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INTELLIGENCE AT STAKE

MOYER ISSUES REPORT TO W. F. OF M. ON AFFILIATION AND APPEALS TO THE MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR INTELLIGENCE.

A report dealing with the proposed affiliation with the A. F. of L. has been issued by Charles Moyer, president of the W. F. of M. The report deals with the work of the committees both in the A. F. of L. and the W. F. M., that have been working on the affiliation game, together with telegrams from Gompers to Moyer of the W. F. of M., and Perry, the financial secretary of the U. M. W. A.

The following is the telegram to Moyer from Gompers, vice president of the Civic Federation and president of the A. F. of L.: "Washington, D. C., January 20, 1911.

"Mr. Charles H. Moyer, President, "Western Federation of Miners, "Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"I beg to hand you herewith a copy of the action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor upon the application of the Western Federation of Miners for a charter. The executive council has applied itself assiduously to the instructions of the St. Louis convention of the American Federation of Labor, and has earnestly striven to meet the situation with which we were confronted.

"Sincerely expressing the hope that the action of the executive council may meet with the approval of yourself, your colleagues, and your organization, and that we may hear from you at the earliest possible convenience, so that the charter may be issued, I am, with best wishes,

"Yours fraternally, "SAML. GOMPERS, President, "American Federation of Labor."

The gist of the whole thing is, that the W. F. of M. can have jurisdiction over all men working in and around the mines, mills and smelters, except the machinists. That is, to hear Gompers tell it, but there are a few precedents established whereby it is impossible for Mr. Gompers to be able to promise anything. The brewery workers have jurisdiction over all workers around the breweries, etc., but it has been one continual jurisdictional fight for years by the firemen's union, the teamsters' union and others to control the workers in the brewing industry, who should, according to the craft idea, belong to these different crafts. The following is the closing statement by Chas. Moyer in his report to the rank and file, and shows to what length a labor leader will go and what insults he will hand out to gain his ends:

"I have endeavored to present for your careful consideration a full statement of facts covering what I consider one of, if not the most important question that has ever confronted our organization. I sincerely trust that it will be met and disposed of in a manner which will be a credit to the intelligence of our membership and that the results of our action may be such as to strengthen the arm of labor's organized forces."

When did this question of affiliation with the A. F. of L. become an important one? What changes have been made in the program of craft unions of America that warrants this assertion? It's important to the boss and labor fakirs only. What is there in the U. M. W. A. that any body of rebels would want to affiliate with? They have the same old contracts of old, the same old labor leaders, the same old state scabbery, where one state scabs against the other in time of strikes, the same old clause in their contracts agreeing to allow the engineers and pumpmen to continue work while a strike is on among the miners, the same old blacklist system whereby miners are blacklisted from hell to Peru if they dare to violate the SACRED CONTRACT, the same old check-off system whereby the company collects the fines and dues from the members and hands it over to the officers of the union, the same old fines like were meted out to 300 coal miners in Panama recently for daring to go on strike to protect their lives. The U. M. W. A. has a set of rules and regulations called an AGREEMENT with the boss that would horrify a Fiji Islander to read. It ties the miner hand and foot and delivers him body and boots to the master class, where he cannot move while the boss is free to exploit him for all he is worth. It will be a credit to the intelligence of the W. F. of M. members to join this Civic Federationized



HE SAYS THE I. W. W. IS TOO D—D RADICAL

TELEGRAM

To Fred W. Heslewood, Spokane, Wash.

The Free Speech Fight is over, and won. All men are released from jail. Terms are satisfactory. Complete victory. I. W. W. COMMITTEE.

Fresno, Cal, March 6, 1911

affair, says Moyer. Those who are not in favor of going backward will be a lot of IGNORAMUSES and it is a safe bet that a great many of the quartz miners will show their IGNORANCE by wishing to forge ahead and not get tied to an organization that is talking HARMONY with the boss, and which was termed by Mark Hanna as the BULWARK OF CAPITALISM. Read the following clause from the Illinois state contract between the coal miners and the parasites and ask yourself what kind of a jurisdiction the coal miners have over all men working around the coal mines. This contract is in FORCE at the present time and does not expire until March 31st, 1912: "In case of either local or general suspension of mining, either at the expiration of this contract or otherwise, the engineers shall not suspend work, but shall, WHEN MINING IS SUSPENDED, FULLY PROTECT all of the company's property under their care, and operate fans and pumps, and lower and hoist such men or supplies as may be required to protect the company's property, and all coal required to keep up steam at the company's coal plants." Moyer or no other labor leader can show any advantage to be gained by the workers by affiliating with the A. F. of L. While employers of labor have forged ahead and have organized on the industrial field (trusts) to further enslave labor, the A. F. of L. has stood still. While the W. F. of M. officers are appealing to the INTELLIGENCE

of the rank and file to join the A. F. of L., any pay their per capita to the Civic Federation officials, many coal miners are joining the I. W. W., with the idea that they are making a very intelligent move, as they are trying to get away from the yoke of wage slavery and they know they can never do it as long as they are bound hand and foot to scab on each other by state contracts. Since Moyer has issued his report, which is dated February 15, a local of coal miners has organized in the I. W. W. in the state of Washington. Every one of these members are members of the U. M. W. A. Why did they leave the U. M. W. A? Answer, Moyer; answer, Gompers; answer, every labor fakir in America. They can tell you in very few words why they left. If the U. M. W. A. is organized to protect and work for the best interests of the coal miners, why is it that the coal companies have issued a notice to all miners in large mining towns in the state of Washington to the effect that if the men join the I. W. W. they will be discharged? Why have the shoe manufacturers offered to grant 7—WORKER—Houtchens all demands to the shoe workers in Brooklyn if they would only sever their connections with the I. W. W? Why does the boss want the workers back in the A. F. of L., and under the old CONTRACT? Moyer knows and ever other labor fakir knows. Have these thousands of shoe workers shown their intelligence or their ignorance in quitting the A. F. of L. and joining the I. W. W?

The following is the ballot that every member in good standing in the W. F. of M. will have a chance to cast:

"QUESTION: Shall the Western Federation of Miners accept a charter from the American Federation of Labor under the proposed terms as submitted by the American Federation of Labor council, which is embodied in the report of President Charles H. Moyer, which accompanies this ballot. "Yes..... No....."

Show your intelligence by voting to join the A. F. of L. and pay per capita tax to a lot of pot-bellied fakirs who dine and wine with the master class. Do your DUTY to your class regardless of the insults of Moyer or any one else. Your DUTY is to forge ahead and overthrow the capitalist system. If that is not the mission of the working class it has no mission. It's freedom or misery. Which do you want?

The man or woman who would not sooner work eight hours than 10 or 12 is certainly a queer specimen of humanity. You will not get it presented to you for a Christmas gift. You will get it when you are organized strongly enough to take and hold it. The way to get eight hours is to refuse to work more than eight-hours. Organize first, so that the agitation can be systematically carried on.

JUST BEFORE THE VICTORY

SHERIFF REFUSES MORE PRISONERS. THE RESPECTABLE CITIZENS TALK OF LYNCHING I. W. MEMBERS.

Fresno, Feb. 27, 1911.

The sheriff refuses to accept any more prisoners charged with violating a city ordinance, on the ground that the jail is overcrowded.

To prevent us from speaking on the streets, the police do not arrest us, but resort to clubbing and turning us over to the pinks, pimps and toughs.

Two men were beat up by the hoodlums today for speaking on the street. One of them was dragged half a block. The police pay no attention to the protests of the on-looking citizens against these fendish practices.

One man openly informed us that we were going to be lynched tonight. The chief of police, who was standing near, studied the effect this remark had on us. He was rewarded with a "horse laugh."

The people are inclining more and more in our favor. A large number of our papers were sold. On the 25th of this month the Citizens' League sent a committee to the bull pen to ascertain our terms, which we stated to them. The committee pronounced these terms just and wise and promised to present them before the next meeting of the citizens. We haven't heard from them since. If the present tactics are aimed to frighten us off the streets, then a mistake has again been made. This fight for free speech in Fresno will continue until we have free speech and are protected in the exercise thereof.

I. W. W. COMMITTEE. Box 209.

ARE AGAINST THE CONTRACT

ITALIAN WORKERS, 130 STRONG, SERVE NOTICE ON NORTHWESTERN IMPROVEMENT CO.

Deputies Guard Mines—Union Workmen Are Armed Ready for Fray in Case the Laborers Attempt to Interfere.

Cleburn, Wash., March 3.—One hundred and thirty Italian miners discharged by the Northwestern Improvement Company yesterday served notice that they would fight if the company opened its mines, as announced, tomorrow morning. Sheriff German of Ellensburg and a big force of special deputies are guarding the mines tonight with rifles and are ready for trouble.

The men were discharged for bringing suit against the company to collect accident fund dues, as per agreement with the union. Three hundred other miners belonging to the union will go to work.

The meeting of the discharged men was held tonight and they claim they will fight if necessary to prevent the mines being reopened without them. The mines were closed today. Union workmen are armed.—"Spokesman-Review."

Take notice, you members of the W. F. of M., and remember this instance when you are voting for or against affiliation with the A. F. of L. These coal miners are rebelling against the SACRED CONTRACT. The Northwestern Improvement Company is the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Jim Hill likes the U. M. W. A., as they bury the dead and support the widows of those miners who have been murdered in the mines. The union agrees to do this. The Northwestern Improvement Company discharges any man who dares to talk in favor of the I. W. W. The meal tickets of the fakirs are always secure with this brand of unionism. Show your intelligence and join a union where men have to take guns to defend themselves against a SACRED CONTRACT that is always in the interest of the BOSS. Where ignorance is bliss, etc.

This week's receipts have shown an improvement over the last two weeks. Every LIVE member and sympathizer is urged to go after the suits. Increase your bundle order if possible and try to get outside locals to take a bundle. All together and we will carry the eight-hour day. Editor.

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Wherever the search after truth begins there life begins. Wheresoever the search ceases, there life ceases.—John Ruskin.

PRINTERS STRIKE.

Printers on the Chicago Examiner and American, two Hearst papers, went on strike on February 29th and went back to work on March 2nd. They were forced back by the president of the Typographical Union for violation of the Sacred Contract. The following telegram was sent to the Chicago Publishers' Association by President Lynch of the Union:

"Strike unauthorized, illegal and without warrant. You are authorized to publish this dispatch.

"J. M. LYNCH,

President International Typographical Union."

It's just another CONTRACT that must be lived up to regardless of what injustice other workers must suffer. Had the pressmen went on strike the contract between the Typographical men and the boss would be lived up to. It's not organized scabbery, but unionism, so they say. It's what the W. F. M. wants to affiliate with, and what Moyer terms a VERY IMPORTANT move.

MITCHELL QUILTS CIVIC FEDERATION?

John Mitchell prefers to stay in the U. M. W. A. at no pay rather than the Civic Federation at \$6,000.00 a year. Any one that believes it is easily "gulled" in. He quits officially, but that he will continue to serve the master class is a "cinch." Following is his letter of resignation addressed to Seth Low, the president of this harmony fake:

"At the recent international convention of the United Mine Workers of America an amendment to the constitution of that organization was adopted providing that any member of the United Mine Workers of America accepting a position as representative of the National Civic Federation shall forfeit his membership in the union.

"It is needless to say that I regret the action of the miners' conventions not so much that it requires me to choose between the two organizations as because of the unjust and gratuitous attack upon the National Civic Federation, which, in addition to its many other useful public activities, has stood consistently as an advocate of righteous industrial peace."

RACE SUICIDE.

"The size of the family should be regulated by the father's income."—Professor Carver.

"A mother should have a child every two years, and this she should continue until the mother is 40, resulting in eight children."—Dr. Eliot.

As the statement of Professor Carver involves race suicide, a Spokane daily paper is asking its readers to write short letters for publication each day, stating their ideas on the subject. The answers are very interesting. Some give an intelligent answer, but more state that the children are sent by GOD and he will take care of them.

As screens are being placed above the heads of the people in Chicago that have to walk the sidewalks, to keep the victims of capitalism from falling on them while in the act of getting rid of their misery by the suicide route, it is quite evident that God takes little care of the children that are born into the world.

To a slave that is tramping and has ever suffered the misery of starvation and privation the question is easily settled. Under capitalism there are too many children. Too many unemployed; too much misery, and too many suicides, therefore we say that it is a question of choosing between two evils: Race suicide, or a slow and calculating death that robs daily from society thousands that had they an opportunity in life might be the very best members of society. Race suicide by all means, than the torture of the bread-line, the poor house or the den of prostitution.

The Syndicalist movement of Sweden is teaching the workers how to stop having children. These workers realize that the child of the slave is but a piece of human flesh to be ground to death by the iron heel of the boss. No child of a worker can thrive, blossom and bloom under capitalism. Stop wage slavery first and then it's time to talk about race suicide.

THE ENEMY.

Some are saying, "Let us just fight the boss and let everything else alone." It should be understood that the BOSS amounts to nothing when stripped of his weapons. His weapons are Superstition, Patriotism and Labor Fakirs. The labor fakir is today the most dangerous enemy of the workers, as, in the name of LABOR the workers are handed over bound and contracted for years at a time with the master class, which leaves the master a free hand to carry on further and further his exploitation unharrassed by the workers. Take the weapons away from the boss and this parasite, this non-producer, this murderer of human life is about as impotent as a new born babe. Yes, we are fighting the boss when we are fighting the allies of the boss. Organize and educate our class and the boss will die for the want of something to suck the blood out of. The IGNORANT worker is an ally of the BOSS.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The first real taste of freedom the wage slave of America will have is when they can lay down the tools when the eight hours are up. With this "taste," it is quite natural that the workers will want another "taste" and then a bite. The argument used to get the eight-hour day for all is the same argument that will be used to go after more of the good things of life. The main thing is to get the TASTE. The rest will be easy. We don't wish half the workers to have eight hours at the expense of the other half. All must share in the TASTE. On to victory. Stick up the stickers wherever they will stick and pound away at the meetings everywhere. If we try hard we cannot lose.

A. F. OF L. ASKS FOR RAISE OF PAY FOR THE POLICE. SAYS THEY ARE WAGE EARNERS.

The Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council, representing the craft unions of Spokane, believes that the police should have more pay. As there are thousands of workers in Spokane that are getting a long way short of a policeman's pay at present, one would think that the place to make a fight would be with the men who are real producers and not slugs for the master class. If this is not a case of licking the hand that smites us, we do not know what it is. When the A. F. of L. unions of Spokane wished to speak to the officials of the city in regards to police matrons and \$3.00 a day for labor in the city, they were forced to go into a vacant lot, and did not dare to stand on the street to make their speeches. The vacant lot was a mire of slush and manure. There were thousands of these craft members yet they were afraid to stand on a public street to make their appeals to their servants to treat them more kindly. The free speech fight was on at the time. The next time the members of the A. F. of L. wishes to appeal to their servants they can stand on the pavement and then be thankful for what the capitalist press calls a few ragged hoboes, for this privilege.

The very men who are now appealing to the City Council for more pay for policemen were manhandled by the police at this meeting. What is all the more exasperating about the affair is that the speakers who were roughly handled were SOCIALISTS. Votes must be had now, as the election is coming up in a few days for City Commissioners under the new charter. After workmen have been kicked, clubbed, beaten and starved by the police till some of them found rest in the cemetery and then to have the police rewarded by increased pay at the instigation of LABOR is certainly one hell of a situation. Politicalism, Parliamentarism! What a slimy, sneaking, slippery, obnoxious thing it is! Men of labor, drop it before it winds its slippery coils about you. No honest man or woman can afford to play with it. It's the weapon of grafters and cowards that are afraid to fight the boss on the economic field. This is some more of the "mess" that the W. F. of M. wishes to affiliate with. Show your intelligence and get in, says Moyer, the president of the W. F. of M. We are indeed thankful for our IGNORANCE if this is intelligence. The fire department should also have more pay. They turned the fire hose on the I. W. W. when the workers wished to speak on a public street. Following is the resolution, which speaks for itself:

"Whereas, the members of the Spokane police department have petitioned the city council for an increase in wages, making the maximum after three years' service \$110 per month, and,

"Whereas, the Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council, representing the forces of organized labor in the city, approves of every effort of wage workers to better their conditions through a raise in wages, and believing, as we do, that the best efficiency of the police force can not be attained by the present inadequate wages, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council that we endorse the petition of the policemen for such wage increase and urge the city council to grant such petition. Be it further

"Resolved, that we also believe that a higher efficiency of the fire department could also be acquired by a like raise in the pay of members of the fire department."

The above resolutions will be embodied in a communication to be submitted for reading before the city council in its next meeting.

A CORRECTION.

The cartoon appearing in No. 99 should have been credited to the "Oakland World," and not to the "Oakland Herald." The "Oakland World" is a rebel paper and its editor, Fellow Worker Tuck, from the last reports we had, was serving a sentence in jail for telling the truth about some policeman. Fellow Worker Tuck is a blind man. While other Socialist papers with large circulations had little or nothing to say of the battle waged for free speech in Spokane as well as in Fresno, the "Oakland World" gave up every inch of its columns in its efforts to assist the workers who were battling for freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is a very unimportant matter to some socialist papers if there is no chance to turn the fight into a vote-catching affair.

Any errors in the way of not getting receipts for money sent to the "Industrial Worker" or any other matters pertaining to the financial business of the paper, should be taken up with Vincent St. John, 518 Cambridge Bldg., Chicago, as well as with the management in Spokane.

THIS IS NO. 103
If this number appears on the yellow label alongside of your name, it means that your subscription expires with this issue. To insure getting the "Worker" continuously you should renew a little in advance as the paper will be immediately stopped when your number appears above.

WHAT SCARED THE MASTER

FRESNO, CAL., IS DESTINATION.

One Hundred Beginners Expect, by Recruits, to Get 1,000 Strong, So as to Overawe the Police.

An army of 100 unemployed men, consisting of three members of the Industrial Workers of the World and 97 sympathizers, left their quarters, 309 Market street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to march on Fresno, Cal., and take part in the free speech fight to be made there by leaders of the Industrial Workers.

By twos the army filed out Market street to Vandeventer avenue, and south on Vandeventer to Tower Grove Station, where they expect to catch freight trains to Kansas City. Kansas City has been made the first stopping place. Probably all will not be able to catch the same train, and a meeting place has been arranged by the order in that city.

The army was led by Joseph Sorensen, captain. Each man's name was registered in a book, and he was given a postal card with which to notify the order should he go astray. These postals will be addressed to the association at Kansas City or El Paso, Tex., the next stop.

The army created much excitement in the downtown district, and many stood at the corners and watched them as they passed. It was said at the headquarters yesterday afternoon the men probably would all arrive in Kansas City about Monday night. It was estimated about 30 men could ride in a box car, and that it would be impossible for the car crew to put them off on account of their number, and for the policemen to arrest them for the same reason.

When the "army" reaches Kansas City the number will be enlarged to about 200. By picking up the unemployed along the route the marchers expect to number more than a thousand when they reach Fresno.

They claim they will have a perfect right to "free speech" at Fresno. They say they cannot be arrested, as their number will be too large and the city will be unable to provide for them should they be arrested, as this would cause the taxpayers to protest at the expense of feeding them.—"St. Louis Globe-Democrat."

FIGHTING THE WRONG MAN

"AND SO I JUST HAD TO SMASH 'EM."

New York, March 1.—John Stewart is 24 years old. He is an American. He is a big, strong, homely, unemployed, desperate man.

While the daily afternoon promenade of fashion and wealth in Fifth avenue was at its height, he deliberately and viciously attacked two well-dressed Japanese, giving them a fearful mauling before a policeman could arrest Stewart.

The policeman was no match physically for Stewart. But the latter offered no resistance to arrest, saying that he would go to jail peacefully if allowed to say a few words to the crowd of several hundred people who had gathered. This is what he said:

"Look at me! I am an able-bodied man. I was born in the United States. I can do hard work, but I cannot get it. I am cold, I am hungry, I am starving, and I have no place to lay my head. I am without a home and without a friend.

"I was coming along the street, thinking about these things, when I saw these two fellows come out of a building. Their fine clothes attracted my attention. They look like millionaires. They are foreigners, Japanese.

"They cannot have been in this country more than a few years, but they swagger along the street, swinging their canes, and with money in their pockets to buy every luxury they want.

"I, a native American, cannot even find work, and must starve. My blood boiled, and I just had to smash 'em."

Henry T. Koshiba and Toyo Kikuchi, the Japanese whom Stewart attacked, are both photographers, with Fifth avenue studios.

Magistrate O'Connor sent Stewart to the workhouse for four months.—"Spokane Press."

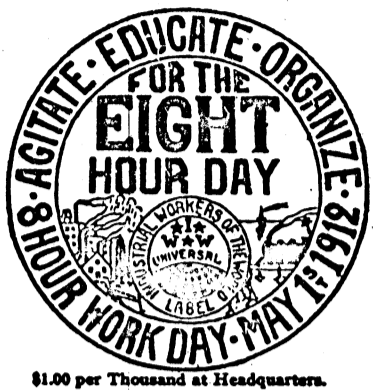
MONEY TALKS.

Ruby, Wash., March 3, 1911.

Editor Industrial Worker, Spokane, Wash.
Fellow Worker: We have got to have the Industrial Worker, and there are no two ways about it. There is no chance to get subs around here, but I enclose \$10.00 check for which send me some sub cards and I can sell them later.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,
C. E. PAYNE.

RED STICKERS



\$1.00 per Thousand at Headquarters.

GETTING AWAY FROM MISERY

PROTECT PERSONS FROM THOSE WHO THROW THEMSELVES FROM WINDOWS.

Peril on Ground Floor—Men When Taking Own Lives Fail to See That Their Way Is Clear.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—So many suicides by jumping from upper stories down into the rotunda of buildings have occurred recently that the building department of this city has taken steps to protect persons on the ground floor. Owners of 16 downtown office buildings having rotundas more than three stories in height were ordered yesterday by the building department to stretch screens across the second floor openings to protect those on the main floor from being struck by persons making suicidal leaps.—"Spokane-Review."

Those who are interested in the RACE SUICIDE problem should study up on the cause of this brand of suicide. They are coming thick when screens have to be erected at an enormous cost to protect those who are not yet ready to "cash in." The excuse offered by these people just before making the leap to death is that they were hungry and had tried for days and weeks in a vain search of employment.

Why can they not find employment? Because there is not work for all. Because the boss owns the machine and the machine displaces labor. Because a few own everything and the many own nothing. Those who do nothing have everything, and those who do everything have nothing. The machine under capitalism is a CURSE, as it displaces labor and makes tramps and prostitutes. When the workers are in possession of the machine it will be a boon to mankind. It will shorten the hours of labor to the minimum and make life worth living. This kind of suicide or any other kind is not a question for any Gods or spooks to settle; but, being an economic question, it necessarily must be settled by those who are now the exploited. That means that the workers must free themselves. The Industrial Union movement is the only sound and logical proposition so far advanced or ever can be advanced. We must ORGANIZE, EDUCATE and AGITATE until we are strong enough and intelligent enough to take the machine and operate it for ourselves. The eight-hour day fight will be the first real battle towards this end. Are you an agitator?

I. W. W. MAN BEATEN AT FRESNO.

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 28.—Dragged through the gutter for three blocks and subjected to violence at the hands of 300 rioters, a member of the I. W. W., who attempted to speak on the streets here yesterday, is suffering today from severe injuries. The rioting followed the refusal of Sheriff McSwain to receive other Industrialists in the county jail. The speaker was knocked down repeatedly. A bystander who protested was thrown under the heels of a kicking horse and his nose broken.—"Spokane Press."

CIVILIZATION

I. W. W. BAND IN CLOVER—KENNETT OPENS ITS ARMS AND THE TRAVELERS WILL LINGER.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 26.—The smelter town of Kennett gave the marching Industrial Workers of the World, who are on their way to Fresno 100 strong, so warm a welcome that the band will remain there until Wednesday to recuperate. Eagles' hall was turned over to the tired men when they came in last night, and comfortable bunks were made up on the benches and cots. The Industrialists held a public meeting, at which a collection was taken up. This afternoon a baseball team of the travelers played a game against one from the smelter.

NEWS FROM THE MAN ON THE JOB



Stay Away From Strike

STRIKE ON THE NORTH COAST RAILROAD—DON'T SCAB—HELP WIN THE STRIKE.

I would like to urge all workers to stay away from Washtuk & Chew's camps on the North Coast road. At Colvort, Tyler and Sprague, the slaves have struck for \$2 per day. They have the work badly hampered. Their shipping agents are the Inland Empire Employment Agency, on Front avenue, Spokane. They have had a standing order for 15 Americans at \$1.50 and 15 Italians, same pay, but the Italians and Americans, contrary to the boss' expectations, did not compete with each other, but actually got friendly and decided to both fight the boss as their common enemy. I suppose they will soon be crying "fire the Dago," if these things continue. These slaves are getting the large sum of \$1.50 per day; \$1 hospital fee and \$5.25 for board, leaving 65 cents clear each day they work. If they lay off to "boil up," they get fired. Every day it storms and they lay off it costs 75 cents.

Fine "doings," isn't it boys? Sure; it makes us patriotic to "the land of the Spree and home of the Slave." We can also sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" with more zeal. You slaves of the railroad, where are your homes? where are your families? Why don't you ride over the roads you build instead of humming or riding the trucks? Why build roads if not to ride over? If you slaves have any manhood you will stay away from this place or you will go out there to fight the boss and make it as expensive as possible.

Why don't you "kick in" with us in the ONE BIG UNION and help get an eight-hour day, better wages and working conditions and ultimate freedom from slavery? Stand up! Look the boss in the face! Don't be a cringing coward. Fight your own battles with us. Agitate among your fellow workers and we will put ourselves in a position where we can respect ourselves and be in a position to COMMAND respect instead of shame. People consider labor degrading not because the act is degrading, but because of the fact that the conditions under which it is performed is a disgrace. The workers can remove those conditions and make labor honorable and elevating, as all labor is necessary and should be elevating.

STAY AWAY BOYS.
B. C. STORK,
Local No. 434, I. W. W.

The "Worker" on the Job

"INDUSTRIAL WORKER" IS DOING GOOD—RESULT OF STOLTZ'S WORK.

Hoquiam, Wash., February 23.
To Joseph O'Neil.

Spokane, Wash.
Fellow Worker: Will you let me know if there is an I. W. W. local on Grays Harbor? I am not a union man; in fact, never belonged to any union, but I would join if there is a union in this part of the country. I believe in one big union for all, and there are about 15 more here who think the same way. There are two I. W. W. papers coming here, and they are doing lots of good.

I am a logger and have worked here five months. Wages are from \$2.50 to \$4.50 a day. Board is \$5/25 a week. Hospital, \$1. Men are coming and going all the time. There are lots of idle men in Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

Yours truly,
ESTER SPLAWN.

GET RIGHT.

If you are right you cannot be too radical. If you are wrong you cannot be too conservative. Paste this in your hat and shoot it into the first slayer you hear telling about some workingman being TOO RADICAL. It's the radical the boss is afraid of. Give him lots of it.

FRESNO.
(Jos. O'Carroll, Local No. 85, Chicago.)
Fighting for no dim abstraction,
Fellow workers tried and true,
Never sinking to inaction,
When you think your presence due.

Counting not the cost of fighting,
But with tongue and arm and brain,
Doing all you can towards righting
Other's wrongs, and not in vain.

Not with any loud rejoicing,
Nor for any sympathy,
Union's aim forever voicing,
As ye pay the penalty.

Though they brand you thief and hobo,
As they throw you in their jails,
Just remember this is Fresno—
Tyranny will not avail.

For the hiring and the lackey,
And for all of those they serve,
Give this warning in your affray:
"From our path we'll never swerve."

For the slave and for the master,
"We shall end what ye began,
And you'll suffer the disaster
That you suffered in Spokane."

F-ree speech! Again the distant call is heard;
R-ebels! forward to the scene of fray.
E-ach to speak the living vital word;
S-tep lively, for we come to win the day.
N-o, petty tyrants, none can gag our speech.
O-nward! One more lesson we must teach.
B. L. WEBER.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Marietta, Ohio, in conjunction with Local Marietta of the Socialist Party, enter protest against the inhuman and unAmerican treatment of the members of the I. W. W. of Fresno, California, by intelligent and so-called naturalized American citizens of the United States.

We protest against the suppression of free speech of one class to the detriment of another class, as it is a constitutional right of the whole.

We protest against the methods used to suppress free speech and insist that the right of free assemblage shall not be interfered with when within lawful limits; the unscrupulous methods used by the authorities of Spokane, Washington, and Fresno, California, to destroy industrial unionism which only serves to prove that justice shall be strangled at any cost; therefore in consideration of the foregoing, be it

Resolved, That we condemn the inhuman tactics of the Fresno authorities; and be it further

Resolved, That we will stand by any and all movements that seek to establish justice; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mayor of Fresno, and one to the International Workers' paper, "The Industrial Worker" and one to "Solidarity," and one to the governor of California.

Passed and agreed to in mass meeting assembled February 12, 1911, in the city of Marietta, Ohio.

Witness the signature of the officer of the meeting thus and there held.
S. T. DYE, Secretary.

A NEW LOCAL.

A local was organized in Black Diamond this last week. All coal miners and old members of the U. M. W. A. joined. The officers of the I. W. W. coal miners' local from Burnett accompanied Fellow Worker Thompson and others to the home of the new local. Over 40 charter members started the new local. May it grow and thrive until it embraces every miner in the district. Queer this bunch of miners wouldn't wish to take the very important step and stay in the U. M. W. A. and send their money to Gompers and the Civic Federation. Where IGNORANCE is blisters. Sh—

THE COMING CHANGE EASIER.

The transformation of scattered private property, arising from individual labor, into capitalist private property, is, naturally, a process incomparably more protracted, violent and difficult than the transformation of the capitalist private property, already practically resting on a socialized production, into socialized property. In the former case we had the expropriation of the masses of the people by a few usurpers; in the latter, we have the expropriation of a few usurpers by the mass of the people.—Karl Marx.

IDENTITY OF INTEREST?

Nearly 300 of the Grand Trunk employees who went out at the time of the strike have not been taken back by the company. A deputation from those not re-engaged will wait upon President Hays upon his return to Montreal.

These men are members of the brotherhood that has been petitioning the government of the United States for higher freight rates so that they might obtain better wages, and the Wall street mouthpieces are loud in proclaiming the saneness and conservatism of the different railroad organizations.

No doubt during their enforced idleness these 300 unemployed will have ample time for endeavoring to locate wherein their identity with their former masters lies.—District Ledger.

What the Locals Are Doing

To Postpone Convention

RESOLUTION NO. 14.

By Local Unions Nos. 303, 85, Br. 3, and 500.

The delegates of the Polish local unions of the I. W. W. of Chicago and Vicinity (L. U. No. 303, L. U. No. 85, and L. U. No. 500) at the conference held on the 26th of February, 1911, at Chicago, Ill., adopted the following resolutions:

The three above mentioned local industrial unions of the Industrial Workers of the World ask that the G. E. B. submit to a referendum vote of the entire membership the following questions:

1. That the annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World be postponed and held during the fourth week of September, 1911, at the city of Chicago, Ill. (Reasons: The referendum after the last convention could not be considered as a criterion of the sentiment among the membership. We believe if arguments would have been set forth, the majority would have voted to hold conventions in the autumn instead of in May. On and about May all forces of labor, who are dissatisfied with conditions, are in revolt on strikes or in other demonstrations. It is then that the active industrial unionists should be in full trim and in the midst of the struggle of the workers, instead of killing time in amending again the constitution. Secondly, organizations, as a rule, seldom change or amend the organic laws before having the members to effect the change with. The Industrial Workers of the World have been changing and amending the constitution all the time without having the membership to legislate for. This convention would be no exception. Apart of that it must be admitted that every convention throws the organization back. Finances, that could be used to carry on propaganda in the time of the year, when the workers need instructions how to organize, have to be expended for current expenses incident with a convention: printing, hall rent and other things, and as a result propaganda work is stopped for months thereafter.)

2. That other unions, not connected with the Industrial Workers of the World, whose membership may be in full accord with the principles of this organization, be invited to send delegates to that convention in September. That delegates of such unions shall be given voice and one vote each if the organization represented has less than 1,000 members, and one additional vote for all members above 1,000. Organizations that would install at the convention or immediately thereafter as a part of the Industrial Workers of the World, shall be given full rights in the referendum on all amendments to the constitution enacted by the convention. (Reasons: It is certain that there are thousands of workers organized in different industries who, though fully in accord with the principles of the I. W. W., prefer to remain in the union of their industry, which in many cases are independent of the A. F. of L. Most of these unions can be drawn, in our opinion, into the I. W. W. convention, and are allowed to legislate for the industries, instead of others not acquainted with the particulars of the respective industries, trying to legislate affairs for them. They would be the best judges for proper legislation and by being allowed that right they would have no reason to stay outside of the I. W. W.)

3. That a referendum be instituted to send a delegate to the congress of the International Secretariat of Trade Unions, to be held in August, 1911, in Budapest, Hungary, and that the names of candidates be submitted to a referendum vote. (Reasons: If it is for no other reason than to register the protest against the admission of a member of the National Civic Federation, James Duncan, as a delegate of the union movement of the United States of America, after the largest organization of the American Federation of Labor characterized that institution as capitalistic in design and expelled everyone of its members who is a member of said National Civic Federation. If the delegate of the I. W. W. is not admitted to this convention he may be able to co-operate with the industrial revolutionary movements of the European countries for the holding of a congress of such unions that adhere to the same fundamental program.)

Hoping that the general executive board will endorse this call for a referendum and place the questions before the membership, or if not that seven more unions may be found that will endorse this request, we remain,
Yours for Industrial Freedom.

B. SCHRAGER,
Secretary of Conference.

SUBMISSION IS THE WORST EVIL.

I ask you to think with me that the worst that can happen to us is to endure tamely the evils that we see; that no trouble or turmoil is so bad as that; that the necessary destruction which reconstruction bears with it must be taken calmly; that everywhere—in state, in church, in the household—we must be resolute to endure no tyranny, accept no lie, quail before no fear, although they may come before us disguised as piety, duty or affection, as useful opportunity and good nature, as prudence or kindness.—William Morris.

NOTICE.

Local Unions, Nos. 12, 18 and 63, of Los Angeles, have moved to 604 Crocker street. All the latest revolutionary papers and literature are on hand. All wage workers are welcome.
WM. R. SAUTTER,
Joint Secretary.

DISTRICT NOTICE.

Portland, Ore., March 1.
Industrial Worker:
C. H. Axelson and Geo. Speed decline nomination for district organizers.
E. S. NELSON,
Secretary pro. tem., P. C. D. O., 631-2 Second street, Portland, Ore.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

CALL FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, the sixth annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World will convene in the city of Chicago, Ill., Monday, May 1st, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The convention hall will be announced later. The general secretary will, within two weeks of the date of this call send to each local union, national industrial union and department affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World credentials in duplicate for the number of delegates they are entitled to in the convention, based on the tax paid by such local and national industrial unions and departments, as provided for in the general constitution.

Immediately upon receipt of the credentials local unions will proceed to choose and designate their delegates to the convention by regular election. The secretary of each local union shall forward the duplicate credential of their delegate or delegates to the general headquarters as soon as the delegate or delegates have been elected. The original credential shall be given to the delegate and by the delegate be turned over to the credential committee of the convention.

All credentials and duplicates must have the seal of the union on the same.

Local unions directly chartered by the Industrial Workers of the World shall have one delegate for two hundred members or less, and one additional delegate for each additional two hundred or major fraction thereof.

Local industrial unions not paying tax upon an average membership of at least 20 members for six months prior to the call for the convention shall not be entitled to a delegate.

Two or more locals in the same locality may jointly send a delegate in accordance with the provisions of the general constitution.

For additional provisions of the constitution relating to the convention and delegates, see Article IV. of the general constitution.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD,
Industrial Workers of the World.
By Vincent St. John, General Secretary.
Wm. E. Trautmann, General Organizer.
Dated Chicago, Ill., March 1st, 1911.

THE REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALIST MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND.

Following upon the Syndicalist conference held in Manchester the 26th of November, the Trades Council of Derby convened a conference for the purpose of discussing Syndicalism and the desirability of unifying the sectional unions; a large attendance of delegates of unions were present, and a resolution was carried unanimously favoring the Industrial Syndicalist principle, and the whole council resolved to become an educational committee to advance the same.

Recently I have put in considerable time with the men on the Manchester Ship Canal to organize them into the Transport Workers' Union. The Rhondda miners' dispute still continues. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain have decided to support them financially, but they have not decided to make common cause with them by stopping work and forcing the fight to a finish, as they should have done.

The demand for a 50-hour week instead of 52-2 for the printing trades is to be left to the London men to fight out, the unions in the provinces having declined to put in their notices. Still a big fight will be put up, as it is not likely that the provincial unions will do the work of London firms whose men will be on strike. TOM MANN.

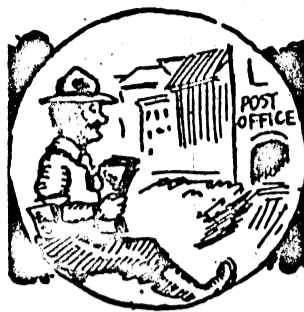
THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Woods Hutchison, M. D., in the March Cosmopolitan, says that as long as one can get from 12 to 14 hours' sleep per day he will continue to grow. When we reach the dead line of 9 hours sleep all growth stops. He adds that every minute that we clip from the nine hours of sleep brings us that much nearer to the grave. Pretty good argument for the eight-hour day, eh, what? Organize, agitate and educate for the universal eight-hour day on May 1, 1912.—"Solidarity."

TRUE LIBERTY.

Liberty! Glorious word! Meaning not merely the absence of the grosser oppressions of kings and aristocrats, but the full freedom of personal manhood—the right to use and develop and enjoy all the manifold faculties, powers, qualities and opportunities so bountifully bestowed on man.—John Swinton.

Boosters' Brigade



C. Nelson sends in \$3.75 for subs from Vancouver, B. C. Looks good.

Henry Tiggerman sends in \$1.00 for a sub from Malden, Mont. One soul saved from the clutches of the Civic Federation.

J. Lebon sends in \$1.00 for two subs from San Francisco. Come again, fellow worker.

F. H. Alexander sends in \$2.00 from Omaha, Neb. Looks good.

Eugene Seuthe sends in \$1.00 for a sub from Everett. Seuthe is an old I. W. W. machinist; always on the firing line.

Fellow Worker J. C. Knust sends in \$1.00 for two subs from Plummer, Idaho. Jim also sends initiation fees and dues for two new members. Both loggers.

Thomas Whitehead sends in \$1.50 for a combination sub to the "Worker" and "Solidarity."

Fred Isler sends in \$1.00 for subs from Seattle. Get some more, Fred.

J. H. Reynolds, secretary of No. 432, Seattle, sends in \$1.00 for two subs.

D. D. Richie, formerly of National, Nev., sends in \$1.00 for a sub from Austin, Nev. Richie is an old red and will be heard from again.

C. L. French subscribes for the "Worker." French is a new member and intends to be a "live" one.

John M. Foss, secretary No. 380, Tacoma, sends in 50 cents for a sub from Tacoma. Poor for John.

Walt Holm, secretary Jerome Miners' Union, W. F. M., sends in \$2.00 for two yearly subs for the local. Hope every member in Jerome reads them and gets next to the Civic Federation fake.

Dave McCrea sends in \$3.00 from Bremerton, Wash. Mac is a steady rustler for the "Worker."

B. Hoffman, member of 432, Seattle Loggers, sends in \$5.00 and merely said, "Renew my sub." Sounds like that shortest verse, "Jesus wept." Hoffman has sent in about \$200.00 since the "Worker" first started.

Frank Abers sends in \$1.50 for three subs from New Orleans, La. Frank is an old hustler for the "Worker."

C. E. Payne sends in \$10.00 for the "Worker" and says the "Worker" must live. See his letter elsewhere.

Thomas Kilcullen of Redlands, Cal., sends in \$7.00 donations from the reds in that vicinity. Looks as if we would live awhile.

E. P. McCurry, secretary of Porcupine Miners Union, W. M. M. No. 145, sends in \$5.00 for five subs for the local. Poor old Gompers and the rest of his pals have a poor "stand-in" among the reds of Ontario. Poor fakirs.

REPORT OF THE ASST. EDITOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKER FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 1911.

Receipts.
Received for subs.....\$38.00
Received for bundle orders.....48.80
Received for donations.....11.00
Correction from Dec. 13, 1910, error in books......50

Total receipts.....\$98.30

Expenditures.
Grauman-Walker, on account.....\$50.00
Rent of mailing room.....5.00
Misc. expenses week ending Feb. 25.....2.10
Misc. expenses week ending Mar. 4.....2.10
Fred W. Heslewood, bal. wages week ending Feb. 18.....3.00
Jos. O'Neil, bal. wages week ending Feb. 18.....5.00
Fred W. Heslewood, acct. wages week ending Feb. 25.....15.00
Jos. O'Neil, act. wages week ending Feb. 25.....13.00

Total expenditures.....\$95.20
Total receipts for week.....\$98.30
Cash on hand Feb. 25......17
Total.....\$98.47

Total expenditures.....95.20

Balance cash on hand Mar. 4.....\$ 3.27

JOS. O'NEIL,
Asst. Editor.

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Listen to Your Boss

HOPE THEY ALL GO—WOULD MURDER UNEMPLOYED.

If all the hobos read the newspapers, Northern Mexico ought now to be a particularly inviting spot to them. The hobos at present there seem to be having a good time, with plenty to eat and nothing to do: We hope all the hobos will go there as quickly as possible in order that the rurales may round them up and kill the whole tribe off at once.—"Los Angeles Times," Feb. 18.

A hobo is a man who is out of work. He is out of work because there is no work to do. There is no work to do periodically because those who do work, work too many hours and produce too much, or more than the worker can buy back. He produces too much because he works on a machine and the machine displaces labor and that is why the boss put in the machine. Hence hobos. After the boss has robbed and starved you and made a hobo out of you, he now suggests that you be rounded up by the Mexican soldiers and shot. Now, you mutter heads, who said we are too radical? Come out of your hole and tell us what YOU are going to do in face of the above statement by a leading capitalist paper that is the mouthpiece of the Manufacturers' Association on the Pacific coast. Robert Ingersoll said that the labor movement had to decide whether the machine was going to own the workers or the workers own the machine. Which will you have? It's up to you, Mr. Workingman. We industrialists say that we will organize and take the machine and operate it in the interest of the workers. Are you with us or against us? If you are with us, then join the I. W. W., the only revolutionary union in America, and prepare to free yourself from the whip of the master class. Don't wait until you are ground down to a point where you are too cowardly and subservient to make a fight. Do it now. Nothing can be accomplished without ORGANIZATION. There is only room for ONE UNION. That's the I. W. W.

during the ride. No where are there such enthusiastic spenders.
"In a quiet way and without any agitation, Mexico has enforced what has become almost total prohibition. Drinking there 20 years ago was an evil such as was never dreamed of in this country. Liquor was for sale everywhere, without restriction. The first step was to confine its sale to licensed saloons. Then high license was enforced. A law was passed forcing all saloons to have blinds over the windows so that they were dark and rather unpleasant. Then it was required that all chairs and everything that made drinking places comfortable and attractive be removed. As most of the very poor go barefoot all the year around, another law was passed requiring that the floor of all saloons be cemented. This made them cold and uncomfortable to the unclad feet. The combination of all those measures has practically stopped drinking among the very poor."
The above is clipped from a Detroit Daily paper. This ought to be an eye-opener to the fellow who is talking about having interests in common with his boss. This fellow Rhoades is a capitalist, and he makes no "bones" of the fact that 10 per cent are very rich, and, OF COURSE, the rest are very poor. It works in the United States the same way and in every other country. The only object these blood-thirsty capitalists can have in stopping the very poor from drinking is so that they will be in better shape every morning for labor. A cold, rough floor to keep out the bare-footed slave is a novel way of stopping the liquor habit. As the BOSS has good boots he can have all he wishes to drink, and no doubt his saloons are very attractive. The large automobile, for instance. Get down to "brass tacks," you slaves and organize and stop the like of Rhoades and the rest of his ilk from insulting you. Get what you produce and put the parasite on the "hog." Get organized right away.

Of Course the Boss is Rich

BUSINESS MAN SEES NO HOPE FOR MEXICAN REBELS.

"Nelson Rhoades, Jr., representing the larger sugar interests in Mexico, who has for only a week been out of white duck and the midst of the revolutionary activity of the southern republic, has been spending several days at the Pontchartrain. As a representative of large property owners who have found their holdings protected and their success encouraged by Diaz, he has little sympathy for the rebels.

"It is not really a political movement," he said the other day. "There have been bands of bandits in the mountains who stole cattle and committed other depredations, and they have been joined by insurgents who have been outlawed for their attacks on the government. The situation is under full control and the revolution will soon be history. "The sympathy of Americans along the border has contributed a great deal to the maintaining of the disorder. This has not the sanction of the government, but it is due to the view of many of the American people that any movement for liberty, to which they are duty bound to contribute. It hasn't disturbed foreign investments and it will have no bad effect on them.

"There are a great many very wealthy people in Mexico. Nearly 10 per cent of the population is very rich, and most of the rest, of course, very poor. They have made their money legitimately. That is, they have hired very cheap labor and hired a great deal of it. That was how they got rich. "Mexico City is perhaps the gayest city on the American continent. It has beautiful boulevards, magnificent mansions, dress parades and much life about the cafes, theatres and opera. It is nothing for a wealthy man there to spend \$20,000 gold for an automobile. Some of them have specially made bodies which will seat anywhere from six to twelve people. They are electric lighted and magnificently fitted. Most of them are equipped with tea tables. The whole family gets in about 5 o'clock in the afternoon for a spin on the boulevard, and tea is served

Special News From Norway

SCANDINAVIAN OUTLOOK.

The Syndicalist Movement in Norway and Sweden—Political Shysters and Labor Fakirs Are Busy in Europe.

The Syndicalist movement in Scandinavia is neither old nor strong and the ideas advocated by the French and American Syndicalists are but little known among the workers.

The main reason for this is the strong position which the "Social Democrat" has gained in Scandinavia, a position it has reached by means of peddling political dope to the workers and giving them pet reforms. A change is soon to be expected in this situation.

In Sweden, the foremost land both in industrial development and working class organization, the general strikers' failure in 1909 made the workers put their thinking caps on.

The general strike lasted about a month, and then the old craft unions gave it up and took a defeat, which was given before the strike was ever started.

Through the political "action" our fellow workers in Sweden had succeeded in sitting a number of "Social Democrats" in the senate and city municipalities. When the general strike was called, the politicians—who, besides being politicians, were holding jobs as secretaries in the unions—declared that the workers were by no means fighting the good "Democratic government." (To make the situation clear it is necessary here to state that the Scandinavian governments have a monopoly on driving different kinds of business in which the competition is eliminated, as gas, electricity, railways, telephones, water etc.)

The workers in the government industries were ready to join their comrades in the fight, but the politicians hindered it by their declaration that the government was as well for the workers as for the capitalists.

In certain parts of Sweden where the private capitalists had mines, the workers were not allowed by THEIR OWN UNIONS to stop the pumps which took the water from the mines, and the result was that the mines were filled with SCABS, instead of WATER. The politicians claimed over and over again that it was a peaceable strike and the workers should do nothing against LAW and ORDER, and should not SABOTE or DESTROY their master's property. The logical consequence of such a peaceful fight was a glorious victory for the master class, and the slaves starved themselves back to work inside of one month.

The first result of the failure of the strike was a strong Syndicalist movement. The old trade unions declined in membership from three-fourths to en-fourth, while the Syndicalists gained members by the hundreds. At present the Syndicalists in Sweden have two weekly publications: "BRAND" and "Nya Folkviljan," and pamphlets of many different kinds touching on the subject of DIRECT ACTION are spread through the country.

Of late the Syndicalists have taken up a propaganda for New-Malthusianism—that is, to teach the workers not to make too many new horn slaves to the capitalists.

In Norway, the movement has been hampered a great deal by the NATIONALISM, which the dissolution of the union with Sweden in 1905 aroused in the Norwegian people. Even the workers could not see the master class for the Swedes. Matters have settled a little since then, but still the Norwegians are too patriotic to see the internationalism of capitalism.

In 1907 the movement came into misrepresentation among the workers, due to an attempt of a party of Syndicalists to steal money donated from workers for political purposes, by the politicians.

We have but one paper in Norway, "STORM," which is published regularly every month. The movement is very little, and is here, as in Denmark, almost impossible to make the workers understand the political game right.

The "Social Democrat" takes every one who comes along as members, and appoints them to political offices, all the way from slave owners to clergymen and lawyers, and the workers O. K. the transaction.

In Denmark the revolutionary movement amounts to next to nothing. Denmark and Belgium are the two European countries where the "Social Democrat" has reached its highest development, and both these countries have the most down-hearted and "loyal to the government" working class to be found. As a consequence of the political action the workers in both these countries are very poorly paid. Too poorly, indeed.

It has come to this that many workers are not even able to pay a tax of about \$5 to \$10 a year, which secures for them the right to vote at municipal elections.

The beautiful result is accomplished by being robbed at the pay window and administering their "kicks" by the ballot. The "Social Democrat" has secured lots of reforms for the workers; it is to be hoped that workers of other countries will beware of imitations. Only last year a law designed by Social Democrats was inaugurated which forbids the workers to go out on strike and compels them to let all grievances be settled by compulsory arbitration. This is the "blow that killed father" in Denmark. The senate resolved that there is to be no class struggle. Now it is only a matter of arbitration.

FREE SPEECH—WHAT IT MEANS.

To speak freely any sentiments acceptable to the authorities is a right that has never been questioned, never obstructed in all the history of the world. The right of free speech, which has been and is now questioned and obstructed, is the right to speak freely sentiments that are not, as well as those that are, acceptable to the authorities. When that unlimited right is obstructed, free speech is obstructed.

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Special News From Norway

SCANDINAVIAN OUTLOOK.

The Syndicalist Movement in Norway and Sweden—Political Shysters and Labor Fakirs Are Busy in Europe.

The Syndicalist movement in Scandinavia is neither old nor strong and the ideas advocated by the French and American Syndicalists are but little known among the workers.

The main reason for this is the strong position which the "Social Democrat" has gained in Scandinavia, a position it has reached by means of peddling political dope to the workers and giving them pet reforms. A change is soon to be expected in this situation.

In Sweden, the foremost land both in industrial development and working class organization, the general strikers' failure in 1909 made the workers put their thinking caps on.

The general strike lasted about a month, and then the old craft unions gave it up and took a defeat, which was given before the strike was ever started.

Through the political "action" our fellow workers in Sweden had succeeded in sitting a number of "Social Democrats" in the senate and city municipalities. When the general strike was called, the politicians—who, besides being politicians, were holding jobs as secretaries in the unions—declared that the workers were by no means fighting the good "Democratic government." (To make the situation clear it is necessary here to state that the Scandinavian governments have a monopoly on driving different kinds of business in which the competition is eliminated, as gas, electricity, railways, telephones, water etc.)

The workers in the government industries were ready to join their comrades in the fight, but the politicians hindered it by their declaration that the government was as well for the workers as for the capitalists.

In certain parts of Sweden where the private capitalists had mines, the workers were not allowed by THEIR OWN UNIONS to stop the pumps which took the water from the mines, and the result was that the mines were filled with SCABS, instead of WATER. The politicians claimed over and over again that it was a peaceable strike and the workers should do nothing against LAW and ORDER, and should not SABOTE or DESTROY their master's property. The logical consequence of such a peaceful fight was a glorious victory for the master class, and the slaves starved themselves back to work inside of one month.

The first result of the failure of the strike was a strong Syndicalist movement. The old trade unions declined in membership from three-fourths to en-fourth, while the Syndicalists gained members by the hundreds. At present the Syndicalists in Sweden have two weekly publications: "BRAND" and "Nya Folkviljan," and pamphlets of many different kinds touching on the subject of DIRECT ACTION are spread through the country.

Of late the Syndicalists have taken up a propaganda for New-Malthusianism—that is, to teach the workers not to make too many new horn slaves to the capitalists.

In Norway, the movement has been hampered a great deal by the NATIONALISM, which the dissolution of the union with Sweden in 1905 aroused in the Norwegian people. Even the workers could not see the master class for the Swedes. Matters have settled a little since then, but still the Norwegians are too patriotic to see the internationalism of capitalism.

In 1907 the movement came into misrepresentation among the workers, due to an attempt of a party of Syndicalists to steal money donated from workers for political purposes, by the politicians.

We have but one paper in Norway, "STORM," which is published regularly every month. The movement is very little, and is here, as in Denmark, almost impossible to make the workers understand the political game right.

The "Social Democrat" takes every one who comes along as members, and appoints them to political offices, all the way from slave owners to clergymen and lawyers, and the workers O. K. the transaction.

In Denmark the revolutionary movement amounts to next to nothing. Denmark and Belgium are the two European countries where the "Social Democrat" has reached its highest development, and both these countries have the most down-hearted and "loyal to the government" working class to be found. As a consequence of the political action the workers in both these countries are very poorly paid. Too poorly, indeed.

It has come to this that many workers are not even able to pay a tax of about \$5 to \$10 a year, which secures for them the right to vote at municipal elections.

The beautiful result is accomplished by being robbed at the pay window and administering their "kicks" by the ballot. The "Social Democrat" has secured lots of reforms for the workers; it is to be hoped that workers of other countries will beware of imitations. Only last year a law designed by Social Democrats was inaugurated which forbids the workers to go out on strike and compels them to let all grievances be settled by compulsory arbitration. This is the "blow that killed father" in Denmark. The senate resolved that there is to be no class struggle. Now it is only a matter of arbitration.

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Besides this, the "Social Democrat" politicians have secured laws as insurance annuity and pensions to government employees, which was given the employees on terms that they give up their right to strike. But the biggest reverse of all these social reform laws is that the workers are compelled to make statistics over to the government, of how many members there are in the unions, and hundreds of other things. We are controlled in such a way in the unions that it beats a German passport by a mile. Here is where the capitalists have us by the throat. The capitalists know exactly who and why and how about every worker, and if they—thanks to the union statistical system—locate a man they are able to locate him everywhere in the country.

Through annual reports, the trade unions furnish the government and the capitalists with all desired information, and if the capitalists want to blackmail a man all they have to do is to look up the union reports to get an absolute Bertillon record of their man. This system prevents all kinds of DIRECT ACTION at the point of production.

In 1911 and 1912 several of the SACRED CONTRACTS expire in Norway and Denmark, and the capitalists show a tendency of giving the workers the same lesson in the disability of craft unions and political fakirs to cover an industrial situation, as the Swedish workers received in 1909 and which resulted in a strong Syndicalist movement.

BRUNO SCHMYTZ,
Christiana, Norway.

Whole Bunch Are Fakirs

LABOR LEADERS GOOD AS PREACHERS—NEED MORE UNIONS.

Preacher Lauds Labor Unionism—Says Leaders Are as Consecrated a Lot of Men as the Ministers.

"Labor unionists are praising a talk on 'Strikes and Strikers,' made by Rev. Ty'er Dennett, late pastor of the Aiki Congregational church, Seattle, before the Congregational Church Men's club dinner recently at San Diego, Cal.

"I believe the labor leaders as a rule are as consecrated a lot of men as the ministers of our churches, and as sincere," said Rev. Mr. Dennett.

"I speak of the average as I have known and loved them. My remedy for the labor troubles which affect the country is not to destroy the unions, but to have more unions, and unionize all labor."

Rev. Mr. Dennett lived three years among the garment workers and sweat shop employees of the lower east side in New York.—Spokane "Chronicle."

The reverend gent has struck the nail on the head. The labor leader is just about as useful to society as a preacher. That is the class of labor leaders referred to by his holiness the pilot. The preacher divides the people up into 1,300 different brands of the Christian job graft so that there will be as many jobs as possible to go around among the devil fighters, and the modern labor leader does the same with the working class. They divide the workers and keep them divided so that there will be as many fat jobs as possible. The preacher is always talking about unity in the church, but anyone that believes that he is in earnest is sick in the head. There are thousands of small towns in America where one church and one preacher could handle the whole job of fleecing the bleating lambs of God, and unity would tie the can to thousands of these well-clothed and fed pilots. It's a case of economic necessity with sky pilots and labor fakirs in craft unions. They will feed at the expense of a toiling slave class just as long as the workers allow them to. It's up to the working class. Stop paying dues into a craft is the only cure for labor fakirs. Stop going to church is the only cure for the other bunch of fakirs. They both live by telling lies to the workers. They both deny the class struggle.

Don't say you have never had a chance to organize and get better working conditions. The I. W. W. offers you the way for a small initiation fee to be a union man or woman. The fees charged are necessary to carry on the work or organization. No one is barred who has to work for a master for wages. Don't put it off; get into the union today.

WHY THEY WERE BUILT.

They had been spending the morning inspecting some working class dwellings. Finally, as they were leaving, the journalist, in a tone of deep disgust, asked:

"Mr. Squeezem, tell me truly, did you really put those traps up for human beings?"

An emphatic "no" was the owner's reply.

"You didn't! Ah, I see the point. You mean that you put them up for hogs?" was the next query.

"No," was the second answer.

"Then, good heavens, man, what in the world did you put them up for?"

"I put them up 'For Rent!'"

Deep silence ensued.—"Voice of Labour."

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