

The New Union (July 22, 1905)

No convention ever held in the interest of the working class was ever more wantonly maligned or more atrociously lied about by the capitalist press than that recently held in Chicago which resulted in the formation of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Here was assembled a large body of class-conscious, fearless, honest, and uncompromising workingmen and women for the purpose of uniting all workers in a sound economic organization, and this was sufficient to arouse the hatred and opposition of the vulgar mouthpieces of the capitalist class and to prompt them to appeal to the deluded followers of pure and simpleism to stick to their “conservative” unions and not be led into the pitfalls by the discredited delegates who had met to organize a real labor union — a union of workers, not for the benefit of their capitalist exploiters, but a union of workers to fight capitalists and to further the interests and ultimately emancipate the working class from wage-slavery.

The convention was a complete success. The delegates discharged with fidelity the duty for which they assembled and the Industrial Workers, the new union, recognizing and expressing the class struggle, is now in the field.

The general officers are men who have been tested and found true and the rank and file are the revolutionary type and prepared to face all the opposition that capitalism and its minions can bring to bear against them.

In May next, another national convention is to be held to complete the work of organization and to fully equip the new industrial <illeg.>

Every honest worker, male and female, white and black, of every description, should join this new class-conscious industrial organization. It stands uncompromisingly and unflinchingly for the working class and all its powers will be used in protecting and promoting the interests of the working class.

Let me suggest that all those who are interested should at once write for information to W.E. Trautmann, General Secretary, Industrial Workers, 148 W Madison St., Chicago, Illinois.

Local unions should be organized as speedily as possible at every available point.

We are in this work with all the energy and determination we can command and for such a movement, made up of such a membership, there can be no failure.

Let the work of organizing be carried forward with all possible vigor in all the states and territories and next May will witness the greatest labor convention this country has ever seen.

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