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THE I. W. W. AND THE POLICE

Statement of the Kansas City Rebels Who Are Fighting For Free Speech

WHY WE GO TO JAIL

The facts about the struggle for the right of Free Speech in Kansas City have been misrepresented by the capitalist press that it becomes necessary for us to issue a statement so that the people may know the truth.

The question arises, why are the street fakers and religious organizations allowed to hold street meetings unmolested while workingmen are arrested and sentenced to the workhouse for exercising the same right—a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution?

The Industrial Workers of the World is a labor organization. Its purpose is to arouse the workers to discontent against the damnable system of slavery which has been devised to flog parasites and hounds and jails to workers. Low wages, high prices and uncertainty of employment make capitalism more and more intolerable to the workers.

That is the message of the Industrial Workers of the World. For delivering that message at peaceable and orderly street meetings the workers are arrested and persecuted. Helpless men over-run Kansas City. It is unsafe for citizens to leave their homes at night. Yet the police are so busy trying to suppress free speech that they have no time to protect the lives and property of the people.

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HARD TIMES EVERYWHERE

Here are some condensed reports from scores of different sources: In Altona some thousands of men have been discharged from the Pennsylvania Railroad employ. The company says "the stagnation is so sudden."

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CLEVELAND HOTEL STRIKE

Looks Like Usual A. F. of L. Affair. Some History of a Former Strike When the Present Union Scabbed On Another

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17. Solidarity: As I am an organizer of the International Hotel Workers' Union, I am very much interested in the present strike of hotel workers in your city.

The Hotel Statler at its inception got its whole crew from New York. They arrived in Cleveland, worked six days, then went on strike. The crew were in the majority members of our New York local.

It is plain that the above circumstances made the strike a failure even without organized strikebreaking. John C. Farrell, the business agent of the Alliance, went and signed the Hotel Statler up with his union at the same time.

It is a peculiarity of our trade, that all the waiters from out of the city will start to work in the biggest place in town and naturally get just enough money to get by.

It does not appear that the present hotel strike in Cleveland is being conducted along the lines of the A. F. of L. generally. Three holdens were affected: The Statler, Hollen and Colonial.

London, December 2. Some discussion of the British people, nearly 100,000 of whom recently threatened to strike at Christmas time. The strike is, in fact, an expression in acts of partial destruction of government property.

PAT QUINLAN BUTTS IN

Sends Telegram To Butte Post, Enemy of I. W. W., Throwing Cold Water On Collection of Funds For Defense

Butte, Mont., Dec. 20, 1913. Editor Solidarity: The following telegram was sent to the Butte Daily Post, a capitalist sheet. It came from a certain Patrick Quinlan of Paterson, N. J.

PATERSON STRIKERS ARE OUT ON BONDS, QUINLAN TELEGRAPHS. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 19, 1913. Daily Post, Butte, Mont.

There are none in jail here. All are out on bail. Most of the cases are to be heard. The big cases are to be heard. The Quinlan case has been appealed to the supreme court.

As I have already informed you, we are collecting money for the Paterson defense fund by means of having kettles on the street and signs reading as follows: "We do not collect for the I. W. W. But ask your contribution to help free 130 strikers in prison at Paterson, N. J. Help the men who fought your battles."

Now if Pat Quinlan you have a doubt as to whether this was a fair or not he should have sent that telegram to Butte Propaganda League. But as he did not, he is a scab.

This is only another instance where the I. W. W. and its members provide themselves a stumbling block in the way of working class emancipation. May this help to teach some of the slaves of what value prominent men in the Socialist political party, are in the industrial field.

After we acted according to our duty as members of the I. W. W. and have done well in raising funds for our men in need a scumk like that has to come around and upset the good we have accomplished by work of hard work. JOHN LOW, Secretary.

The Butte Propaganda League collected considerably over \$100 by placing kettles with signs on street corners. The signs were offensive to the I. W. W. and its members. The I. W. W. rebels raised this opposition which threatened to develop into mob violence on several occasions in order to collect money for the defense of their fellow workers whose trials are pending in Paterson.

"THE BURROS GOT ME OUT OF JAIL"

DISRUPTERS DEFEATED

(Special to Solidarity.)

The latest attempt of the mill owners to disrupt the I. W. W. in Paterson has been a miserable failure. For several weeks past the mill owners have been telling their workers that they should leave the wicked I. W. W. and organize an "independent" union.

All the local newspapers began to advocate the formation of an independent union. Interviews with Louis Magnet, Thomas Bottomly, Jacob Schmitter et al, were printed and everything was prepared for the formation of this "new union."

Well, the date had been set for Friday, December 27. The meeting was to be held and the strikers were to be organized. Two burros from every brick mill in Paterson were called for. The newspapers had big scare headlines announcing the meeting.

But, lo and behold, they were all strong and outspoken for the I. W. W. The first thing they did was to put the police and reporters out of the hall. Then they settled down to hear what the emissaries of the bosses had to say.

The wicked I. W. W. was in full control and the real character of the I. W. W. was shown. When they found out that the baby was born dead they all returned to the father.

The workers of Paterson are onto the game of the boss and won't stand for any spitting out their tricks. All the promoters of the "new union" were taken care of by the Appeal to Reason.

Paterson are bitterly opposed to Magnet and Bottomly for this attempt to disrupt the I. W. W. as very outspoken about it. The Socialist Labor party is that kind of work is their regular occupation. Fortunately they are a negligible quantity. All we need only tend to strengthen the I. W. W. The I. W. W. is here to stay. W. J. ROBERTSON

So Says Phillip Leonard, Jailed In Connection With The Wheatland Case

JOKE IS ON THE TAXPAYERS

(A burro story from Yuba County, Cal.)

When Phillip Leonard, the old prospector, was arrested way back in last September, for the crime of having caught some employment on the Durst Hop Ranch at Wheatland, his three burros and dog were sent to Ostrom's stable in Marysville to board.

Ostrom is boarding them, boarding them rightly and properly, as burros and one lone dog should be boarded. He sends out for regular meals for the dog and he sees that they are served. Of course Ostrom gets a nice employment on the Durst Hop Ranch at Wheatland, his three burros and dog were sent to Ostrom's stable in Marysville to board.

These supervisors have eaten their heads, their tails and their hoofs. Today one real man took one of these supervisors that Ostrom was not treating the burros properly, that they ought to have shown that burros would have to get the little fellows a complete outfit of clothes before Christmas.

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CONVENTION REPORT

The Stenographic Report of the Eighth Annual Convention is now on the press. Advance order will be accepted and same will be filled in two weeks time. Price \$1.00 per copy. W. J. ROBERTSON 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, O.





