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"LABOR IS ENTITLED TO ALL IT PRODUCES"

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New Britain Workers in Big Demonstration

New Britain, Jan. 21.—The slaves here, unable to find the master and beginning to get hungry, held a mass-meeting last night and decided to make a demonstration...

The meeting last night was in a large hall which was full to overflowing. The chairman, a young Lithuanian, introduced one speaker after another...

Preston and Smith Visited in Prison

Percy Rawling in "The Nevada Workman." Today (Jan. 19) I paid a visit to the penitentiary of the state prison of Nevada...

Preston works in the kitchen of the penitentiary. Smith, as he told me, does a little of everything. He has been working in the stone quarry and is becoming, as he said, a real hard rock miner.

Those of us who stood by while the committee talked with the mayor, noted with pleasure that his hands trembled when he talked. He said he would talk the matter over with the aldermen and see what could be done.

promise to send him the desired volume. He is only a young man—not much more than a boy. None could speak with him for the half hour allowed by the prison regulations...

For six years Bobbie and the A. F. of L. have worked together in his company's plant, the Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. When the machinists (I. A. M.) struck the fakers saw to it that the molders and pattern-makers, both organized in the A. F. of L., stayed at work.

Crows Come Home to Roost

Columbus, O., Jan. 14.—"A man ought to be able to live on \$3.25 a week." Such was the declaration made by former Mayor Robert Jeffrey in Mayor Bond's office...

Much comment of an unfavorable character has been occasioned by the above remark among the workmen of this city and the fakers of the A. F. of L. have spread themselves in roasting "Little Bobbie."

Help for Clothing Workers

Since the appeal was made in behalf of Clothing Workers of the Industrial Union 59, I. W. W., for referee and stenographer bills the following donations were received:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes L. 152, Br. 1, I. W. W., Paterson, \$5.00; L. 152, Br. 2, Paterson, N. J., 5.00; L. 59, Br. 1, New York, 2.00; etc.

Miners Will Not Go Back

The Goldfield Daily Tribune of January 29 says: "After a short meeting, Goldfield Miners' Union Local 220 adjourned tonight with the tacit understanding that the calling off of the 'card system' by the Mine Operators' Association placed no new phase on the local situation, and adopted no action toward returning to the 'card system' of those present last night."

The matter was not given the formal attention of a vote, but was generally discussed. The calling off of the 'card system' was discussed, but this point in itself made no impression.

Voluntary Contributions

Table listing names and amounts of voluntary contributions from various individuals and groups across the country, including Besselman, Pasadena, Cal., \$5.00; Bernatz, Buffalo, N. Y., .25; etc.

Everybody Get Busy

To be in possession of the enemy's future plans of action is considered to be so valuable in military circles that the commanders of an army employ all and any means to procure them in war as well as in times of peace...

New England News

This is a synopsis of work done by Organizer Thompson last month, from Boston and vicinity. Central Committee meeting held at Providence January 26th. The first week after the committee meeting of December 29th was spent in Providence...

Another of the Breed

The following communication is from Local Union No. 76, of Dawson, Yukon Territory, and explains a meeting held before the carpenters' union in Providence, February 24th, and the rest of the week in New Britain and Stafford Springs, Conn.

Unemployed March at Detroit

Between 3,000 and 4,000 of the unemployed workers of Detroit made a demonstration under I. W. W. auspices on January 27th. The mayor of the city received representatives of the marchers and assured them that he would ask the council and various departments to expedite public works and provide employment.

Mexicans To Be Deported

In the case of the Mexicans under arrest at Los Angeles we are informed, as we go to press, that Judge Welborn has decided that they be deported to Arizona. The defense was not allowed to present any material evidence on their case, and it now looks as if nothing but the protests of the working class can save these men from the clutches of their persecutors.

Clerks and Freight Handlers Out

The clerical forces and freight handlers at both the passenger and freight depots have quit work in sympathy with the striking teamsters. It is said that most of the men are still members of the Industrial Workers of the World, to which organization the truck workers and section hands belong—Goldfield Chronicle, Jan. 29.

Coeur d'Alene District
United for Industrial Unionism

TO THE VARIOUS LOCALS OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS.

Dear Sirs and Fellow-Workers:
Whereas, Pursuant to the manifesto and call for a conference to be held in Chicago in June, 1906, the Western Federation of Miners at its thirteenth annual convention (in Salt Lake City) elected delegates to attend said conference...

Whereas, In launching the new organization time was pressing upon the greater portion of the men who met at this conference which resulted in the I. W. W. and as a consequence a makeshift constitution and by-laws were framed; that it is to say, it was understood by the delegates to said conference...

Whereas, The W. F. of M. raised the per capita tax for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the new affiliation, and at the fourteenth annual convention elected regular delegates to attend the same...

Whereas, The split which occurred at the above convention came about through and by the actions of the minority of said convention, and especially through the machinations of C. E. Mahoney, C. O. Sherman, McDonald and McCullen, of Montana; St. John, of Idaho, and Ryan, of Arizona; and...

Whereas, Immediately upon the true conditions in the I. W. W. becoming known to the members of the W. F. of M. many locals protested against the paying of the \$500.00 per capita to the Sherman factor...

to the members of this department that the Sherman factor were right they proposed a resolution for and elected delegates to a new proposed conference for the purpose of organizing a new Industrial Union movement...

Whereas, Since the fifteenth annual convention refused to change our constitution or make provision for the chartering of men outside the mining industry (in particular the lumbermen of Montana), it has developed that Acting President Mahoney has recently promised the lumbermen unions of Montana charters directly from the W. F. of M., ostensibly for the purpose of keeping them from affiliating with the only Industrial Workers of the World...

Whereas, Since the majority of the fifteenth annual convention straddled the Industrial Union question the editor of the "Miners Magazine" has taken the position of attacking any and everybody who questioned the policy of our official organ, or stood for Industrial Unionism...

Resolved, That we believe that the attitude of the "Magazine" and the actions of the majority of our present administration is the real serpent of disruption and doing more to dismember and disintegrate the W. F. of M. than all the "so-called" disrupters; and be it further...

Resolved, That we reaffirm our allegiance to the Industrial Workers of the World, as at present constituted, with W. E. Trautmann as secretary-treasurer, and pledge them all the moral and financial support within our power to render; and be it further...

Resolved, That we call upon all local unions of this department to assist us in this our struggle against the Sherman factor in the Industrial Workers of the World, with headquarters at 212 Bush Temple, Chicago, Ill.; and be it further...

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the "Miners Magazine" and to the Industrial Union Bulletin for publication.

THOS. CAMPBELL,
Sec'y-Treas. Coeur d'Alene District Union No. 14, W. F. of M.

officials of the government and the banking interests. The officials of the government become the agents of the corporate interests, and all legislation is shaped to subserve the interests of the economically ruling class.

Universal suffrage has proved no barrier to capitalist class rule. On the contrary, the possessing class rules directly through universal suffrage. And this is the form of the state which under modern conditions of society becomes ever more an unavoidable necessity.

In proportion also as the working class acquire consciousness of their identity through education, they will be able to buy the poll tax, disqualification follows among wage workers, particularly the proletarian element, because they are kept at the subsistence point and cannot afford the amount, however small, to buy annually the right of citizenship.

However inadequate may be this presentation of the nature of the political form of government under the name of the state, I believe I have made reasonably clear the nature of its function in dealing with the structure of society, organic relations are alone to be considered.

The political state through which this rule perpetuates itself is, then, a phenomenon of development. It has been accompanied by a division of society into classes. It is born as the inevitable result of this division.

Side by side, with this process, and constituting a part of its phenomena, along with the ever-decreasing number of the instruments of labor used in common; the economizing of all means of production by their use as the means of combined, socialized labor; the entanglement of all peoples of the world market—in short, the international character of the capitalist regime.

With the destruction of the state the classes will fall as they once arose. The downfall of the political state sounds the knell of private property. The expropriators will have been expropriated. Private property now resting on social production will thus have been transformed into socialized property. The new society that is to reorganize production on a democratic association of the producers will consign the machinery of the state to the dust to which it belongs...

A Protest from Kansas

As a member of the I. W. W. I feel it is my duty to let you know my ideas in regard to some of the articles in the I. U. B., two of which appeared in the issue of January 11, under the caption "Fundamentalism" and "Appeal Claims Challenged." In "Fundamentalism" Keep calls the socialist movement in Europe an abortion because it has a few fakery in it, and then says, "In this country we know the Simons, Bergers, Hillquitt, Mills, Wilshires, Waylands and the coterie of played out professional men, literary persons and rich young men who masquerade as revolutionists, for what they are, part faker and part freak."

It was always a mystery to me why workmen, workmen's organizations and papers were so busy fighting each other instead of the common enemy. It looks to me as though the leaders, editors and officers were jealous of each other and each wanted all the honor for all the good that it accomplished. "Appeal" tried to claim all or most of the credit for the troops being ordered from Goldfield, then The Bulletin came out with almost a two-column article trying to disprove the "Appeal" statement and prove that it was the main factor in the fight.

Yours for Industrial Freedom.
C. A. Lewis.

Pittsburg, Kansas.

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ECONOMIC DETERMINISM

How Social Institutions Came Into Existence Through Changing Methods of Production

FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE

BY WORD H. MILLS

CHAPTER XII.
The institution of the state in Attic Greece, a political system of slavery, nobility and conforming to the necessities born of newly arisen economic conditions, gave a powerful impulse to commerce, industry and the growth of wealth. Commerce, trade and industry, which were conducted on an ever enlarging scale as slave labor increased, became the dominant factors in the new form of social organization.

Up to the period of which we speak society was ignorant of any means to hold this mass of bondsmen and alien in check. Now, however, this emergency was provided for. The constitution, the very nature of the political state, were born of such exigencies. The state came into existence at that stage of evolution when society was compelled to acknowledge its hopeless division against itself.

Some thousands of years have elapsed since civilization began, since the beginning of letters, since the advent of the political state. From the dawn of the political state the evolution of society in its relation to the idea of property, whose domination it has been constant.

so expanding and its management so intelligent in the interests of its owners that it has become, on the part of the people, a power to be feared, or to be ruined. The modern state has constituted itself the protector and conservator not alone of the ethics and morals of the ruling, but also of the interests of the ruled. It restricts the rights and privileges of ownership and enjoyment of property to the privileged few. In short, the state is organized for the protection of the possessing classes.

The time is at hand, however, when human intelligence, given direction by economic necessity, must rise to mastery over property in the common interest. The interests of society are not to individual interests, and the ownership of property must be brought into a just and harmonious relation with the interests of the whole. The ideas of democracy in rights, of brotherhood, in society, equality of rights, of universal education, foreshadow the next higher plane of society to which experience, intelligence and knowledge, given impulse by material development, are steadily tending.

Every social institution conforms to the methods under which production is conducted. The term production implies its product, distribution. The state is the product of society at a certain stage of evolution. It is the evidence that this society is no longer a unit in its interests, but is divided against itself; that society has become involved in contradictions which cannot be reconciled. The state functions in the effort to keep down class conflicts. Thus functioning, the state is the weapon wielded by the most powerful economic class, that by virtue of its economic supremacy becomes also the ruling political class, and thus acquires new means of subduing and exploiting the oppressed masses.

The state that supervened upon gentle organization of society was the state of the slave owners organized to keep in check the slave element in society. The feudal state was the instrument of the privileged nobility for the oppression of the serfs and dependent farmers. The modern representative state is the tool of the capitalist exploiter of wage labor. In the first instance the slave was a chattel; in the second he was an apprentice of the soil of the estate; in the third he is a wage slave, kept at the subsistence point by a subtle system of robbery.

In most historical states the rights of citizens are differentiated according to wealth. This we have seen exemplified in the Roman classification of citizens. It was true of the feudal state, in which the political rights of a citizen were based on the quantity of real estate he possessed. It is evident, as well in a no less pronounced manner, that the same method in the electoral qualifications in the modern representative state—the state in its highest form of development. In this highest form of the state, the democratic republic, wealth exerts its power indirectly. This is exemplified in the corruption of officials by bribery and graft, as in the United States; and in the alliance between the

Financial Statement FOR DECEMBER

The following is a Statement of Receipts and Expenditures at the General Headquarters for the month of December, 1907. Any errors found herein should be reported to this office.

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Stutgart Congress on I. W. W. Ground

Extracts from Resolutions adopted by the Congress on the Relation of the Economic Organization to the Political Party. 'But what, in short, is the meaning of the word "integral" used in relation to the working class? I assume it to mean a joining together of the workers' material relations without sacrificing the self-interests that compose those relations and keep them at jealous war with each other.'

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Below we give a partial list of books which we are prepared to supply to readers of this paper. As will be seen the list contains many of the books with the contents of which Industrial Unionists should be familiar. They range from light, but instructive pamphlets, to the scientific and philosophical works of Labriola, Morgan and Marx. Any book in the list will be sent, postage paid, on receipt of price, and we ask all members of the organization and readers of this paper to order their books from us.

Table listing various books and their prices, including 'Capital, Volume I. Marx', 'The Golden Rule, Volume I. Ward', 'Ancient Society, Morgan', etc.

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Foots Contents Against Writer of "Fundamentalism"

is it true vice versa. The point is that the working class cannot conserve their class interests by mass action, for the reason that such action divorces them from their function in society—that of carrying on production, and any such tactics must of necessity divert them from constructive action.