptic or not. Now, Mr. Wahlquist, if you were an employer of labor what kind of an organization do you think would best serve your interests, craft or industrial? In the craft, a la A. F. of L., you could get them to scab on each other any old time. But if they were organized industrially for the welfare of their class, you, Mr. Wahlquist, as an employer, would have one hell of a time. So it is childish for you to imply that employers are being benefited by an industrial organization.

In reference to your last statement concerning present conditions in Minneapolis, "no likelihood of workers going west," etc., you imply that wages and conditions are ideal in Minneapolis just now. Let's see. Do you know where the Minnesota Transfer freight sheds are? Do you know that the freight handlers are organized in the A. F. of L.? Do you know they get 1 1/2 cents per hour in wages? Do you know they work 11 hours per day? Do you know that the UNION freight handlers have a contract with the railroad companies which does not expire until next August? Do you know anything about labor conditions aside from the fact that the dupes in the A. F. of L. are good for furnishing neat tickets to labor fakery? If you do claim to be posted regarding what is best for the workers in the way of organization, etc., let us hear from you through the columns of the Spokane Industrial Worker or Solidarity (the latter is published at New Castle, Pa., in that part of the country where we find both workers and employers fighting industrially). I can assure you that anything you wish to say in defense of the craft form of organization will be gladly published, as it will give us the opportunity to compare notes for the benefit of the working class, and they can choose what they think is best for all. If you do take up the above, please leave patriotism, flags, rags, etc. out. Let us deal with the real issue, blacuits, and how to get more of them easier than we do now. Trusting you will see the light, viz., "An injury to one is an injury to all," I am, for all of it,
FRANK REED.

NOTICE TO I. W. W. LOCALS.

The Industrial Worker urgently requests that all bills due for bundle orders be paid at once. If possible, bundle orders should be paid in advance, or at least settled every week. A word to the wise is sufficient.

TO LOGGERS AND LUMBERJACKS ON THE COAST

Every effort will be made from now on to organize the workers in the Lumber Industry on the Pacific Coast into one solid Industrial Union. Local No. 432 of the I. W. W. in Seattle has engaged Organizer Heeslewood again and he has started in on June 1st to rouse up the workers' groups and will endeavor to show them the necessity of getting together so that conditions may be improved. He is already meeting with success. To tramp from camp to camp with a back load of literature, often meeting with a hostile master who wishes to settle the matter with physical force, together with the sneers and insults of those who work long hours and sleep in a stinking, vermin infested bunkhouse, certainly is not an environment that a man should envy.

To say the least, the life of an organizer in the camps is anything but a pleasant one. Nevertheless, the work must be done, the agitation must be carried on, the Industrial Unions must be built up until they are a power. Every intelligent man in the camps, saw and shingle mills is requested to take an interest in this work of getting the lumber industry organized. The employers are well organized. They meet regularly in their congresses. They will meet in Portland on July 21st, and they will discuss those things which will tend to increase their profits.

The "flying machine" is already installed in a number of camps. No more swampers are required to clear the path for the giants of the forest; no one is needed to chase the hook; no more snipers are required to snipe the logs so they will haul easier and lessen the danger of getting hung up. The log is picked up by the flying machine and carried through the air. This machine does over twice the amount of work with the same number of men as was heretofore done.

Don't you see what this means to you? It means that you can go and seek a job elsewhere while the boss doubles his profits.

Thousands of loggers are idle at present in the Grays Harbor district owing to a surplus of lumber on the market.

The boss gets the benefit of the flying machine—the logger gets hit with a time check.

Don't wait until it is too late; let's get organized and fight for the eight hour work day.

Let us quit getting out cedar logs when the shingle weavers are on strike. Their interests are ours.

Every worker in the industry has interests in common with each other. This is true of every wage worker in the world. Let every delegate of the union in the camps and mills renew their activity with increased energy. Don't wait for the organizer. He has hundreds of camps to make and at best he can only make one a day.

Write articles for the Industrial Worker and see that the paper is put in the hands of every man in the industry on the coast.

Some loggers are already taking bundles of 25 "Workers" a week and selling them to the men in the camps. Others should follow this example. This is a fine way to propagate the plan of organization. Fill the WORKER with spicy articles bearing on the conditions in the camps and the industry in general. Cram the columns so tight that there won't be room for any freak to get in his work of disruption.

CHAS. BERNAT,
A Camp Delegate.

HARVESTERS AND OTHER WORKERS, ATTENTION.

Charles Grant, T. H. Dixon, Joe O'Neil, Fred Fisher, John Maguire and O. W. Gambee have been elected as members of the harvest committee and earnestly request that all harvesters, etc., communicate with them, giving suggestions, information, etc., with a view to organizing and going after the goods in the harvest this summer. Address all communication to above, care Box 2123, Spokane. GET BUSY, you slaves!

FROM HOBOKEN, N. J.

Editor Industrial Worker: In regard to the silk workers in Hoboken, N. J. In the shops they were working overtime and the conditions were very bad, so a meeting was called by men at work in the mills. The bosses tell us that business is good, but try to scare the workers and to keep them from organizing. That very day at noon the overtime was stopped and some of the mills are working eight hours instead of ten. At this meeting we gathered some names, but the bunch thought it wise to wait till the bosses thought the workers were cowed again and when they started up the full time, and perhaps the overtime, we would call a meeting and do things properly.
W. NORTHROP.

