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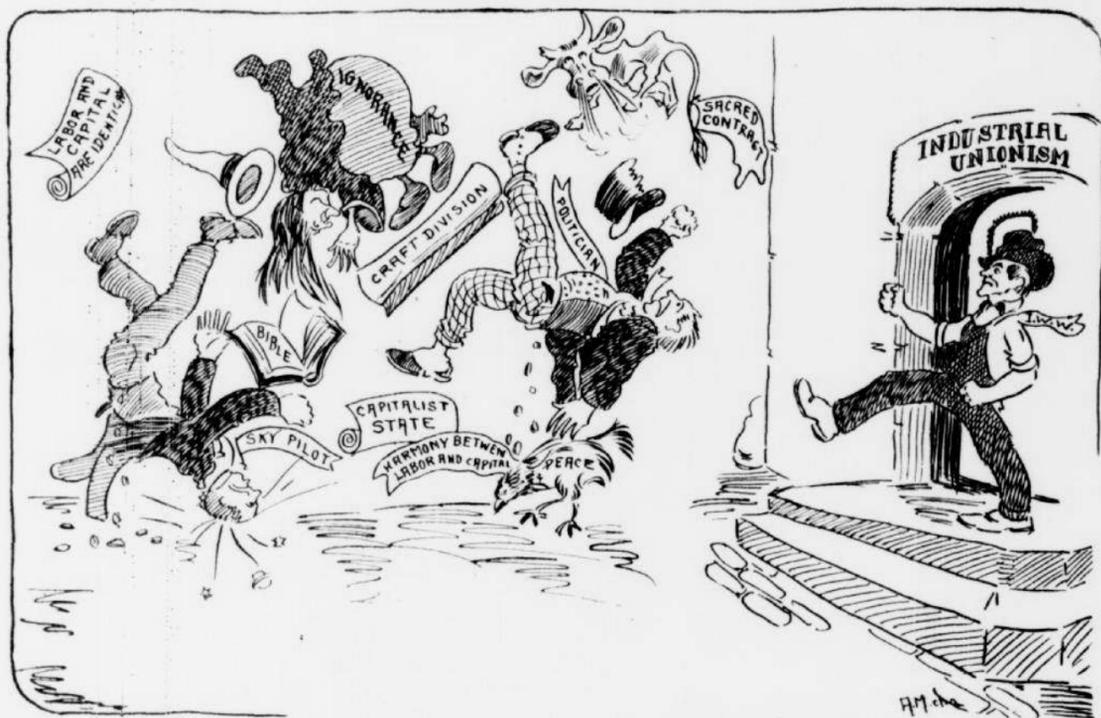
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Strong Foot, The Great Kickapoo Chief, On the Warpath.

Cline, Rangel and Companions Being Rushed To Doom.

Letters from Pearsall, Texas, and Los Angeles, Cal., say the Heurtaistas are rushing the cases of Cline, Rangel and Companions in order to "try" them before their friends can come to their assistance. The whole "machinery of justice" is oiled against them and the entire REBEL PRESS must turn its batteries upon these lawless officers of the law in order to drive them from their prey.

Here are the facts in the case as told to THE VOICE by a correspondent:

"THE FACTS OF THIS CASE IS, THAT THESE DEFENDANTS WERE NOT DOING A THING IN VIOLATION OF THE STATE LAWS, BUT THE SHERIFF WITHOUT WARRANT WENT TO ARREST THEM AND KILLED ONE OF THEM—SHOT HIM IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD, WHEN HE HAD NO ARMS AT ALL, WAS DEFENSELESS."

So that you can see that it is Lawrence, Grabow Little Falls and Wheatland over again, only the work of "justice" is moving swifter under Satrap "Whiskey Ring" Colquit than

it is even under the great "Reformers" Luther and Hiram.

Over the objection of the attorneys for the defense, the "Court" has sent the rest of the cases from Dimmit to LaSalle County for "trial." LaSalle is a small county adjoining Dimmit and both counties are in close "business relations" with each other, it is said; that is to say, the same gang runs both "temples of justice."

Rebels of the World, Get Busy!

These innocent men are at the mercy of as merciless a gang of human wolves as ever hunted for human blood, in the hands of that gang known in the South as the "Sheriffs' Ring," or the Rurales of the United States.

Act To-day.

But send all funds contributed until further notice to Vincent St. John, Gen. Sec. Treas. of the I. W. W., 164-166 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

DO NOT send them to Alzade at Pearsall, Texas, as the Sheriff is reported to be opening the mails of the prisoners and doing as he pleases with its contents. But... GET BUSY!

Bodine & Co. Expelled.

San Pedro, Cal., Oct. 3, 1913.

In your issue of September 25th I notice a "Warning to the seamen on the Atlantic Coast." In connection with this, I would like to say that the Executive Board of the International Seamen's Union of America has revoked the charter granted to Bodine & Co. Now, when the A. F. L. does a thing like that there must certainly be something rotten. The charges were that he split initiation fees with the boardingmasters and stuff like that. Of course, here on the Pacific Coast Andrew Furness has them all hypnotized yet with his seamen's bill before Congress, but there are also a lot of class-conscious men here that have enough of him; especially the younger men. The slow but steady growth of the M. T. W. in Frisco shows this. I was in Los Angeles a few days ago, the locals are getting along fine, especially the Spanish Local. I remain yours for the revolution.

LOUIS DORVE

In connection with the above letter we publish the following taken from "The Journeyman Barber," (A. F. L.) of October, 1913:

Seamen Are Anxious.

Washington.—Congress has been so slow in considering legislation relative to abolishing involuntary servitude among the seamen that it is reported the seamen are becoming restive and in all probability will appeal to the President for relief. During the Sixty-second Congress the House passed the Seamen's Bill and in the very last hours of that Congress the Senate also passed the bill with numerous amendments. The final result, however, was that the measure died with the Congress. There is now a threatened strike of the seamen and the matter has been presented to Secretary of Labor Wilson, and in turn referred to President Wilson.

Query By The Voice:

This blamed "bill," a pure and un-

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"D. and C. C. Rules" Ruled Out.

And this is what our reporter saw: On the 8th he saw a colored "union" foreman on one of the cotton ships hired 5 men. Along comes Mr. Stevatore and he hires 10 more men. The contract with the shipping interests specifically provides that the hiring of men shall be done by the Union. The Union foreman made no protest against this clear violation of the five year contract.

Query: When is a contract not a contract?

Answer: When it interferes with the Bosses' Pocketbooks.

On the 8th of this month he saw a white "Union" foreman work six men in a hatch when the rules call for eight.

Query: What is a "Union" foreman?

Answer: One who drives for the Boss all of the time, part of the time, and some of the time.

Fullerton "Sucked To Death."

I came into Fullerton on payday and I never heard so much howling about shortage in checks, so I asked some if this was the case all the time. They said yes, and had been for some time; that Mr. — and others were sucking so hard that they would kill the business dead if the Superintendent could not get them weaned soon, but that he said there was only one chance he knew and that was to splinter their noses. Men work for \$1.50 per day and then claim they are short from \$1.00 to \$5.00 every Saturday. It makes business WEAK. The first two negroes I met said they were short that evening \$5.00 and I saw quite a lot who said they were short from that amount down, and that counts a heap where there are as

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Ed. Lehman's Ringing Appeal For Cline and Rangel.

Why let the fourteen Fellow-Workers of Pearsall, Texas, be railroaded? Again the Plunderbund is trying to railroad workingmen to the penitentiary or the gallows under the old humbug called law and order and justice. What have they done? They are accused of killing a deputy sheriff. What if they did kill him? Do not deputy sheriffs kill people? Are they ever prosecuted for killing people? What about Del Charlan when he shot Fellow-Worker Smith and killed him, was he prosecuted? Oh, no, he worked for for the interest of the capitalist class. And then the judges on the bench tell you that the present courts "recognizes no classes and are courts of justice." To hell with such justice! Did the Fellow-Workers at Pearsall commit any worse crime than the deputy sheriffs commit nearly every day? You know they have not. Why then let the Texas Plunderbund railroad them? If you do, the working class will have to stand and be branded as moral cowards. You, the working class, freed me and fifty-eight other Fellow-Workers from the gallows in Lake Charles by showing your solidarity and standing behind us; you, the working class, can save Cline, Rangel and the rest of the Fellow-Workers at Pearsall, Texas, if you show your solidarity.

I don't give a dam what the Fellow-Workers at Pearsall did, for I know they did not commit any worse crime than the capitalist class commits every day. For humanity's sake, do not let the savages of Texas send these Fellow-Workers to prison or to the gallows. If you think it is worth while to save them send your donations to Vincent St. John, Gen. Sec. Treas. of the I. W. W., 164 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., or to Jay Smith, Box 78, Alexandria, La., and

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Startling Confessions of Railway Union Chiefs.

"HAMMEREM DOWN" GARRETSON AND "SAFETY VALVE" LEE PROVE I. W. W. CHARGE THAT OLD LINE UNIONS ARE "WORKED" IN INTEREST OF BOSSES.

"It was made plain yesterday by the representatives of the Eastern trainmen and conductors, whose demands are being arbitrated in the Manhattan Hotel that whether the arbitrators grant the demands or not the men will not rest with what they gain by present arbitration.

The rank and file of the men, their representatives said, will not be satisfied, and they did not know when the demanding of higher wages was going to stop. It was intimated that the demands on the railroads by their operating forces which have been going on for years may be a continuous performance at intervals for some time to come.

This came up when A. B. Garretson, one of the representatives of the employes, who was on the stand during the greater part of the forenoon and afternoon sessions in rebuttal of some of the statements made by witnesses for the railroads, had nearly finished his testimony. After testifying at some length as to his views of the relative wages and conditions of work in the East and South, as compared with the West, he said "the train men and conductors gained something by the settlements of their demands in 1910, but they wanted three times as much as their demands indicated and it took a deal of hammering down by President Lee of the trainmen and myself to bring the demands down to what the men actually asked. The men

want more and more all the time." "Can you not start a wage movement," asked Elisha Lee, for the railroads.

"All I can do is to keep a near fire down," replied Garretson. If the men do not get wages commensurate to their work and the increased cost of living, they will keep on asking until they get what they want."

"The rank and file of the men, said Garretson, "are never satisfied. The officers of their organizations have to keep hammering at their demands to keep them down. The only way to keep any one of these men quiet as to demands would be to kill him."

He said that the officers of the men could easily arouse them, but their policy was to soothe them.

Here W. C. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen took a hand in the discussion and said that the men in the West had been clamoring for another wage movement for some time.

Chairman Seth Low, of the Arbitration Board, then said:

"If the men in the West get another raise of wages will the men in the East not want more in spite of this arbitration?"

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THE QUESTION OF DECENTRALIZATION.

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A World Wide Movement.

In "explaining" the decentralist agitation in the I. W. W., the centralists vary in calling it "sectionalism," "a war against certain individuals," "a purely western phenomenon," "the work of disrupters," etc., they are all agreed, however, that it is of a transitory nature and doomed to an early decease. Little do they realize that it is a manifestation of the great wave of anti-authoritarianism that is sweeping through every field of human endeavor, and which imports nothing less than a new social conception.

Industry, science, government, art, literature, music, medicine, religion, etc., are all at present undergoing a profound revolution. The rule of industrial despots, scientific "authorities," congresses, old masters, great writers, musicians, popes, doctors, etc., is being overthrown in their various fields of influence. The human race is arriving at the sound conclusion that to clothe a man or an idea with authority or sanctity does not necessarily endow it with infallibility, vigor, honesty or progressiveness; but that, on the contrary, it almost always makes for stupidity, lassitude, corruption and conservatism. Blind belief is being succeeded by skepticism and personal investigation; unquestioning obedience is being succeeded by rebellion and individual initiative. Hero worship is decidedly on the wane. The day is at hand when men and ideas will derive their influence from their intrinsic value, instead of through the authority of force, reputation, supposed intellectual superiority, divine right, etc., as has been heretofore so largely the case. This is the meaning of the world-wide revolt against authoritarianism in all its forms that is now taking place.

Though not as far advanced towards decentralization as some movements (for instance, science, in many branches of which, authoritarianism has been almost completely eradicated), the labor movement is nevertheless everywhere showing most pronounced decentralist tendencies. In every country goes on the same conflict, more or less accentuated, as is now raging in the I. W. W. Everywhere the weakening authoritarians or centralists are battling against the growing anti-authoritarians or decentralists.

In France the conflict is classic. There the battle has gone on for forty years—since the days of the old International—and daily grows more intense. The whole labor movement takes sides on the question. The issue has become clearcut and unmistakable. All the Syndicalists are decentralists. All the Socialists are centralists. This division is strictly logical; the Syndicalists are direct actionists, hence they give the man on the job the autonomy that is absolutely essential to the use of direct action tactics. The Socialists are political actionists, therefore they insist on the mass delegating their power—whether in the political party or the labor unions—to a handful of representatives. It's a war between the advocates of "I am going to save myself" and those of "Let me save you." Needless to add that the decentralist are rapidly gaining strength as are their count parts in the I. W. W.

The French test of a man's direct action principles is whether or not he is a decentralist; not simply whether or not he believes in

parliamentarism. And it is a true test; for centralization in labor unions is nothing less than government by representation, or political action. The advocates of centralization in the I. W. W. are Socialists, in fact, if not in profession. They have never gotten free of the mass of Socialist principles inflicted on the organization by its founders. Only when they repudiate labor union governmentalism will they become real direct actionists.

In Germany the war is also on between the centralists and the decentralists. It is ever taking on greater proportions. So much do the German Syndicalists value and practice autonomy in their organizations that they are generally referred to as "localists"—a name that they accept willingly.

In the vast Socialist unions the decentralist leaven is at work also. These unions, insofar as their centralization is concerned, approach the ideals of many I. W. W. centralists. In them the officials and the rank and file are things apart. The officials are a self-perpetuating clique of dictators; the rank and file simply a rich mass, to be ordered about and exploited as the officials see fit. In popular parlance, their chief functions are to "bezahlen und schweigen," i. e., to pay and to keep silent. So complete is the rule of the officials that local unions are unable to elect their own local officials. These are practically appointed by the official clique.

The result of this centralization is that the whole movement is being arbitrarily forced to go the way the dictators want it to go, instead of the way the needs of the mass would make it go were their demands hearkened to. Consequently, a great under-current of revolt against centralization is developing. At any time this is liable to break forth in a veritable storm and produce profound changes in the labor movement. Karl Kautsky fears this revolt, and recently advocated the inauguration of a remarkable institution in the unions. It was to be a sort of consultation or conciliation board, to stand between the widely separated officialdom and rank and file. Both the officials and the rank and file were to send delegates to this intermediate body, which was to be only advisory in character. Thus, it was hoped, the officials would be brought into direct contact with the rank and file and would learn something of their needs.

Needless to say, the project was not adopted. The German authoritarians, like their similars everywhere, refuse to make even the slightest concession to the rebellious rank and file. They are drunk on with power. They hang on until it is too late to even check the revolt. The German union revolt against centralization will be one of the next world events in the labor movement.

England, too, is in the throes of a great revolt of the rank and file. For years the union officials treated them as so much cattle, ignoring their demands. Consequently, if they were to get any benefit from their unions they had to break the power of the union officials; they had to literally conquer from them the right to strike. A couple of years ago they took this job in hand and the recent series of great strikes took place. Most of these strikes were in direct violation of the contracts, agreements, dictums, etc., of the officials, who watched the revolt with dismay.

This revolt is still in progress. However under the guidance of experienced Syndicalists, who understand the principles of decentralization, its course has become more orderly and effective. The revolt has been developed from a wild uprising against machine rule into a constructive movement for decentralization. A pronounced feature of this is the strong movement for more vigorous district councils—a movement that naturally has as its basis the autonomy of the local unions.

Even the A. F. of L. is not altogether free from the decentralist movement. For an illustration let it suffice to recall the hubbub the western local central bodies raised on being forced to accept the McNulty faction of electricians under pain of expulsion.

In Italy, Spain, Portugal, Holland, the Scandinavian countries, Argentina, everywhere, the war goes on between the centralists and the decentralists, with the former always standing for conservative, and the latter for revolutionary unionism.

Let not the decentralists in the I. W. W. be discouraged by the explanations, disparagements, and sneers of their opponents. However weak they may be, or however crudely they may understand and state their decentralist principles they are nevertheless in line with the most progressive elements in the labor movement of the entire world as well as with social evolution in general. Their ideas must prevail if we are ever to have an effective revolutionary movement, as it has universally been found impossible to have such a movement where centralization prevails.

What the I. W. W. decentralists need more than anything else is a better understanding of the principles of decentralization. Then they should draw up a program; unite upon it, and finally make a concerted effort to put it into force. Let them but do this and they will soon purge the I. W. W. of the last remnant of its Socialist origin and put it upon a clear cut revolutionary basis.

PAUL DUPRES,
Winnipeg, Can., Oct. 2nd, 1913.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The Clash of the New and the Old, at the 8th Annual Convention of the I. W. W.

By G. Gabriel Soltes.

The greatest lesson of the 8th Annual Convention of the I. W. W., appears as an affirmation, of an ancient human fact, namely, that entrenched power becomes dogmatic; becomes intolerant, and impatient to the reception of new ideas, and broader views. This fact has been responsible for many a savage conflict, during the snail-like strides of humanity toward a realization of life—freedom. That this truth should persist even among radicals, is not strange, considering the tremendous influence that bourgeois ethics exert among mankind from which it is pretty hard for many proletarians to completely free themselves.

At the Convention just held, the clash although waged along personal lines, nevertheless, was, a stolid struggle between the new idea supported by revolutionary experience arising out of the practical struggle in wagedom, demanding the eradication of central authority, and on the other hand, the old idea—a fine replica of the state—of governing from a central sanctum sanctorium. The centralists, some months previous to the Convention, caused to be circulated throughout the nation, "pro bono imperio," such nauseous terms as "Disrupters," "stools," etc. They even made official note of these terms in the report of the G. E. B. Hence the personal war at the Convention.

The decentralists represented the aggressive camps, at the Convention. For two long, and tedious weeks, they presented their ideas on the floor, albeit in a jangled manner, and the centralists slaughtered them, by the brute force of voting power.

Had the personal element been absent, which muddled the clearness and directness of the decentralists arguments, there is little doubt but that their ideas would have prevailed, as most of the delegates expressed themselves against centralization.

The G. E. B. being a mighty power to do, or not to do, had a history, which the decentralists used in their attack upon it. Not only, as it is popularly believed, was the West against the retention of the G. E. B., but such strong districts as New York, Pittsburg, and Akron, were unalterably opposed, also.

The debate against the G. E. B. lingered upon the arbitrary powers of that board. The board it was shown, could use that power to the detriment of the rank and file. Furthermore, the G. E. B. could not point out a lonely instance where, through its efforts, something had been done, that could not have been accomplished by the respective districts, although it could and was shown, that where the G. E. B. tried to aught things whether consciously or unconsciously, the rank and file was trampled upon.

Therefore, argued the decentralists, let us dispense with this board, which is invested with meddlesome and injurious power.

In answer to these arguments, the centralists declared that if the G. E. B. did not function as it was intended it should, the fault did not lay with it, but with the membership, that refused to lend a hand of co-operation to the various members of the board. Further, they could not comprehend, how, without the G. E. B., unorganized districts could be organized. As to their actions which were in question, they wildly maintained that they were in thorough accord with the policy of the I. W. W. Therefore, the board should be retained, as with its abolition, the organization could not move.

The decentralists, therefore, demanded the abolition of the G. E. B. upon two grounds: 1st, because being clothed with arbitrary power, it could wield that power, to the injury of a local or district. Secondly, no revolutionary labor organization could on principle pay tribute to a central authority. That since the unit of the coming industrial commune, will be the local, are locals representing their respective industries, it therefore follows that they must enjoy complete autonomy, which of course is not to deviate, in its exercise from class solidarity, and consciousness; free from any and all central imposition in its struggle to build the "new society within the shell of the old," as the Bourse du Travail of France is doing. No central machine can construct the new society, for many excellent reasons. A central bureau may be an inefficient intelligence post, but its organic relation to the "shell" of society is the same, as the relation between Pata Morgana, and the Sun. It is the local, and the district, that bear organic relations to the "shell" of society, by virtue of the fact that they make part of that "shell," are the "shell" "per se."

The decentralists made a splendid war against the present method representation, in the Convention. They held, that for one delegate to carry more votes than another, smacked of a political nature. That a revolutionary movement, does not depend upon votes, as it does upon the recognition, and execution of the fact, that all minorities are to have an equal voice, in the determination of revolutionary principles, with the majorities upon the time honored principles, that the minority is always more militant than the majority.

The centralists poked much fun at this idea, evidently ignorant of the significant fact, that the French Syndicalist movement, thru experience, has found this practice to be the best for a revolutionary movement.

That the idea of the decentralists will triumph, there is no doubt. For the only ideas advocated at the 8th Annual Convention, in line of improving the I. W. W. for a better, more efficient fighting organization came from the decentralists. The adherents of the existing regime, had nothing to offer, their vote at the Convention, was one of defense. Despite their splendid defense, the effect of the decentralists, in advocating their ideas, has plowed deeply into the minds of all delegates present.

FROM THE CAPITALISTS' VIEWPOINT.

By W. M. Witt.

Say, what's ALL this "kicken" 'bout? Times were NEVER more prosperous, opportunities NEVER so numerous, and the achievement of any ambition so EASILY attained.

Some people, ESPECIALLY among the working class, seem to be chronic "KICKERS." They "KICK" when they have NO job, and "KICK" when they get one, JUST because they don't get any thing like what they produce.

MANY of the working class claim that they CAN'T get a home due to HIGH cost of living, LOW wages and the remarkable advance in prices of land. Why we have thousands of acres of cut over pine lands for sale at from \$15 to \$20 per acre. True it ONLY cost us \$2 and \$3 per acre with the timber on it. But, it should be remembered that we got hold of this land when there was little demand for it. We got lots of it for NOTHING by JUST going ahead and SIMPLY cutting the timber off of it.

Some folks say there are TOO many working people. We admit there is, considering ALL our labor saving machines, coupled with a regular flow of immigration. But, the workers invented the machines, and our laws give the POOR of other countries right to ALL to come over and help us build up the grandest republic the sun ever shone on.

While competition on the battle field between the workers is QUITE acute, it should cause a laborer to more FULLY appreciate a job when he happens to get one, and STRIVE to excel in efficiency.

Some declare that a worker should have the FULL product of his or her labor. Why that would mean stagnation, because they then would NOT work more than 4 or 6 hours per day. As it is NOW we are able to run our enterprises at their FULLEST capacity.

The WORST element we have to contend with among labor unions is a clique known as the I. W. W. and the helofit is they keep growing. They are JUST SIMPLY h——. Whenever a majority of the workers accept their doctrine, which in a nutshell means giving a worker what he produces, then we have LOST our grip on the laboring class and our name will be "Dennis" in box-car letters. Of COURSE the world belongs to the workers. But, our mission is to hoodwink them into thinking it is ours, and that they were born to serve us. We have ALWAYS before NOW succeeded in this, but

we seem to be losing some of our grip. They are getting "wise." They have QUIT going to church. We CAN'T fool 'em longer with our old political parties, and d—— if it don't look as if we will HAVE to get up some other scheme, and that QUICKER than a monkey could take his hat off. Some working man will probably present us with some plan as they KNOW better what will FOOL their class.

Most of the people in jail are workers, mixed with a FEW bankers and professional men. We KNOW the majority of us should be in jail and are sorry for those in there. They SIMPLY slipped up. They should have had rosin on their shoe soles.

Gov. Foss of Massachusetts has hit on an EXCELLENT plan. He is to call an extra session of the legislature to enact laws prohibiting the work people from going on strike. He is a FINE man and would make a GOOD president for the A. F. of L.

Let other States adopt Gov. Foss' plan. That would guarantee us a perpetuation of the serenity which NOW encircles our republic.

Let the POOR ALL bow their heads in prayer, their GOOD time is coming. If it NEER reaches them they should remember that REAL enjoyment consists in the anticipation of a thing. Therefore, let them ANTICIPATE.

SALT LAKE NEWS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sunday, Oct. 19, 1913.

Strenuous as the past summer has been for Local 69, it is only a gentle zephyr, to what we expect shortly. Utah is flooded at present with thousands of slaves shipped in from Eastern cities, to work for the Phoenix Construction Co. This company has a contract, building transmission power lines, amounting to several million dollars, in Utah and Idaho, and is paying the following statement of wages for unskilled labor: \$2.50 per 10 hours; 90c a day board; \$1 hospital, and \$1 for bunkhouse rent. When you figure up what is left, naturally, you can conclude that our members, are on the job with a vengeance organizing with good results. Local 57 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is co-operating with us in forcing better conditions, so this company is becoming uneasy.

Last week they sent two Y. M. C. A. stool pigeons to Salt Lake to take a card in our local. One got a good "trimming," and the other a card, with instructions to wait for a "camp number." He is still waiting for information to take back to his masters. Before this job is through, we figure on giving this robbing layout a jolt, or at least making it as expensive as possible. In town our street speaking permit calls now for Orpheum Alley and Commercial Street. This is unsatisfactory and we intend to demand our old corner, just as soon as we are in shape to put up a good battle. Secretary Sam Scarlett is the latest victim, to be jailed here on the 15th. A guest at one of the local rooming houses reported missing \$55 in real money. Ascertaining that Scarlett was stopping there (this was just what the powers that prey have been longing for) he was arrested on a trumped-up charge of burglary with a complete alibi to offset it, our fellow-worker is now out on \$500 bonds. This is just one more illustration of the common mode of procedure now in vogue here to squelch the I. W. W., but it won't do. Agitation, education, organization, is our motto, and jailing members of our local, is a spur to further endeavor instead of a setback. Tom Mann of international noty, speaks here on Nov. 9, under the auspices of No. 69. Arrangements are under way to secure the Salt Lake Theater that evening, with the object in view of making this a banner event in the history of working class demonstrations in this burg. All the live wires coming through en route are requested to stop over, and help us make this meeting a big success.

Fellow-worker Murphy is still in the County jail awaiting trial. He is denied the privilege of reading I. W. W. literature, with a rocky road ahead of him to get any kind of justice. Don't forget boys that the Defense Committee is on deck yet acting in conjunction with Attorney Dalton. The I. W. W. can't afford to see a sterling rebel like Murphy go to the penitentiary without battling all the way. Therefore, fellow-workers, let's hear from every available source at your earliest convenience in care of Geo. Childs, Secretary of Defense Committee, 118 W. S. Temple St.

With regards and wishing more power to all, we remain,

Yours For ONE BIG UNION,

ED. ROWAN,
For Press Committee No. 69.

EFFECT OF OIL FIELD INVENTIONS.

By C. L. Lambert.

What will the effect of the new inventions in the Oil Fields be to the workers connected with it? There are many men in the fields who can remember when it took 10, 12 and 14 months to drill a well.

But now they are putting down wells in three and four months (and sometimes less). What does this mean to you Oil Workers?

It means that when they put down a well in three to four months, when it used to take 10 to 14 months to produce the same result, that there is bound to be lots of idle men around the fields willing to work for the lowest wage going in that locality.

Look around you at the labor saving inventions in the Oil Fields to-day. See the improved rotary, the Disk bit, the rock crushing bit invented by Sharp and Hughes.

Then we have electric power for pumping, enabling one man to do the work of five! And thereby add four more to the list that sits around the Pothalls.

Now, along comes two men with a new Overshot. The inventors of which claim that with it, they can clean the worst junk hole in the country. That is, they will reclaim all Drill pipe that is froze, or lost, or for any of the hundred and one causes a hole has to be abandoned. Now this Tool will make a tremendous saving for the Capitalist who is directly interested in the Oil industry. But it will hurt the Capitalist of Reading, Pittsburg and Youngstown where pipe is manufactured.

But it is on the workingman that the burden will finally land. For instance, in the fields, in some cases there is left in "holes" that are abandoned as high as 10, 15 or 20 thousand dollars worth of pipe. Now, if this Tool (Overshot) will do all its inventors claim, fishing jobs will be shorter, and the holes will be drilled much quicker, (and add still more to the disgruntled company in the pool-hall or on the street corner). On the other hand, for every joint of pipe reclaimed, there will necessarily be one less produced in the

Steel Mill. There will be one less hauled over the Railroad, and undoubtedly this Tool will be used in the foreign oil fields. So for every joint reclaimed then, there will be one less produced, hauled and transported to the foreign field. Think this over, and you will see how one industry is dependant on another. We in the Oil Field rely upon the miner, smelterman and millman for our steel. The Lumbermen for rig timber; the coal miner for coke; the railroad man to haul all these things to us. Then turn it right around and see how they are all dependant on us to use the stuff they mine, smelt, make and transport for us.

If you can realize these facts, you must realize the necessity of a strong industrial union to protect your interest in the Oil Fields, which can be branched to the foreign oil fields as an International Industrial Union, which will make this grand motto ring true. (An injury to one, is an injury to all.) Finally to branch out and affiliate with all men and women who work for wages. And in that way form the ONE BIG UNION. To force concessions from the Boss at present (such as the 8 hour day in the fields, instead of 12 as at present) and the full product of your toil in the future. Stand up a while oil workers. Ease the weight off your brains. Do some thinking for yourself. Don't let the Boss do your thinking for you. The Boss will not look so big to you then.

ANSWERING THE QUESTION, "WHEN?"

By Jay Smith.

"When?" is a question that seems to occupy the minds of both the working class and the capitalist class alike. The working class want to know WHEN the I. W. W.'s are going to win. The capitalist class are always telling the workers that the I. W. W. is dead, and at the same time they wonder WHEN and where in HELL the I. W. W. will pull off another strike.

It is "WHEN" the workers organize in the I. W. W. and strike for better wages that they become conscious of their power. It is "WHEN" a strike is on that the boss is compelled to take a stand.

With many of the ignorant members of the working class, the I. W. W. is as imaginary as the "Kingdoms" heaven or hell: believing that the I. W. W.'s are a band of angels or a band of devils that will come down from the skies and "WIN" for the workers. Far different with the Boss, he knows that as soon as the workers read the I. W. W. papers and pamphlets they will get wise and organize themselves on the job and strike for more wages and shorter hours.

"WHEN" the ignorant wage workers stop believing, and start reading and thinking, "WHEN" they learn by reading themselves, when they are forced to think, even though the thought originates from an empty stomach, it is then that the ordinary wage worker begins to understand what the I. W. W.'s are, and where they are, and what their aim is, and "WHEN" they begin thinking along the headline they will soon find out that 15 years ago "WHEN" a day's work, or \$2.00, would buy 40 lbs of meat that to-day it takes \$8.00 or four day's work to buy the same 40 lbs of meat, it is then that such suckers begin to realize that they are only getting 50 cents per day for their work, and "when" a worker has to be taught this lesson by his own stomach, then he begins to understand the I. W. W. and wants to join the ONE BIG UNION, and he wonders why he ever asked such questions as "when" the "Union will win."

"WHEN" working men learn enough that they will spend \$1.50 for a membership in the I. W. W. and then pay 50 cents per month dues instead of spending it for "Honky-Tonk" booze, it is then that they will begin to understand that a broke man is a good SLAVE for the Boss. "WHEN" the "Lumberjacks" read and learn that brick-layers get 80 cents per hour, and that the unorganized workers only get 60 cents per day, it is then that such "cattle" will quit asking such questions as, "when will the Union win," for they can see that the brick-layers are organized, and organization is the only thing that will ever make men of the Lumberjacks.

"ONLY DECENTRALIZATION."

By Clarence Edwards.

We hear the cry for education and then organization, and I am in line with my fellow-workers on that subject. But we have had a fair sample of education at our Convention and we had some fellow-workers there that made a great fight for education and, these same fellow-workers have had seven years education, and, when I asked them, in the name of Naiman, what have you got? They have only Decentralization. And I asked, how can you decentralize the I. W. W. before you have it organized? Organization is what we should have first and then I am highly in favor of Decentralization, but we will be better fitted for that after we are organized and the people understand that this organization is an industrial organization, and then they will be able to interpret the Preamble instead of ignoring it. For an example, take the Lumber Workers, if they are not Decentralized what would you call it? We can organize the Lumber Workers and educate them in time, but we can't educate them beyond their economical intelligence, and that is what is the matter with the organization. We are trying to put things in their heads that will fit better twenty years from now, and we find from experience that cowardice begins with ignorance; then let us not go further than our economical intelligence, then we will have no cowardice. When we have perfected our organizations, and every worker understands that he is his own governor and his own judge, then give the things that evolution will naturally bring to us. But, above all things, don't think that we won't have fights in our own ranks; the day we cease fighting in our own ranks we will become conservative, and no longer Revolutionary. BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THE BOSS IN OUR FAMILY SCRAPS, for he is the one we are organized to fight and we should bring all the pressure to bear on the Boss that we possess, for, after all, our family quarrels and difference of opinion, the Boss holds the key to our Emancipation, and we can only wrest that key from him by concerted action. And how do you get concerted action?—by everybody having a different way? No; by organization and Direct Action, and the I. W. W. is the only organization that has a scientific plan to do so and that is by organizing all the industries in ONE BIG UNION and making "An injury to one, an injury to all."

And every fellow-worker being conscious of this one thing, there is something for him or her to do. And they should know that the profit system is the one thing above all things that they are organized to fight. Remember that every five cents taken from profits weakens the Baricade of your master that much and makes him respect you just that much more. And, you Lumber Workers, don't

be afraid of starving; you have been on the bread line now 'till a good square meal would give most of you some incurable disease. Up and at the Boss! Forget everything, but shorter hours and more porter house steaks.

Comment: "Decentralization" is essentially a question of ORGANIZATION. The Forest and Lumber Workers are NOT ORGANIZED—that's why they are among the poorest paid and worst treated workers on earth.

PACIFIC COAST WAR NOTES.

Factional Fights.

The fight between the radicals and conservatives to gain control of the California State Federation of Labor was the feature of the convention. In this struggle geographical lines were eliminated, the radicals from the North and South joining forces in an attempt to defeat the conservatives. At the convention in San Diego a year ago such was not the case, the Los Angeles delegation alone conducting the insurgent movement, for which they were condemned. At the Fresno convention, however, the leaders of the radicals were mostly from San Francisco.

While the radicals polled a record vote, they were overwhelmingly defeated, being successful in electing only two or three vice-presidents who had no opposition.

Hop Pickers' Defense Fund.

A fund for the defense of the hop pickers awaiting trial on murder charges will be raised by the California State Federation of Labor, the convention voting to use the balance remaining in the McNamara defense fund for this purpose.

Mrs. Winifred Hagan Dead.

Mrs. Winifred Hagan, mother of Miss Sarah Hagan, past president of the Garment Workers' Union and stenographer of the San Francisco Labor Council, is dead at her home in this city, after an illness of two weeks. Miss Hagan has the sympathy of the trade-unionists of the State in her bereavement.

Mass Meeting for Hop Pickers.

A mass meeting for the purpose of raising funds for the defense of the hop pickers arrested as a result of the recent riots in the vicinity of Wheatland will be held next Sunday afternoon at Jefferson Square Hall, 925 Golden Gate Avenue, under the auspices of the International Workers' Defense League.

The meeting will be presided over by George Speed. Austin Lewis will be the principal speaker. Others who are scheduled to speak are Thomas Feeley, A. Downing, Eric B. Morton and Selig Schulberg.

The International Workers' Defense League believe that at least eleven men are being held in jail in various parts of the State on trumped up charges growing out of the Wheatland episode. Who these men are and where they are being confined, the League will endeavor to ascertain, that they, together with the nine men in jail at Marysville, may be ably defended when they are brought to trial.

From San Francisco "Bulletin."

Regarding the Wheatland victims, further news comes from the West that the infamous Burns Detective Agency is being allowed to arrest men all over California on "John Doe warrants," that is by secret process and to throw them into jails where they are held unknown to their friends and are being subjected to every torture of the "third degree" that can be devised by these fiends incarnate, and THIS is being done under the great "Reformer." Our ragged forefathers thought they had shot this system of "Justice" to death when they brought down the flag of Britain at Yorktown, but it seems as though they were mistaken in their dreams and that other Hessians will have to die before their mighty vision can come true. It is said that this "Burns System" was tried out on the Italian workers several years ago but that they did not take as kindly to it as us "freeborn Americans" and that pretty soon the Bosses couldn't persuade any pimp to take a Defective job even at \$100.00 a day and that "Deputy Sheriffs" were scarcer than hen's teeth and more wary of fooling with Strikers than "Carpet-baggers" and "Scalawags" were of bucking the Ku Klux Klan.

DIRECT ACTION.

By Mary Eastman.

Our Rebel population was much amused Sunday before last by a Carrie Nation stunt, pulled off here by a band of Church women Sunday before last, whilst our union women were attending a meeting of the Local with their other fellow-workers, planning the overthrow of Capitalism, and their emancipation. It seems that a poker game has been running here steadily for the past two years in the rear of a Rice Nutrine joint, which was participated in by the sons, husbands and fathers of these pious women, some of whom have been instrumental in persuading said S. H. and F.'s to quit the union. Petitions (political action) failing to induce the proprietor of the game to abolish it, a meeting was held in the Church house, and the women resolved to break Article 6, Section 2, by using their "Little Hatchets." So they marched down to the poker room in a body, and finding their malefactors deeply engrossed in "anteing, raising and passing the buck," they decended upon them "like a bolt from the blue," chased them out through doors and windows, tore up the cards and confiscated money and chips, then quietly (?) dispersed.

Moral: Direct Action will get the Goods. Allow your men folks to stay in the F. and L. U. and help practice it on the Boss, then they will be found in the Union Hall on Sundays instead of the Poker Room.

CHICAGO MARTYRS COMMEMORATION.

The 26th anniversary of the Chicago Martyrs will be commemorated with a memorial meeting at Pilsner Auditorium, 1657 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9th. Music by the I. W. W. aBnd, Bohemian and eGman singers societies. Speakers in English, German, Russian, Yiddish and Italian.

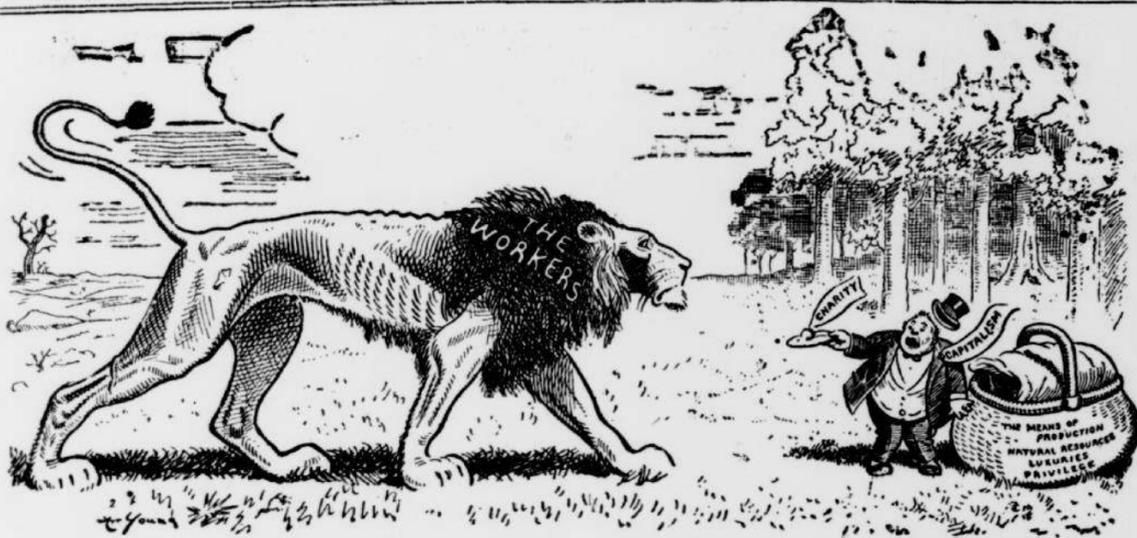
RE WHEATLAND FUNDS.

Stockton, Cal., October 13, 1913.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: Just received No. 40. Will you correct article under my signature (?) I am not receiving any donations for the Wheatland Relief. All moneys should be sent to Andy Barber, Secretary-Treasurer of Defense Fund at No. 1119 3rd St., Sacramento, Cal.

Yours for the Revolution.

JAMES ROHN, Secretary No. 73.



This Is From a Kitty In The Peonity of Parsington.

Mysterious (?) not to say uncan-ny stunts are being pulled off here by Providence. A Devil, resembling a cat, 'tis said, prowls through woods and mills, much to the terror of the "Two Muttons." I saw one of these estimable (?) gentlemen, jump up, crack his heels together, tear his hair and shake his fist menacingly at a bunch of Innocent Slaves because forsooth, a large new conveyor chain, broke in several places whilst on its maiden trip, with a light cargo of waste. This was sometime ago, but this exhibition of rage on the part of one of the Robber Parson's lieutenants, has in no wise abated the nuisance—that Devil Cat. Instead, it has had the effect, if any, of enraging this

monster, and causing him to have a little respect he might have had for Private Property—the Bosses' Pocket Book. "God," 'tis written, "moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." He moves oftentimes in seemingly wicked circles to do good. This Devil must be a part of Providence for it describes a peculiar and round-about path in reaching the Bosses' Wallet, which is its food. For instance last week two beautiful costly band saws broke besides a few minor stunts on the side as it were. Somebody had to be made the Goat, so several of our fine Fellow-Workers from Rosepine, La., who had managed to get jobs here, were canned; offered up as living sacrifices as in ye olden times, to

this Devil, simply because they dwelt in a Hall of a Rebel Union Village. They can stand it though, better than us shack-renting and mill boarding house stiffs, as one of them said to me, when he got his time, "Well, I own my little cabin up at Rosepine, got pears, peanuts, collards and sweet potatoes and a few hogs to kill." Gee, ain't he rich?

Say, Fellow-Workers, why in the hell, don't you join the Forest and Lumber Workers? We Union men are getting the Bosses' Goat. We get off at 4 P. M. here on Saturdays, and are granted other things, too. Why? Ask that Devil, he can tell you! So can the Boss!!!

CAMP RAM CHARLIE.

Not Rohn's Fault.

The call to send Wheatland Defense funds to Fellow-Worker James Rohn, Sec. L. U. 73 of Stockton, Cal., was a bust on the part of the editor of THE VOICE. This notice appeared in No. 41 and Fellow-Worker Rohn is in no manner responsible therefor. The only excuse the editor can give is that he was rushed to death with work and mixed Stockton with Sacramento, Cal., to which last place all Wheatland funds should be sent. See Rohn's letter on third page. We take all the blame. It is ours entirely.

COVINGTON HALL.

BODINE & CO. EXPELLED.

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adulterated piece of bunco, has been before Congress ever since Adam's off ox died. It will never pass and, if it does, what will you seamen have? There is nothing that can "abolish involuntary servitude among seamen," except ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE MEN IT TAKES TO OPERATE THE SHIPS, and there is but one union of that kind in existence, and that union is the MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION of the I. W. W. If you seamen really want that dinky law to go through Congress, all you've got to do to pass it through in a hurry is to only make a NOISE like joining the M. T. W. and the deed is done. Just look how the I. W. W. scared the Boss Barbers into signing up in Boston! But, if you want something more than LAWS, say something like decent food, clothing and quarters, join the M. T. W., the ONLY ONE BIG UNION OF SEAMEN, pass, IN THE UNION HALL, what laws you deem necessary for your welfare and then go out and enforce them on the ships, ON THE JOB.

Quit BEGGING politicians to release you from "involuntary servitude." You will never get anything except that which you are able to TAKE and HOLD, and freedom is no exception to this rule. Be a man. Join the M. T. W.

ED. LEHMAN'S RINGING APPEAL FOR CLINE AND RANGEL.

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your protests to Gov. Colquitt, Austin, Texas, and send your sympathy to hell. Talk is cheap, it takes money to buy "justice." Further, you must remember what Cline did for the Grabow prisoners at Lake Charles, La. Get into action, your Sons of Labor on whom all society depends, and that quick. ED. LEHMAN.

FULLERTON "SUCKED" TO DEATH.

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many hands as are here—THAT helps the Suckers and Gunmen a whole lot, but it is death to Business. The men could not have put up with it as long as they have but for the fact that groceries are so cheap—smoked bacon is only 22c and other things in proportion; and house (?) rent, doctor (?) fee, ice and insurance (?) don't take more than half these Lumberjacks make. But the greatest pity of it all is to see Business sucked to death, but that's what they joined the "Good Citizens League" for, so what are THEY kicking about?

These same old conditions are going to spread back all over the Timber Belt, and soon too, unless the workers wake up, get back in the Forest and Lumber Workers Union and act like MEN instead of like a bunch of brush-monkeys.

BILDAD THE I. W. W. I. T. E.

STARTLING CONFESSIONS OF RAILWAY UNION CHIEFS.

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Lee said that there was no doubt that they would, and added:

"Our men in the West have for some time been preparing for a convention to ask for a new wage scale. We managed to stave matters off to October 28, when they will hold a convention in Chicago to fix on higher wages to be asked. They will want large advances but with my colleague of the Conductors I will be there if we can get away from here in time and we will act as a safety valve."—From "The Saturday Journal," of Oct. 11th, 1913.

The only comment thought necessary by THE VOICE has been the blackfacing of the sentences embodying the naive confessions of "Hammer'em Down" Garretson and "Safety Valve" Lee. Further comment would be like to gilding the lily or painting the rose, but—O you suckers of the rank and file!

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We have on hand a few six months subcards to the "International Socialist Review—the great fighting "Red Socialist" Magazine. As long as they last, we will sell THE REVIEW for Six Months and THE VOICE for 40 weeks (both) for One dollar. Order to-day if you don't miss this chance.

Barbers Buncoed.

As president of the local I had given my time evenings going around to different organizations trying to get them to patronize our shop card. The first month I got about twenty new members. Then, on the 1st of June, our new agreement went into effect. Now for the fireworks. I called a meeting the Sunday before the 1st of June, which was well attended by non-union barbers. The meeting went along fine until I told the nonunion barbers what it cost to join. And then the explosion came. "What, join, for that amount when we can join the I. W. W. for 50 cents!" And the meeting ended in a riot. The next day over fifteen hundred non-union barbers in Boston went out on strike after listening to the honeyed words of the I. W. W. organizers. In crowds of three or four hundred they marched all over the city and pulled our men out, and the barber business in Boston was at a standstill. Enter the hard-working secretary and myself. Without a cent in our pockets we got an auto and with Local No. 182's banner in it, and all the shop cards we had, we followed the crowd and when the I. W. W. men went out we signed the boss up, got him one of our men who were loafing, told him we would protect him, and did it to the best of our ability. Our men were frightened and a good many quit. I called a special meeting and implored them to go back to work. Many were afraid and on Thursday night the members voted for a general strike. On Friday I went into conference with labor leaders in Boston, and that night at a special meeting I declared the strike vote was not legal and the men were ordered back to work on Saturday and the men returned, many of them ashamed of their weakness in being frightened by that unorganized mob."

The above juicy gem of self-confessed Union Scabbery is from the report of George E. Wilson, President of L. U. 182, A. F. of L. Barbers, of Boston, Mass. He is also "local organizer." Report is taken from "The Journeyman Barber" of October, 1913. It needs no comment.

Back Numbers Wanted

All Locals or Individuals having back numbers of THE LUMBER-JACK and THE VOICE which they can spare from their files, please forward same to us at once for filing purposes.

The Promised Land

Ancient myths are about to be realized, according to one B. L. Winchell, who is director of traffic on the Union Pacific Railroad. The Promised Land, which was predicted by the authors of the Mosaic constitution some few thousand years ago, has been discovered by this modern Moses of the Union Pacific in Southern California, on the appendix to that line which is known as the Salt Lake road.

B. L. Winchell, in commenting on his new discovery, makes the following statement: "As a result of the opening of the Panama Canal, Los Angeles will be the gateway of the United States for European immigrants. Toiling tens of thousands will come to Western America for a chance to toil and plot their own land. Southern California will be the first land to gladden the eyes of the friendly invaders. Most of these foreigners will come here as laborers and will work for others until they have saved enough to own their little farms. They will help to change the entire region around Los Angeles into a vast garden. Europe's myriads look to the West as the Promised Land."

The part of Winchell's statement in which he states that Los Angeles is to be the dumping ground for European immigrants can be accepted as true, for Winchell's railroad is also interested in ocean navigation, and these steamship and railroad companies keep the billboards of Europe plastered with attractive and misleading signs and pictures that appeal to those of the European wage workers who are oppressed and who are looking for a chance to better their economic conditions. The advertisements and misleading statements which Winchell and his Salt Lake road will present to immigrants upon their arrival in Los Angeles, will most assuredly induce thousands of them to locate in this PROMISED LAND.

Winchell is playing the same old game that has been played by others before him. He intends to dump foreigners into Southern California because of the money they must pay as passengers on his steamship and railroad lines. Eastern railroads say "GO WEST YOUNG MAN. Till your own land." And there are many simpletons right here in the states who emigrate to the West with the expectation of getting a fruit farm in California or a ranch in Texas. But when they arrive at their destinations, they find that the railroads are not then interested in their welfare. And so it is with Winchell. He is not concerned for the welfare of the foreigner after he has dumped him off and received the price of the steamship and railroad tickets from him.

Another thing that interests Winchell and his railroad is the fact that foreigners furnish CHEAP LABOR. The more foreigners that can be induced to come to the PROMISED LAND, the more work the railroads can have done on a CHEAP BASIS. Winchell has had an abundance of foreign labor in the past, but as yet has not furnished any of them with garden spots and farms, such as he pictured to them over in Europe. Furthermore, he doesn't intend to do so for any who have come to the promised land or for any more whom he can lure into coming over in the future. If the billboards of Europe were decorated with pictures of the true conditions prevailing in the PROMISED LAND—if they were to show how these foreigners are housed in stock cars along Winchell's railroad,

or how thousands of them are walking the streets begging for a job, and living in the slums and dumps of the metropolitan cities—if these things were pictured for the foreigner, he would stay at home.

Southern California and in fact the entire country has been held up as the PROMISED LAND by B. L. Winchell and the rest of the railroad pirates. Only when the wage workers themselves start to dig gardens and build railroads for their own use, and when this aggregation of legalized robbers are put on the shelf, will the PROMISED LAND be realized.—From I. C. S. F. Strike Bulletin.

For a Jewish I. W. W. Paper

To all Locals of the I. W. W.—Fellow-Workers:

We the members of the Jewish Locals of New York have decided to raise funds for the publication of a Jewish organ of the I. W. W.

The sentiment for the I. W. W. is daily growing in intensity and volume and we must have something with which to crystallize and organize the manifestation of working class discontent. The Jewish organs of the Socialist Party and Trade Unions are doing all in their power to poison the minds of the workers against the industrial organization and militant action. No Capitalist sheet—not even the Los Angeles Times, exceeds the Hebrew Trades and Socialist organ "The Forward" published in New York City in its attacks and vilification of the I. W. W. It is continually inciting and calling on them to organize and repel the I. W. W. "peril." We must have a Jewish organ to counteract this influence. At present we must confine ourselves to street meetings to accomplish that end, but such means are wholly inefficient.

There is a great field for Jewish propaganda, there are thousands of Jewish slaves who have not heard the gospel of Industrial Organization and whom we can't reach without a paper.

We appeal to all Fellow-Workers everywhere, especially the Jewish ones, to spare no effort and to do all in their power for the paper. As soon as we have \$500, we'll publish the first issue. Give us a hand Fellow-Workers and what is badly needed to-day will be realized to-morrow.

Send all funds and communications to Morris Brown, Secretary Publishing Committee, 627 East 9th St., New York, N. Y.

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