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## AGITATE—EDUCATE—ORGANIZE—FIGHT FOR THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

### BOSS WILL CUT WAGES

**CHEAP LABOR WANTED ON PACIFIC COAST—CAPITAL WILL WAR TO THE KNIFE FOR SUPREMACY.**

Upon the Pacific Coast a sharp struggle between capital and labor is in progress, a struggle gaining in intensity and spreading from Mexico to Canada. At the bottom of this struggle lies the freight rate, or rather the readjustment of freight rates in favor of the smaller inland cities of the West. So long as the coast cities enjoyed comparatively low freight rates caused by nominal water competition while the interior points were smothered by back-haul differentials, the coast cities transacted a vast and lucrative wholesale business in goods manufactured in the east. Now this rate supremacy is vanishing. They begin to realize that a large share of the distributing business is bound to go to interior points, sooner or later, and they are preparing to regain the lost ground by shifting from the jobbing to the manufacturing business.

Hitherto the West has been too busy mining, grazing, felling timber, producing raw material to pay much attention to the manufacture of the goods, of the finished products it consumes. The market for these finished products is growing rapidly and the wholesalers of the coast cities are preparing to supply this market with goods made at home instead of hauling the goods across the continent. What raw material cannot be had from the mountains, forests and plains, the Panama canal will furnish at low rates. But cheap raw material is only one factor in manufacturing. To compete successfully with goods sent from the East via the canal, the labor cost must be reduced. Through the Panama canal a flood of cheap European labor is expected, but to be sure of taking advantage of this flood, capital is engaged in a struggle with labor to assert its supremacy against the hour when ten times the present supply of labor will be needed.—Technical World Magazine, May, 1911.

Well, Mr. Slave, what are you going to do about this? Are you going to go around like a bear with a sore ear, cursing the "damned foreigner," or are you going to get into the harness and try and organize the working class properly to meet organized capital? Don't talk about your craft unions, as they will last about as long as a snowball in hell any old time the boss wants to get rid of them. Don't talk about "dagoes," "round-heads," "square-heads," etc. Don't call some slave a black son of a b—, but talk about capital and labor. Talk about how to organize your class to meet this bunch of parasites on the economic field; that field where you are robbed—the workshop, the job. You have either to go up or go back. What are you going to do about it, that's the question. There is only room for one union when it comes to fighting organized capital. The I. W. W. has pleaded with you, it has proven to you what the workers are up against, and they have offered you the only way to create a FORCE that will be effective in fighting the human leeches that wish for ever more and more profit. The time to organize industrially and study the revolutionary working class movement is right now. Get in NOW and help get the eight-hour day. If you are too cowardly to try and better your conditions, get off the earth.

### LABOR TEMPLE IS SCAB JOB

**SPECIAL "MARCONIGRAM" BY THE WORKERS' WIRELESS FROM VANCOUVER, B. C.**

The Joke of the Season—Carpenters' strike on in Vancouver, under auspices American Separation of Labor; Labor Temple being built by contract for same bunch; clause in contract that only "union" men shall be employed; strike on for \$4.50 per day; legal "flaw" in contract; scabs working today. "Business Agents" think it is quite funny and so do rank and file. But rank and file mean a different kind of "funny." Splendid opportunity for sane propaganda. But remember it must be sane and serious. The rank and file are getting onto these "business agent" fellows. They are ready NOW for Industrial Unionism. Get after them.

UNCLE TOM.

ALL ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW?



### NEWS FROM GERMANY

**FOSTER AGAIN ON THE JOB—GERMANS STAND FOR POLICE TO CLIP UP WREATHS—NOT LIKE FRENCH.**

Saturday, March 18, the anniversary of the German revolution of 1848, was celebrated by the decoration of the fallen martyrs with several hundred costly wreaths. Socialists, Syndicalists, Anarchists and "Patriots" took part in it. The martyrs are buried in "Friedrich Hain" Park—though why in a public park I have been unable to find out—and a few of us Syndicalists wended our way there bright and early with our tribute. There was no demonstration. The bearers of wreaths carried them to a police censor stationed near the graves, he read the inscriptions and with a pair of scissors literally "cut out" those sentiments that were "agin the government." It was amusing to watch this solemn censor cutting out the dope that might poison the minds of the slaves. The endorsed fragments of wreaths were placed on the graves and everyone hit the trail home. Just a little different from "Paree" thought I.

In the evening I attended a fine concert given by the "Vereinigung der Musikinstrument-Arbeiter Berlins und Umgegend." This name after being "civilized" into English runs "Musical Instrument Workers' Union of Berlin and Vicinity." It is a branch of the German Syndicalist Organization, "Freien Vereinigung Deutscher Gewerkschaften" or "Free Union of German Unions." The concert was a swell affair, not one of your stiff-hold me up straight English-American layouts, but a let-her-go-easy German proposition. The vast hall was filled with tables as well as chairs and we kept the excellent music and singing company by drinking beer and chewing the rag—however, owing to linguistic difficulties I was more competent to "get in on" the first part of this "accompaniment" than on the last.

The following day the memorial celebration was continued by a grand Syndicalist mass meeting. It was some different from our American affairs also. Again the eternal tables with the beer on them and the general take it easy fashion. Two policemen were seated on the platform to prevent the speakers from "handing us" anything that might give us an enlargement of the cranium. This cheerful feature reminded me forcefully of some of our intellectual police censors in Sunny Old Spokane.

The subject was "The Result of 40 Years of Working Class Political Activity." Unfortunately I was unable to decipher the hot shots that were fired into the Social Democratic Party. These same "shots" provoked a working man, with a delightfully sloping forehead, to take the platform in defense of this alleged working class organization. I am afraid that his dope was a little "off color," however, because the audience didn't seem to be led around to his way of thinking.

After all hands had another beer the meeting was called off amid enthusiasm, and most of us retired to the nearby saloons, where we had more beer.

Beer plays a large part in the German revolutionary movement, even as wine does in that of France, where the "bunch" say it is a physical impossibility for a man to be a revolutionist and an abstainer at the same time.

Yours for the I. W. W.  
W. Z. FOSTER.

### ANOTHER CAPITALIST PLOT TO MURDER

**MORE KIDNAPING—OFFICERS OF STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS ARRESTED AND SECRETLY RUSHED OUT OF THEIR HOMES—WORKERS MUST AROUSE.**

The workers everywhere must arouse if the lives of McNamara and his brother are not to be taken so that a murderous crew of money pirates sailing under the name of the "Merchants and Manufacturers' Association" of the Pacific coast may drive the last spike into the Union movement as has been their boast.

That this is another case paralleling the famous Haywood-Moyer one goes without saying. The blowing up of the "Los Angeles Times" building by escaping gas, gives the profit-mongers a "handle" with their paid sleuth hounds so that the accident can be turned to good use for them in the DESTROYING OF THE UNION MOVEMENT.

We must organize quick. We must urge the workers everywhere to rally to the defense of these officers, not because they are officers of a craft movement, but because they are being persecuted in the name of labor and which is the first move by the blood-thirsty leeches on the Pacific coast to tear labor into shreds and leave us where our bones can be picked clean by the plutocrats of America who are ever yearning for more and more profits from the toil of labor.

### LABOR DAY. ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY

**WHAT MAY DAY MEANS—THE REAL LABOR DAY—STATICIANS USED TO SIDETRACK MAY DAY AS LABOR DAY.**

To the average mind the idea expressed in the simple expression: "May Day" brings a recollection of May poles, dances, floral wreaths and general rejoicing in the birth of summer, still in vogue in parts of the world. In the United States "Arbor Day" is observed with the same significance.

Defense leagues must be formed everywhere, so that systematic action can be had, not only in the raising of money for the defense, but better by far yet, THE SOLIDIFYING OF THE WORKERS SO THAT EVERY WHEEL IN AMERICA CAN BE STOPPED IF THEY DARE TO CARRY OUT THEIR NEFARIOUS CONSPIRACY.

If Burns and his hired blood hounds can "make good" in this case it means that they are "fixed" for life. That McNamara will prove to be another Orchard and a tool of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association is the belief of those who are best acquainted with the case. That bombs will be "discovered," corpses will be "unearthed" and every mental prostitute flying under the name of a detective, will be "used" is a foregone conclusion. The capitalists of America must turn an accident to "good account" and the Structural Iron Workers have been selected as the prey for the first meal of the fat parasites, whose jaws are already dripping with gore from the flesh of ill-paid labor and child slavery.

Let us FORCE the master class to obey their own laws. This can only be accomplished by united action. Let us strive to get that action as soon as possible. Let us prove to these blood-thirsty parasites that we are the producers of all wealth and that when we will not work, they are in the position of a louse that can find no

blood to suck. "Protests" and "resolutions" are of little use compared to our POWER on the industrial field. Had the workers been organized properly, the railroad men would never have taken the prisoners from their home. As it is they are almost equally guilty of this crime of kidnapping, for running the trains.

Let us rally to the fight. Let the I. W. W. be the leading fighters all along the line.

Let us tear the mask from this "LAW AND ORDER BRIGADE" that goes about under cover of the darkness to kidnap men from their homes and families without giving them recourse to the so-called rights guaranteed to all people. Had this been a case where a capitalist had been indicted for murder as was the case of ex-Governor Taylor, there would have been no kidnapping, but on the contrary the governor would have refused to recognize the request for extradition. When it comes to extraditing a working man, it can all be done with automobiles and fast trains aided with a gang of murderous sleuths who live by "manufacturing" evidence so that labor unions may be smashed. Arouse to action every slave that possesses a speck of red fighting blood within his or her veins. The parasites must be thwarted in their murderous designs. On to action. Paralyze the industries if necessary to save these men from the gallows. Delay is dangerous.

she was supposed to watch over plant life. After a poor harvest, when food was scarce, a religious ceremony was inaugurated by the Romans in the year 241 B. C., this festival was called Floralia, observed annually on what we now call April 28. It has passed down to us through the intervening centuries of time, somewhat changed here and there, but still observed as a welcoming of the birth of summer.

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## EDITORIAL

Your life cannot be negative anywhere. You have taken a stand for a vital principle, and it must make us better. Truth is like heat or light; its vibrations are endless, and are endlessly felt.  
MARGARET DELAND.

Local No. 13, I. W. W. has made arrangements to have William D. Haywood speak in San Diego under the auspices of Local 13 in the near future. Why not give "Big Bill" plenty of dates while on the coast. He delivers the goods. All locals should get busy.

The management of the "Industrial Worker" is making arrangements to put two speakers on the road in the interest of the "Worker." These speakers being members of the I. W. W. will assist in building up the locals as well as build up the "Worker." Good results ought to be attained for the eight-hour day. In the meantime boost for the "Worker" all the time and hustle for the subs.

A few are finding fault because the May day Special was not an eight page paper as promised. Those who do the best they can with what they have to do with, has nothing in the way of apologies to offer. Are you boosting for the eight-hour day for all, or are you sitting down waiting for someone else to do it? It's a glorious battle and one that you will be proud to enlist in. See what misery the shorter work day will abolish. Work hard.

## WHITE SLAVERS.

With Spokane policemen getting 'canned' occasionally for dealing in the white slave business, it will soon be a question with decent people whether the star on a 'bull' stands for prostitution or protection. It's only recently that an old man in Spokane was thrown into jail on the flimsy charge of being drunk while the policeman that arrested him was, together with another "bull," "laying up" with the old man's daughter, who was but a girl. It has become an honor to go to jail while human beasts in the garb of the Law are roaming at large. To throw the father in jail for trying to protect the virtue of his daughter is on a par with SMASHING A MAN'S JAW for wishing to speak on a public street. The LAW—Huah.

## MORE KIDNAPING, EH?

The arrest of McNamara and other officials of the Structural Iron Workers' Union, and their being kidnaped and rushed out of their home state without giving them a chance to confer with legal advisers, family or friends, and charging them with blowing up the "Los Angeles Crimes," as well as a score or more of other places, is but a repetition of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone affair.

The man the financial pirates were after in the Stuenenberg affair with William D. Haywood, and the arrest of the others was to give the charge of "Gonspiracy" a color that could not well be given with the arrest of one man. That Orchard had killed Stuenenberg for revenge because he had been driven from the Coeur d'Alene district at the time when hundreds of others were treated likewise and had "sluffed" an interest in the Hercules mine for \$500.00 which, had he held, would have made him a millionaire, was without doubt the cause of his bitter enmity towards Stuenenberg, hence the bomb exploding at the ex-governor's gate. That McNamara is the man that the money pirates are after in the present case is without doubt in the minds of the people that have watched the tactics of these people that can stretch LAW into any old shape to suit themselves.

The arrest and execution of our fellow workers in Chicago in 1886 might have tended to retard the labor movement at that time, and did without a doubt, but when any bunch of blood-thirsty parasites think that by fling charges and persecuting men that they can retard the labor movement at this time, they are sadly mistaken. It will but give the labor movement a new impetus. It will assist in solidifying the ranks of labor. It will hasten the day when we can all sail under one banner with the one motto, "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL." We are dead next to the LAW that capitalists ignore when they wish to kidnap or torture any one, but who would use it when they have their victims safely be-

hind a set of steel bars. We are dead next to the "THIRD DEGREE" and how men's nerves can be broken down until they will admit anything to free themselves from the torture of the police. We know that the scenery is all "SET" in the case of McNamara and his associates, that the bombs have been discovered, and that the corpse can be unearthed any old place, but we also know what a Pinkerton will do. We know what a stool-pigeon is and to what distance they will travel to serve the master class. Yes, we know your rotten system and should all the parasites between hell and Spokane unite and should try any one in the name of labor before a jury of angels and should find them guilty, we would still maintain their innocence, because we know the human blood suckers too well that are behind the attempt to legally strangle men so that LABOR might be defeated in its aim, and the present murderous system that slaughters thousands daily, might be extended indefinitely. A bigger bunch of liars and thieves never infested the earth than the gang that hides behind the LAW and the strong walls of the 'Los Angeles Times.' Do your worst, Mr. Parasite, your every move against us is but a spike in your own capitalist coffin and will but hasten the day when strife and misery will cease and that time will not be here till labor unites and puts you to work at something useful. Bring on your manacles, your Third Degree, your bombs and your corpses. Use your "Pinks" and your "stoops" against us and we will beat you in the end. Were we guilty of every crime charged against us we would then be as spotless as white-robed angels compared to the band of murderous parasites that live from the toil of children and the disgrace of our sisters. Let every worker rally to the defense of those who are persecuted in the name of LABOR.

## MORE PERSECUTION.

Attention is hereby called to the appeal for funds which appears in another part of this paper, for the purpose of securing a new trial for Fellow Worker Buccafori, who was recently sentenced to 10 years in Sing Sing prison for protecting his person from a brutal assault by the foreman of the shop. Let every rebel in America come to the aid of Fellow Worker Buccafori as a 10 years' sentence to him means his death. Restore him to his home and family, where he had always been a true man and one who had but acted towards his class as all workers should. A little effort along the line at this time might save his life. He fought for you when he rebelled against the arrogance of the boss, so let us fight for him in return and be true to our motto, "AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."

## GETTING FIRED.

It's a common expression and boast among wage slaves to say, "I never was fired in my life," or "I quit before the boss got a chance to fire me."

One would think to hear these expressions that there was something dishonorable in getting "fired." The truth of the matter is that in 99 cases out of a hundred it is an honor to be discharged. Those who are discharged from the employ of the master for agitating for better conditions for the workers, have been discharged for being an enemy to the present conditions and to all capitalist ethics. When you hear some slave bragging "that he was never fired," you can make up your mind that such a person has done but little to better the conditions of the members of his class. Many there are that are willing to "lay back" in time of strikes and allow the radicals to go out and win the strike, while the radical member is sure to lose his job over his agitation. Such a person is a coward and is willing to take something that someone else fights for and it is generally such a person that is the first to denounce the fighting members as "being too damn radical." Let all do their share of the agitation and a few will not then have to be the tramps because they are agitators. Get in and be a man and do your share of the work of the organization. Don't be eternally finding fault with others that are trying to do something. Fight the boss for better conditions. Fight for your freedom. It's no disgrace to be fired and it's no honor to quit the job to escape the anger of your master. Get some of the REAL PRIDE into your makeup and refuse to be a slave. Refuse to produce wealth for others to enjoy. Refuse to be a tramp and insulted with all the dirty names that your masters have heaped onto you such as vag, hobo, tramp, stiff, etc. Organize with the rest of the wage workers and FORCE A SHORTER DAY for a starter. You are welcome in the I. W. W. and you are more than welcome if you have shed all of this rotten old false pride and modesty and are willing to go down the line for conditions that will insure to you the right to call yourself a man. Organize industrially and prepare for the coming victory of labor. One union for all. All for one. Do it today.

## A FEW LIARS.

With the Cudahy Packing Co. and General H. G. Otis of the "Los Angeles Crimes" owning a huge portion of Lower California, it is not hard to understand the lies that have been circulated through the press in the last week in regards to the battle of Mexicali, where Fellow Worker Wm. Stanley was killed. The capitalist press had half the rebels killed, some deserted and a FEW got back to Mexicali. The truth is that two were wounded and one has since died, which was William Stanley, and the rest all safely returned to Mexicali. The wounded rebel has only a slight flesh wound and will recover. The rebel army, composed mainly of I. W. W. men, was composed of 80 men, and they put to flight several hundred of the enemy. Truth generally comes out even if a bit late. The following clipping from a San Francisco paper is interesting in view of the fact that poor old Otis has helped furnish the I. W. W. with a little beef to fight on:

Calexico, April 7.—The Cudahy ranch, owned by John Cudahy of Chicago, and the ranch of the California-Mexican Land and Cattle Company, of which General H. G. Otis of Los Angeles, is one of the principal owners, are the chief sufferers from the raids of the rebel bands under Stanley Williams

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.

# STICKERS ARE RAISING H—

## ANTI-MILITARY STICKER AROUSES BUTCHERS.

Army Officers Declare California Hotbed of Anarchists—Jack London Accused of Trying to Prevent Men From Joining Army—Workers Getting Wise.

Special to the WORKER.

San Francisco, Cal., April 15.—The military authorities of California are aroused by the vigorous campaign against militarism that is now going on in California. It is reported that some unknown persons in every city in the state are posting small stickers urging men not to join the army or navy. The government officials are troubled because this campaign has been continued unceasingly for many months and is having a visible effect upon the young men of the state, who are steadily growing less "patriotic" and actually look down upon the army as hired thugs of the capitalist class.

California, however, is not the only state where this condition of affairs exists, as in Oregon, around Portland, thousands of these little stickers have been posted in every conspicuous place. In Colorado, too, the authorities are worried as a result of constant agitation against the army and a circular has been recently issued by the state war department of Colorado, the aim of which was to counteract the work of the anti-militarists. This circular mentions the situation in California, too. Here is an extract from it:

"Colorado is not the only state which has an ignorant antagonism to its military force. California has recently been having more or less trouble with some anonymous writers, but the blame has NEARLY been fixed on that notorious anarchistic author, Jack London. This anonymous writer has been distributing circulars throughout California, urging young men not to join the guard of that state, and it is probable that if he is located he will find himself in serious trouble at no distant day, for General Forbes, the Adjutant General of the state, proposes to prosecute him either under the federal or state laws for his activity against the military work in that state. No man made as bitter a fight against the passage of the present Dick bill as London, and a portion of one of his novels is devoted almost entirely to what he claims are the abuses that might arise from this military law. Read chapters 8 and 9 of 'The Iron Heel.'"

In San Diego, Cal., recently these little stickers became so numerous that "patriotic citizens" and members of the Y. M. C. A. and civic bodies constituted themselves as committees for the purpose of tearing down or defacing the "vicious posters."

In Los Angeles, these anti-army forces have been very active, and all over Los Angeles and adjacent beach towns the stickers have been thickly posted. One of them is as follows:

### The Military Ideal.

Young man: The lowest aim in your life is to be a good soldier. The "good soldier" never tried to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks, never reasons; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizens, on his friends, on his neighbors, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation. If he is ordered to fire down a crowded street when the poor are clamoring for bread, he obeys and sees the gray hairs of age stained with red and the life tide gushing from the breast of woman, feels neither remorse nor sympathy. If he is ordered off as one of a firing squad to execute a hero or benefactor, he fires without hesitation, though he knows the bullet will pierce the noblest heart that ever beat in human breast.

A good soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine. He is not a man, he is not even a brute, for brutes only kill in self-defense. All that is human in him, all that is divine in him, all that constitutes a man, has been sworn away when he took the enlistment oath. His mind, his conscience, eye his very soul, are in the keeping of his officer.

No man can fall lower than a soldier—it is a depth beneath which we cannot go. YOUNG MAN, DON'T BE A SOLDIER. BE A MAN.

And at the bottom is printed "Read Chapters 8 and 9 of 'The Iron Heel,' by Jack London." This is what got Jack into trouble, and he is now threatened with arrest. London, the "hobo author," is very outspoken in his denunciation of the military power of the capitalist class, therefore the threatened prosecution.

In commenting upon this, intelligent workers will say that it is a sure sign that the working class are at last getting some "sand" in their craniums. "S. G."

The earth cannot be anyone's property; it cannot be bought or sold any more than water, air or sunshine. All have an equal right to the advantages it gives to men.—Leo Tolstoy, "Resurrection."

## THIS IS NO. 110

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.

## TO HELP THE "WORKER."

St. Louis, Mo., April 21, 1911.  
Editor "Industrial Worker."

Realizing that if we are to see anything but a paper-wad revolution, the "Worker" must be kept alive. I pledge to send one sub every week.

Yours for a forceful overthrow of all existing social conditions.

F. G. MOORE.

## NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO.

Haywood to Speak at San Diego. "Bill" Haywood, the red miner, who is now lecturing for various I. W. W. locals and other labor organizations, will speak on Industrial Unionism at San Diego for the I. W. W. some time in July. He is to be routed through the Northwest and from there south to California. Dates can be made with the International Socialist Review of Chicago.

Local No. 13 has also made arrangements to have "Bill" Haywood come to San Diego and deliver his lecture on "Industrialism, the Coming Victory of Labor." Haywood is expected here in June, and any other I. W. W. locals on the coast wishing dates for this lecture should write at once to the International Socialist Review, Chicago, Ill., for information. William Thurston Brown, a member of the I. W. W. local at Salt Lake City, Utah, will also make a tour of the coast in May or June, and Local 13 has secured him for a lecture on "Direct Action for the Emancipation of Labor." Locals wishing dates write to Brown, 1260 East Fifth South, Salt Lake.

## MORE THAN HIS SHARE.

One fellow worker in the last two months has donated \$25.00 to help keep up the "Industrial Worker." This is more than one man's share. This member is not flush with money, as the last \$10.00 sent in to assist in getting out the May Day edition he had to borrow. Say, mate, what are you doing towards keeping the "Worker" in the field? Why should a few do all the work in this respect while others do nothing? Answer by getting a few subs.

## FROM SAN DIEGO.

Carpenters Want I. W. W. Speaker. Local 13 at San Diego reports having sent a speaker to talk on industrial unionism before the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of San Diego, at the request of that craft.

## Notice of Speakers.

Any good "soap boxer" coming to Southern California should not fail to visit San Diego and help us out here. We lack speakers.

San Diego I. W. W. local contemplates holding a big meeting soon, with a fine program, and charging two bits admission. This money will be sent to Solidarity and the Worker for 1½ weeks' subscriptions for all those present at the meeting. Other locals should do likewise. Build up our press.

## RESOLUTION.

Indianapolis, Indiana, April 23, 1911. Whereas, One of our fellow workers, John J. McNamara, a member of the Structural Iron Workers' Union, has been arrested and charged with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building; and

Whereas, We look upon this as a move upon the part of the master class to railroad one of our fellow workers to prison, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Workingmen's Educational Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, affirm our belief in the innocence of our fellow worker, and call upon all class conscious workers to use all their power and influence to the end that our fellow worker may receive a fair and impartial trial.

FRANK MORRIS, Secretary.

J. L. BEARD, Chairman.

Labor papers please copy.

The man that will go through life without doing a thing to make better conditions and then when the miserable system gets its hold on him, he jumps out of a 10-story window or blows the stuff out of his head called brains, you can bet your life that a coward has taken leave of this world and if there isn't a hell there ought to be one to stick him into if ever he wakes up. Be a man and a fighter on earth. The boss is not afraid of a lot of cowards that fall out of a 10 story window because they are hungry. There is lots to eat. Organize and take it.

"That government is best which governs not at all, and, when men are prepared for it, that is the kind of government they will have."—Thoreau.

## THE DEVIL IS DEAD.

The Devil is dead, the parson's friend;

We ne'er shall see him more!

In vain we hark to hear his horns

A-knocking at our door.

The holy man, in great distress,

Is groaning on the floor;

No goblin now to scare the fools—

It grieves the preacher sore!

—People's Press.



# AN EARNEST APPEAL TO ALL WHO WISH LIBERTY

## MANIFESTO TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

To the Workers of the World:

Comrades: For more than four months the Red Flag has flamed on the battle fields of Mexico, carried aloft by emancipated workers whose aspiration are epitomized in this sublime war cry: **LAND AND LIBERTY!**

The people of Mexico are right now in open rebellion against their oppressors and taking part in the general insurrection are found the supporters of modern ideas, those convicted of the fallacy of political panaceas in the redemption of the proletarian form economic slavery, those who do not believe in the goodness of paternal governments nor in the impartiality of laws fashioned by the bourgeoisie, those who know that the emancipation of the workers ought to be accomplished by the workers themselves, those convinced of **DIRECT ACTION**, those who deny the "sacred" right of property, those who do not take up arms for the purpose of raising any master to power, but to destroy the chains of wage slavery. Those revolutionists are represented by the organized Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party, (519 1/2 E. 4th St., Los Angeles, Cal., U. S. A.) whose official organ, "Regeneration," clearly explains its tendencies.

The Mexican Liberal Party is not fighting to destroy the Dictator Porfirio Diaz in order to put in his place a new tyrant. The Mexican Liberal Party is taking part in the actual insurrection with the deliberate and firm purpose of expropriating the land and the means of production and handing them over to the people, that is, to each and every one of the inhabitants of Mexico, without distinction of sex. This act we consider essential to open the gates for the effective emancipation of the Mexican people.

There is also another party in arms; the Anti-re-electionist Party, whose leader, Francisco I. Madero, is a millionaire who has seen his fabulous fortune grow with the sweat and the tears of the peons of his haciendas. This party is fighting to make "effective" the right to vote, and to found, in short, a Bourgeois Republic like that of the United States. This purely political and capitalist party is, naturally, an enemy of the Mexican Liberal Party, because it sees in the activity of the Liberals a menace to the survival of the Bourgeois Republic, which guarantees to politicians, to seekers for jobs, to the rich, to all the ambitious, to those who would like to live at the cost of the suffering and the slavery of the proletarian, the continuance of social inequality, the capitalist system, the division of the human family into two classes: that of the exploiters and that of the exploited.

The dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz is about to fall; but the revolution will not end by this act alone. Upon the tomb of this infamous dictatorship there will stand face to face, with arms in the hand, two social classes: that of the well-fed and that of the hungry, the first upholding the interests of its caste, and the second, the abolition of those privileges by means of the installation of a system which guarantees to every human being, Bread, Land and Liberty.

This formidable fight of the two social classes in Mexico is the first act of the great universal tragedy which will soon have for its stage the surface of the whole planet, and whose final act will be the triumph of the noble formula, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity that the political revolutions of the bourgeoisie have not been able to crystallize into fact because they have not dared to break the backbone of tyranny, capitalism and authority.

Comrades of all the world, the solution of the Social Problem is in the hands of the disinherited of the whole earth, for they only require the practice of one great virtue: **SOLIDARITY**. Your brothers in Mexico have had the courage to raise on high the Red Flag, but not to make a puerile boast with it in inoffensive manifestations through streets and plazas which almost always terminate with the arrest and the wounding of the participants by the cossacks of the tyrant, but to sustain it firmly in the battlefield as a spirited challenge to the old society, which it is trying to crush, in order to build on the

solid earth the New Society of justice and of love.

Our forces, however generous and self-sacrificing they may be, may be annihilated by the solid action of the bourgeoisie of all the countries of the world. By the simple act of having brought about the appearance of the Red Flag in the Mexican battlefield, the bourgeoisie of the United States has obliged President Taft to send twenty thousand soldiers to the Mexican border, and warships to the Mexican ports. What are the workers of the world doing in the meantime? Crossing their arms, and viewing as from the seats of a theater the persons and the events of this tremendous drama, which ought to move every heart, which ought to arouse every conscience, which ought to make the nerves of all the dispossessed of the world vibrate intensely and to make them rise as one man to hold back the fleets and to halt the uniformed slaves of every country.

Agitation! That is the supreme recourse of the present time. Individual agitation of the class-conscious workers; collective agitation of labor organizations and of groups organized for liberal propaganda; systematic agitation of the labor press and of free thought; agitation in the street, in the theater, in the street cars, in meetings, in the bosom of the home, in every place where you can find ears disposed to listen, consciences capable of indignation, hearts which are not calloused by the injustice and brutality of their environment; agitation by means of letters, manifestos, leaflets, of conferences, of meetings, by whatever means it may be possible, making clear the necessity of working at once and with vigor in favor of the radical revolutionists of Mexico who need three important things: a world-wide protest against the interference of the powers in Mexican affairs, class conscious workers determined to propagate the doctrines of social emancipation among those not class conscious, and **MONEY, MONEY and MORE MONEY** for the support of the Social Revolution in Mexico.

Comrades, reprint this Manifesto, translate it into every language and circulate it into every corner of the world. Ask the labor press to insert it in its columns, read "Regeneration" and send your piece of money to the Organized Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party, 519 1/2 E. Fourth St., Los Angeles, Cal., U. S. A.

Our cause is yours: It is the cause of the silent slave of the soil, of the pariah of the workshop and the factory, of the galley-slave of the sea, of the hard-labor convicts of the mines, of all those who suffer from the inequality of the capitalist system.

Our cause is yours: If you remain inactive while your brothers meet death embracing the Red Flag, you will give with your inaction a rude blow to the cause of the proletarian.

We shall not spend time in showing you what has come of your indifference, of your lack of solidarity, of the disregard of your duty in failing to unite to precipitate the advent of the Social Revolution, of all that to which is due the lamentable late-coming of the New Era in which will exist the universal country of the free and of human brotherhood. Now you have the Social Revolution in view in Mexico. What do you wait for in order to begin your work? Are you waiting for this noble movement to be crushed that you may fill all space with your protests, which will be impotent to bring back life to your better brothers or to drive away from the breasts of those who survive the despair which this fracas will provoke, the fracas that you yourselves have caused by your indifference?

Meditate, comrades, and go ahead and work, without loss of time, before your aid shall come too late.

Understand the danger under which we face all the governments of the world, who see in the Mexican movement the apparition of the Social Revolution, the only one which the powerful ones of the world fear.

Comrades: comply with your duty. Signed by the Organized Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party in the City of Los Angeles, California, U. S. A., on April 3, 1911.

**RICARDO FLORES MAGON, ANTONIO DE P. ARAUJO, LIBRADO RIVERA, ANSELMO L. FIGUEROA, ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.**

### RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Mexican people having been subjected to inexpressible degradation under a so-called republican form of government which is an abominable farce, having arrived at the limit of their endurance and have risen in revolt against their despot, Diaz, and his coterie of fellow vultures to overthrow the leeches that have been sucking the life blood of the working class, and,

Whereas, The Mexican people have been subjected to slavery, the workers being denied the right to organize and the free use of the ballot, without which there can be no liberty. The industrial conditions are such as would make Russia look like a Utopian paradise.

Whereas, The American pirates of Wall Street, Morgan, Rockefeller, Aldrich, Guggenheim, are in partnership with the unspeakable monster, Diaz, for the purpose of exploiting the Mexican people to the limit of their endurance. The wealth of that country that should belong to all the people is controlled almost exclusively by the American robber barons, who have shown an utter disregard for human life and liberty.

Whereas, Our so-called President, Taft, who is the poorest excuse of American manhood that ever served the master class, has, at the behest of the Morganheims and Robafellers called out their organized murder brigade, commonly known as the American army, who Taft himself has termed "the scum of the country," to crush the cause of liberty for which our forefathers fought and died; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Industrial Workers of the World of Detroit, assembled, do solemnly protest against the army being used by Taft in the interest of the capitalist class of the United States to keep the working class of Mexico in subjection. Our words are as inadequate to express our condemnation of that reprehensible infamy as the physical energy of a gnat to stop the progress of this capitalist owned earth in its orbit. If the army is afflicted with inertia, they could be put at some useful labor where they would confer a benefit on humanity. And be it further

Resolved, That we pledge our moral and financial support to the limit of our resources to assist our fellow workers in that plutoerat-cursed country to not only win their present struggle, but to win their final emancipation. And be it further

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the president, the congressman from this district, our fellow workers in Mexico and the press.

**HUBERT THORNE,**  
Secretary.

### FROM EUREKA, CAL.

Humboldt county, California, is the center of the great redwood lumber industry, and the conditions here are such that most all the slaves are dissatisfied. Now, fellow workers, there are two of us down here and we are hammering away night and day for the ONE BIG UNION and the eight-hour day. But we need a few live wires and need them now, to go to work in the camps and act as delegates, as we are trying to organize on the job. If you are foot-loose and you want to see a national industrial union of lumber workers and want to win the eight-hour day, your place is in Humboldt county, California. The I. W. W. is started here and we have to keep it on the uphill move all the time, so we need you. **ARE YOU COMING?**

Organizer L. U. No. 431, I. W. W.

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**JOS. O'NEIL**

# MUST BACCAFORI SERVE TEN YEARS IN PRISON?

## A WORKING MAN UNJUSTLY SENTENCED TO SERVE TEN YEARS IN BASTILE OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS—WE MUST RESCUE HIM—WE MUST SECURE HIS FREEDOM.

Comrades and Fellow Workers:—

Having failed to obtain justice in the capitalist courts we now appeal our case to the high tribunal of our comrades and fellow workers on behalf of our Comrade Vincent Buccafori, who has been sentenced to ten years in Sing-Sing Prison. He dared to be a man. He defended his honor and life from the insults and assaults of a man who was not satisfied to partially control our comrade's means of livelihood, but sought even to control his actions outside of the workshop.

Vincent Buccafori, a shoe worker of no mean ability, had worked in the shop of J. M. Dodd for a long time, was respected and loved by his shopmates, was thought well of by Mr. Wilt (original name Vitelli, a fugitive from the prisons of Italy,) foreman of the shop, until he showed courage and manhood to join a union of his class, working devotedly for the welfare of his shopmates and acted as shop delegate for them.

Buccafori having done this, Wilt became more and more a merciless driver, wielding his power with arrogance over Buccafori even more than upon the others who had dared to organize. This suddenly acquired enmity culminated when Wilt noticed Buccafori collecting money for the union. In the threat, "Within a week, upon my word, you will be discharged." He denied work to our fellow worker and when asked the reason replied, "To show you that you belong to the union."

The numerous outrages and insults heaped upon our fellow worker were climaxed when, on December 1st, 1910, he was insulted and then discharged from his position. Buccafori reported his case to the superintendent of the factory and was reinstated, much to the discomfiture of Mr. Wilt.

The following morning when Buccafori reported for work, the foreman came to him with the money due for the work done during the week and shouted at him, "Here is your money; now go or I will throw you from the window." He demanded to know why he again was being discharged. The foreman arrogantly replied, "You have acted as a spy and a ruffian in reporting me to the superintendent; I intend to show you who is boss here." Buccafori replied, "You are the spy and ruffian; you want to take the bread from the mouths of my family." Wilt at once grabbed him and struck him a terrible blow in the mouth, causing blood to flow freely. Workers intervened, but Wilt ordered them all back to their benches, yelling out, "I will attend to this man myself."

The victim with blood flowing from his mouth picked up his coat and hat and started for the door, saying to his shopmates that he would go and report the occurrence to the owner. But the foreman determined that the story of the assault should not reach the office, rushed at him and with a heavy shoe last in his hand, reaching a position between the door and the worker, the angry foreman threatened the worker with the heavy shoe last. Finally, his very life being menaced, Buccafori pulled out his revolver and shot—first at the elevator door, then at the floor and as the foreman still approached menacingly, he fired at the brute in human form, who died a few days later.

Buccafori was arrested, indicted for murder and after languishing in jail for five months was tried before a jury of petty capitalists, who after fourteen hours' deliberation brought in a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter in the first degree." All reference to the union activity and its bearing in the case were excluded by the judge. All the witnesses, including the superintendent, who sat promptly Prosecutor Martin, had to admit on the stand the unwarranted and brutal assault on Buccafori, the excessive anger of the foreman and the general reliability of Buccafori as a peaceful worker.

Within a couple of weeks after the shoot-

ing a lockout of the organized shoe workers of ten shops was proclaimed by the Shoe Manufacturers' Association, in which that of J. M. Dodd was involved. To this the workers replied with a strike. The workers were beaten only after thirteen weeks of struggle, in which the whip of hunger was used most effectively. They have returned to work and to prepare themselves for another struggle at an opportune time. But they made the bosses pay dearly for the miseries and outrages of the past. It cost the shoe bosses nearly a million dollars to wage the fight against the members of this organization. Feeling sore and revengeful the Association sought to rush matters so that the trial be held in the midst of the strike; and who knows, had not the power and influence of the organization and its friends come to the rescue, the fellow worker would by now have been electrocuted. All the power and influence that money could buy was brought to bear by the bosses to the end that a fair trial may not be had and that the fellow worker may be sentenced to a long term in prison, that a "LESSON" may be taught to the shoe workers of this district for daring to revolt and openly question the right of the masters to insult, injure and rob their slaves without mercy.

Ten years in a filthy dungeon means death to Buccafori. The electric chair, which affords a sudden release from life, is merciful indeed. Ten years of prison life means a slow, lingering, torturous death. Buccafori is weak and sickly from long years of factory work, coupled with five months' imprisonment, have told on his physique. Thus his very life is at stake.

Workers of America, men and women! This unknown and yet brave worker is a member of our class, suffered the same miseries and dreamed the same hopes we all do. He aspired for a bitter day for all the members of our class. He occupied no lofty position, drew no salary, or emoluments from the movement.

Few years ago, when Pettibone, Haywood and companions were arrested on trumped up charges and the masters with their agents rallied around the cry, "They will never leave Idaho alive," the men and women of labor from one end of the country to the other, set up a storm of righteous indignation that was sufficient in the end to force the hand of the employers and they were given their liberty.

Liberty is as precious and as dear to Comrade Buccafori as to any one else in the labor movement.

Let it not be said that a member of the rank and file was neglected and left to rot in a capitalist bastille. Let it not be said that the thousands of men and women who have done yeoman service to the cause of labor in the past on this occasion failed to do their duty.

We are confident that all the progressive workers and their organizations and all those in sympathy with the aspirations of the working class will rush to the aid of this brave comrade.

Money is needed to appeal the case to higher courts. Let the workers remember Buccafori, who is paying with his life and liberty his place in labor's army, and who is there that knowing and aware of his generous offer and example will now refuse to make the small monetary sacrifice that he may be restored to his family and to the active rank of labor? If there be any, they are not deign to number themselves among the great army of progressive men and women of this land.

**AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.**

**IT IS BACCAFORI TODAY. WHO KNOWS, IT MAY BE YOU TOMORROW!** Send for subscription lists to pass among your fellow workers in the shops and in your meeting rooms.

Send all remittances and address all communications to Chas. Linfante, treasurer of the Buccafori Defense Committee, Shoe Workers' Local Union No. 168, Industrial Workers of the World, 10 Troy Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Sincerely yours for the cause of a persecuted fellow worker,

**JOSEPH J. ETTOR,**  
Chairman of the Committee.

# ENGLISH I. W. W. PERSECUTED

## BRITISH LABOR LEADERS AT BAY. ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS THE INDUSTRIALIST—EDITOR CHARGED WITH "CRIMINAL LIBEL."

The labor "bleeders" in England, driven to desperation by the repeated attacks of the "Industrialist," have taken action and charged the editor, Leslie Boyne, with "criminal libel."

The information upon which the charge is based has been laid with the police by one Edwin Neville, president of the Fawcett Association, a government employees trade union. Although Neville appears as the figurehead in the prosecution, it is evident that powerful influences are at work in order to drive the league out of existence, the hand of the government being plainly discernible in the prosecution.

The "Industrialist League" is now in the position of having to fight for its very existence, not to mention the right to speak the truth. In order to do this, legal aid has had to be procured, at a very heavy cost and

unless financial assistance is forthcoming the movement in England is in grave danger of being crushed out of existence. All our American fellow workers and sympathizers are invited to render what assistance they can by sending any donations, however small, which they may be able to give, to F. G. Clarke, 1 Union St., Union Sq., Islington N. Further particulars of this fight will be sent later.

### TO HELP THE "WORKER."

Editor "Industrial Worker."  
I agree to be one of a hundred to put up 50 cts. a week until the "Worker" is clear of debt. Yours for the I. W. W.,  
**COVINGTON HALL.**

Boost for the "Worker" all the time. The "Worker" will never die if you will only assist in keeping its head above water.

# LABOR DAY

(Continued from Page One.)

This is the origin of the May Day idea.

To the working class this day has an altogether different meaning. It is the International Labor Day. How this came to gradually change in significance from the working class standpoint, I can only give my own idea, which in absence of more detailed information may act as an explanation.

The suffering working class, acting as beasts of burden to the master class, struggling toward the goal of economic emancipation; with the dawn of summer the courage and vigor took on new life and naturally led to mutual encouragement, gatherings and greater solidarity on part of the working class in different parts of the world. These seeing nothing but joy on this first of May and having little to rejoice over; the idea of holding-labor demonstrations on this festive day came logically.

Let us take a look at the move for May first as Labor day in this country before it became an international day observed by the progressive element of labor. The facts are more available.

An eight-hour issue underlies the labor day movement here as well as abroad.

After the Civil War in this country some agitation started for the eight-hour day. It was hardly noticeable at first. About the same time it was first discovered by the capitalists, General Banks, a veteran of the war, a member to Congress, introduced the eight-hour law. The reason was, his wife had been a textile worker of Massachusetts and urged him to do something. He did. The bill was almost unanimously adopted and became a law in the middle of 1869. There was no harm to the capitalist in putting a law of this kind on paper. Anything on paper could do no harm—the workers were temporarily satisfied—but not for long. We discover that in 1872 and 1873 an eight-hour movement and agitation was carried on, strikes were pulled off in May of these years. The agitation spread and gained ground year after year; eight-hour leagues were formed in different states and cities in order to get the working class to unite on May 1, and strike for the eight-hour day which the capitalists had given them on paper in 1869. The capitalists were not in favor of a real eight-hour day and sought to stop this agitation before the labor element got its heads together for a May Day strike.

By 1886 this eight-hour movement had spread to such an extent that it alarmed the bosses. There was a movement on foot to have a general strike; the Haymarket riots were pulled off to frighten the workers, and the eight men were labelled, murderers, anarchists, were tortured, maligned and some put to death in the most dastardly manner by the cowardly masters. At the same time the masters took hold of the leaders of the Knights of Labor and made use of these men to offset the coming great strike for eight ours. History tells us that Chief Powderly of the Knights of Labor gave it no support and with others helped to discourage the movement. The result came about as the capitalist wished: some went out on strike and tried to get some concessions after finding the eight-hour day still in the distant future. The movement of May 1, 1886, amounted to but little. To stop any further move for the eight-hour day the politician got busy. May 1 had become coupled with the eight-hour movement and it was necessary to get the eight-hour movement out of the minds of the workers. In 1887 a law was passed in several states making the first Monday in September the legal labor day upon which demonstrations could be held. Labor jumped at the bait and thus became divorced from the connection of labor day and the eight-hour day. This proved such a good thing for the bosses that it was encouraged and became legal all over the country.

Thus by political tomfoolery the working class was divided, the more radical element still clung to May Day with its significance, the rest of the working class followed the beck of the boss and were divided.

About this same time the conditions of the working class in Europe brought about a similar agitation for the eight-hour day, as well as for May Day to be observed as labor day. Many of the members of the working class in their organizations observed May 1 as labor day. When the International Workingmen's Association met in its deputed congress at Paris, July, 1889, the proposition of the universal labor day was brought up. The eight hour day proposition was brought up at the same session. It was here for the first time decided to make May 1 the universal labor day and to make a fight and demonstration

for eight hours on this day. The following May was anxiously awaited by both labor and capital. The former were eager to stop all work upon this day as per action of the Paris congress, the latter were making preparations, passing laws and doing everything to be ready to meet labor on this day of battle. Laws were passed in different countries making it illegal to stop work on the first day of May. Processions and demonstrations were illegal; but labor stood undaunted.

The first international labor day (1890) came, capitalism met it with troops and violence, lawsuits and jails, religious and political coercion. Many were killed, many injured, many languished in dungeons, all because the bosses were NOT in favor of solidarity of labor. Before the second international labor day of 1891 came around the capitalists of the different countries found means of dividing the workers by using the politician. In Germany it was the Social-Democratic Party which was used to draw the workers away from May 1, and got them to do their celebrating on the First Sunday instead of the First Day. Their argument was that there would be no trouble if they celebrated "after hours." It worked as well in other parts of Europe and labor was divided. Some members were in favor of celebrating on the first day of May, and did; while others followed the capitalist politicians like sheep and celebrated the first Sunday. To crush this part which clung to its own labor day of May 1, troops were brought out in France and other places. Blood flowed, men, women and children were shot down. In Belgium it brought on a strike among the miners. Everywhere the workers who persisted in keeping their own labor day were persecuted, the other portion of the working class looked on.

The following May 1, happening to fall upon a Sunday, there was no trouble made by the capitalist class, and their political tools, often socialists (save the mark) pointed out how nice it was. By the time another May Day came around, there were too few to make much showing, so the idea of May Day observed on the first Sunday of May, the International Labor Day, is the change made by the politicians doing the master's bidding, which got the attention away from the job, the scene of the class struggle, the cessation of work and the eight hour movement. So works the politician, no matter under what name.

The idea to put our labor day back to May 1, where it belongs, is beginning to spread among the working class, who see the deception which was played them by the politicians. The same is true of this country, only here capitalism succeeded in getting the labor day shoved into the month of September. The European capitalist could not do that much. The coming idea to couple the eight-hour movement with May Day is rapidly gaining ground. So it's up to us to act.

JOSEPH S. BISCAY

## WHY COMMIT SUICIDE

**HUNGER SUICIDES—THOSE WHO COMMIT SUICIDE HAVE DONE NOTHING TO REMEDY THE EVIL.**

A Board of Charities in the east has just drawn attention to the number of aged out-of-workers who commit suicide each year, especially in the winter time. Remedy for this sort of thing is a system of relief in their homes—and they have no homes, or the cold comfort of the poor farm where they can end their days in imprisonment.

The superior critic comments upon these suicides as merely the elimination of the unfit, and views with considerable equanimity this auto-sterilization, so to speak. For all that, this is the greatest tragedy of the whole social system. Here are a number of men who have spent their life time producing more than was sufficient a hundredfold to sustain them throughout their existence. The surplus was taken from them by their employers as profits, and the latter, ever on the lookout to improve his methods of production, is also on the lookout for younger and stronger men who will do the same work more effectively and in a shorter space of time. Age inevitably represents unfitness under capitalism, and the unfit must be eliminated.

If anything could unfold the utter barbarism of our so-called civilization surely this ominous fact does that.

Soldiers who have devoted a life time to the destruction of property and killing as a science, are pensioned off by a grateful people for the service, but the workers who have given the best of their brain and their brawn, must dry-rot in the poor houses of slow desiccation, or go "the dutch route" to relieve themselves of their troubles.

No one can expect those who benefit by this system to endeavor to change it. Many will look with sympathy on this state of affairs, but they have the consolation, the so-called scientific consolation that this is

nature's law of the survival of the fittest, and they themselves are the fittest.

And the university professors are sedulous to inculcate this doctrine among their students. They see no reason to look upon this awful sacrifice of the aged with detestation and abhorrence. Carnegie has provided a home for them, and since that provision was made the care of the aged poor has become a vanity—as far as they were concerned.

As a matter of fact there is a good deal of truth in the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. These old men failed to see that their interest could only be looked after by themselves. They placed their trust in others, and reap their reward in the rave of the pauper suicide. It is for the producers themselves to show by their determination to get their share of the good things of this life that they are fit to survive.

They must determine to accomplish for themselves those things that they so much desire. The writer has a recollection of asking a man who worked with him once why he quit, and he replied because he feared that he might get fired! Such crass foolishness! As if it is not better a hundred times to stay with it and get things in such way so that this firing business will be out of the question. These suicides, too, seem to have lived their life long without doing a solitary thing to right a condition of life which had its last chapter written with a suicide for finish. It is no use whining; no manner of use whatever; the thing is if possible to get the other fellow to do the whining, and a strong industrial union will surely bring about that condition. When working class solidarity becomes an accomplished fact, there will be no more of these hateful suicides staring us in the face the last scene of the detestable tragedies that they are.

NOME ' INDUSTRIAL WORKER. '

## IS A CAPITALIST TOOL

**A. F. OF L.—A GOOD OLD PATRIOTIC "LADIES' AID" SOCIETY—NOT TO CAUSE STRIKES BUT TO MEET IN SOLEMN SESSION AND OFFER UP PRAYER TO THE ALMIGHTY AND TO HELP SICK MEMBERS.**

(And This is What the Miners Want.) San Diego, Cal., Wednesday, Aug. 24, 1910 To the "Public"—I, William T. Patton, as an organizer, appointed from the federated trades of the city of San Diego, will positively state that the strike of the teamsters which was reported to be, pending in the San Diego Morning "Union" of Aug. 23, is false. Statements that the organized teamsters are going out on strike is also false. THEY ARE NOT GOING OUT ON A STRIKE FOR ANY UNORGANIZED TEAMSTERS. They are also not going out on any strike for organized teamsters under the A. F. of L. for higher wages or shorter hours. IT IS NOT THE OBJECT OF ANY UNION TO CAUSE STRIKES OR TO GO OUT FOR HIGHER WAGES. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE SKEPTICAL ENOUGH TO THINK A UNION WANTS MORE THAN THEY ACTUALLY EARN. That, however, is not the case. A union means that the men or women, organized in a great body, declare their existence in this world of ours in which we have equal rights for all and special privileges for none, UNDER OUR GOOD OLD AMERICAN FLAG. THE OBJECT IS TO HELP ONE ANOTHER IN CASE OF SICKNESS (DEATH OR INABILITY). The man that takes the liberty of saying that the recently organized teamsters' union, local 195, will ENTER INTO A COMPACT WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY TO GO OUT ON ANY STRIKE FOR SHORTER HOURS OR MORE PAY UTTERS AN ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD. The man that pretends to know that they will do so most certainly tells a falsehood. The man that states that the union teamsters may go out on a strike also tells a falsehood.

(Signed) WILLIAM T. PATTON, District Organizer Under the Federated Trades and the American Federation of Labor and President of Teamsters Union Local 195.

The above gem from the pen of the district organizer of the A. F. of L. is a bona fide statement. STANLEY M. GUE.

## WOULD FORCE MEN TO PRAY

**COATES SCORES REFORMISTS IN SPOKANE—JESUS SCREAMING POLITICIANS TOLD TO COME IN WITH THEIR MONEY FOR WORKINGMAN'S HOME.**

In speaking against a proposed ordinance in Spokane that would deprive the workers of a table or a chair to sit on in a saloon, Commissioner Coates replied to the church politicians, who are strong on wind and short on cash, in the following words:

"One of you has said that 90 per cent of the women and girls driven into immoral lives receive their first push downward from the source that this ordinance is intended to regulate," he declared. "But what are the facts?"

"The social vice commission of Chicago, composed of presidents of universities, leading ministers of the country and those at the head of the national civic reform movements, forming the only body of paid investigators who ever pretended to get to the bottom of this question, give a different answer. They say that 90 per cent of women and girls who take the downward path are forced to it, not for the reasons you give, but because their earning capacity is so small that they have to do it to live."

The commissioner was here interrupted by derisive exclamations from the audience.

Demanding that he be heard, as the other side had been, the commissioner continued:

"Frances Willard, who founded the organ-day represent, after 35 years of temperance work said: 'I have come to this conclusion: the poor are not poor because they drink, but they drink because they are poor.' Now, after 20 years, comes the same statement from the Chicago vice commission.

"Friends, what you are aiming at is not to be reached by this ordinance. If you get this, in a year or less you will be in here for another similar restrictive measure directed at the saloons, admitting that this has been a failure, that it does not reach the source of the evil. As soon, and no sooner, as you get down to the fundamental causes you can solve these moral questions, and I am here to tell you that you can not do it with a petty ordinance of this kind.

"You have said also that, if the saloons are the workingmen's clubs, they ought not to be, and that we ought to legislate them out of that function. Well, I agree with you as to the first statement. For a year the labor organizations of this city have been attempting to raise money for a labor temple, a workingman's home, to accomplish this very thing, and I have yet to hear a voice from any church or religious organization of this city offering anything for this project. Why haven't you? You can best answer that.

"This is another spasmodic moral reform storm. When you get what you are clamoring for today you will find it the mere petty palliative that I have called it. This reform storm is nothing but wind. You have enough laws now to regulate conditions as much as they can be regulated with good results, but if you want to get down to the real bottom, to eradicate instead of regulate, as you have shown the spirit to do, I am ready to go to bedrock with you."

F. W. Isham at this point arose to say that he, as one, would pledge himself to raise \$5,000 in a year toward a workingman's home if the commissioners would pass the ordinance.

"Let's have the workingman's home first—show us your good faith," retorted Commissioner Coates.

There is no danger of the church people going to the root of the evil and assisting to create a new order whereby every man and woman would have a home. These are good things to pray to a God for, but never get. There is only one place a slave is welcome now and that is in a saloon, and if the chair is taken out he will have to sit on the curb. To stop men from congregating on the street to hear a speech, to forbid them sitting down to a glass of beer, to force them into church lodging houses such as in Spokane, where men are huddled together like bees in a hive and as lousy as pet coons, and the gospel monger would be satisfied. All such hair-brained sky pilots are anxious for is to get the men huddled together so that they can pour their noxious dope about being subservient to a spook and especially the parasite that owns a saw-mill or some other institution where workers have to toil for a bare existence. How well these preachers are concerned about the working class now, but when men were battling for the right to speak the truth on the streets of Spokane and were being persecuted and tortured till death ended some of the miserable lives, these Jesus screamers were as silent as an Egyptian mummy. Not a squeak came from the hypocritical fakes, but denunciation for those who would dare to fight for more to eat and who would shorten the work day so that the misery to some extent could be alleviated. What do they care about the welfare of the workers if only they can herd them together so that their rotten doctrine based on immaculate conceptions of virgins and a bunch of spooks hidden somewhere back of a star, can be injected into them?

One gent would guarantee \$5,000.00 to help build a workingman's home in Spokane if only he could keep the workers out of a saloon. How interested in the workers he is. We want none of their charity and less of their promises. The workers have power to get a

home of their own any time they will band themselves together for a common purpose of fighting for each other. Give your \$5,000.00 to Jesus or to Billy Sunday to help secure some more land. To have a lot of preachers and their dupes telling what they would do for labor when it is a fact that they live by keeping the workers in ignorance is a spectacle that makes a man feel like calling himself a fawning spaniel instead of that most intelligent of all human beings, a MAN. Let us be men and resent the favors of those who are out to keep us on our knees. Let us organize and put the preachers at well as the rest of the parasites to work where they can say that they have honestly earned their food by the sweat of their brows. We hate their teachings and we scorn their charity. We want our own and we know how to get it. ONE FIGHTING UNION and down goes the profit monger whether he be preacher or any other kind of a human parasite.

### VALUE.

The earth is but a garden. Its natural wealth is of no importance, has no value save as its products can be made useful to mankind. This can only be done by an act of labor. A forest filled with walnuts is of no value to me until by an act of labor I have gathered them, by another act of labor broken them open and by another act of labor eaten the kernels. The forests are nothing but a waste of trees—they are not timber, save by an act of labor; nor houses, nor fences, nor piling, crossties, shingles, bridges, toys, nor ships, save by an act of labor. The mines, coal, iron, gold silver copper diamond and all are, save for an act of labor, dross and nothing more.

Nor is there an acre of land on earth that has value in itself; save for an act of labor the Mississippi valley would be a wilderness. The seas and all their boundless wealth, save for an act of labor, would have remained "unknown" forever.

All the machinery piled on earth, save for an act of labor, would be a dead, inert mass, soundless, shapeless, without beauty, strength or use.

"Were the mountains of gold and the valleys of silver, and human labor were not, the world would not be a grain of corn the richer," and this because it takes an act of labor to produce value. The earth without man would go to ruin—it is his labor that keeps it alive and well. "Property is theft"—all fortunes are but stolen labor.

All capitalist society is organized, like all other slave systems, but for one purpose—to hold the laborers in subjection and to take from them by force the values they have produced. The capitalists lie when they speak of their wealth as being vested in mines, shops, lands, ships, forests, railroads, buildings and telegraphs and banks, for these things are only the evidences of wealth—their real wealth is vested in their control of labor power.

All modern society swings around this one thing, the control of labor power. If I can take it from other men, I become rich; if they can take it from me, I become poor, ignorant, superstitious, mean-spirited, drunk, the slave of plunderers, priests, preachers, politicians, an unwashed, dirty, miserable caricature of a man.

Therefore the working class will never advance an inch out of its present misery and uncertainty until it organizes to control its labor power which can only be done through Industrial Unity. It was for this reason, because it sought to organize to control labor power that the Industrial Workers of the World was and is fought so savagely. It touched the source of value and every plunderer on earth was frightened into open war upon it. Through it, the I. W. W., the workers have heard the truth proclaimed at last. The "hobo convention" will go down in history, their names written at the head of the list of the immortals. Organize to control labor power and you control all else.

The I. W. W. is no mistake, no accident in history. It was born of the necessity of the workers to control their labor power and it is their only hope today.

COVINGTON HALL.

### FOR THE SHORTER WORK DAY.

No man should be compelled to work more than eight hours a day. A century and a half ago Benjamin Franklin said that with industry rightly organized and with every able-bodied man and woman doing the work they ought to do—their share—that three hours and a half of labor would be sufficient to supply all the material needs of the human family. If Franklin was right how much easier would it now be possible to supply these needs, equipped as we are with all the vast labor-saving devices that have been invented and put into use since his time? In order to utilize this machinery to the best interest of society, the hours of labor must be reduced to a point where every man and woman shall have an opportunity to work and to receive full social reward for their labor. Fewer people working long hours with thousands of others in enforced idleness is a condition that must be supplanted by a system under which all able-bodied people shall work short hours and no one be in enforced idleness.—Spokane Labor World.

Got any wrens? They only want 100,000 for King George's coronation in England. \$2.50 a hide is the price.