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LUMBER STRIKE SPREADING

TIMBER KINGS FRANTIC—UNION HALLS BEING CLOSED BY AUTHORITIES—GUNMEN BEING IMPORTED.

Packet Lines Unbroken and Strikers Determined to Win.

Latest news from the great Lumberworkers General Strike in the forests and mills of the northwest, show that the strike is assuming vaster proportions. We are informed that the lumbermen extra in the Gray's Harbor and Puget Sound country are rallying to the fray for the shorter working day.

The Lumber Trust and its henchmen, the state officials, county and city officials, with the aid of the militia, are resorting, to the most ruthless methods to break the strike. Halls have been closed, strikers by the hundreds arrested and thrown in jail, or herded in stockades, but still the spirits of resistance grow.

The Lumber Jacks have made up their minds that they are tired of the present conditions, and the long hours, and they will simply not tolerate them any longer. They are out to win this fight, and the \$500,000,000 bonus fund raised by the Lumbermen's Association will not stop them.

As the Lumbermen's Association has not yet a million dollars to defend their position, then the "jacks" say that the Lumbermen's Association has not a million dollars to increase the pay of the Lumber Jacks.

Every workingman in the land, and every working woman, should be right behind these sturdy sons of the forest in this fight for the shorter working day. Where is the worker that wouldn't ship in a dollar to help a lumber worker whip the Lumber Trust? If there be any, let their names be Anathema.

W. Moran writes from Spokane that the Lumber Jacks are still out and in a mood of "victory, plotting, all stamps, and determined to keep the mills out at all costs, although handed to some extent by the hired assistants of the Lumber Trust who are resorting to all sorts of tactics to drive the jacks off the line. The latest stunt is an attempt to force all strikers to hike to town and register. Should town they're trying to intimidate the boys and force them back to the job, otherwise they'll be arrested and deported. However I must state that they're meeting with damn poor success.

Even the governors of the states are investigating us, traveling from camp to camp and conferring with them and advising them to go back to town. "Other evening the governor of Idaho and Loomis dropped around to our old stamping ground to hear what the speaker had to say. It kinda got me more than an ear full of what he told a reporter the following morning. I believe he dropped in the hat and bought a few "smokes."

Edmond Stafford sends in the following interesting communication from one of the strike centers of Washington:

As you know, most of the lumber camps throughout this country are on strike, and quite an extensive strike has been carried on the job for some time from here. The boys are carrying on their usual tactics of strike, and in spite of the fact that there has been no violence what the boys are using the best of judgment.

The farmers and mill owners are very much worked over the I. W. W. menace, and propose to be utterly alarmed at the prospect of this country being devastated by these dangerous "anarchists" when the National Guard is mobilized into the territory.

Shipping starts here next week, and the mill owners are drilling on the streets in preparation for the worst case-up. Professionals of these boys are very much in evidence all through the territory. The State Defense (Continued to page 4.)

If I Catch the Guy That Started This Storm!



The Butte Strike Is Not Settled!

Don't Believe Lies in the Capitalist Papers to That Effect.

SPECIAL WIRE.
Butte, Mont., July 17.
Solidarity, Chicago, Ill.
Do not believe press reports. Strike is still on. Let everyone know the truth about false statements in the capitalist press. Give widest publicity to our denial. Will notify you officially when any action of the kind is taken.

PRESS COMMITTEE.
Metal Mine Workers' Union, Butte.

FIND NO GERMAN AID OF I. W. W.
U. S. Agents Investigate Reports Regarding Activity in West.
(Press Report.)

Washington, D. C., July 15.—Reports that the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World in the west recently have been financed by German gold have failed of substantiation after an exhaustive investigation by agents of the department of justice. Officials said today they believed that nearly all the German money in this country has been located, and that virtually none of it has been used to aid the I. W. W.

It was said that the percentage of German sympathizers found in the organization was believed to be no higher than that in many other organizations.

More Thuggery

Law-Defying "Black Hundreds" of the Copper Trust Still Active.

BISBEE DEPORTS 30 MORE UNION MEN.

Bisbee, Ariz., July 18.
"Rustling cards" were to be issued today by the "investigation committee" to scab who desire work in the mines in the Warren district. Under this system any scab holding a card may work at any mine or mill in the district.

The "investigation committee" also has supervision over the deportation of any members of the industrial workers of the World, or their sympathizers, who evaded the roundup last week or who have stopped by the sentries guarding the roads leading into the district.

Since the general deportation 30 union men have been sent out of the district, and others are being shipped. Before being deported they are given a hearing by the committee and if they demonstrate a willingness to scab or prove that they have legitimate business here they are permitted to re-leave.

Sheffert Harry Wheeler and his armed deputies express confidence that there will be no further trouble here.

GENERAL STRIKE OF LUMBER WORKERS

Entire Industry West of Mississippi River Closed Down.

Seattle, Wash., July 17.
General strike has been called by Lumber Workers' Industrial Union No. 566 of the I. W. W. Thousands responding to call. Solidarity fine. No scabs so far.

JOHN MARTIN.

FRANK LITTLE WIRES GOV. CAMPBELL.

The following telegram is reported to have been sent to the governor of Arizona by Organizer Little:

"Understand that the mine owners' mob will take same action at Globe and Miami as was taken at Bisbee. The membership of the I. W. W. is getting tired of the lawlessness of the capitalist class and will no longer stand for such action. If you, as governor, cannot uphold the law we will take same into our own hands. Will you act, or must we?"

Governor Campbell, without referring to the outrage already committed at Bisbee, or without giving assurance that he could make satisfactory corporation through impossible, branded the wire as "disloyal" and "unfriendly."

Can it be that the governor is willing to leave the union miners and their families at the mercy of Copper Trust mob?

The Iron Heel At Work

2000 Miners Deported From Bisbee by Mob of Corporation Plug-Uglies Armed With Rifles and Machine Guns.

Copper Trust, Like a Mad Dog, Seeks to Punish Miners for Striking to Better Conditions and to Support Butte.

The hall mark of infamy has been established in "this land of the free and the home of the brave" and a master-class that is loudly proclaiming and uttering that the workers of America must make the world "safe for Democracy," have shown an astounded and outraged world what kind of Democracy they are saving for it.

Almost two thousand strikers, among whom were three women, and strike sympathizers, were rounded up, taken from their homes and loved ones in many cases, herded in a ball park guarded by 5,000 gunmen, business men and scabs, and all this hotch potch of evil, commanded by officials of the various mining companies of Bisbee, and other places where the strike was on. From the ball park they were herded into cattle cars, which were crowded to suffocation, transported hundreds of miles across a parched desert land, and unloaded at a siding, whose only inhabitants were three Mexican families and a lone telegraph operator, also there was a water tank.

There they were left without food and drink for 26 hours. This, in short, is what happened.

Everything shows a well planned premeditated plot on the part of the copper barons of Arizona to perpetrate this the greatest wholesale kidnapping of striking workmen and their sympathizers ever attempted in America, a kidnapping only equalled by the wholesale deportation of the Belgian workmen by their German conquerors.

The surrounding country around Bisbee was scoured for the inhabitants of the copper belt, crooked business men who grovel in the dust at the feet of corporate greed, scabs who know no shame, bring scab aid and abet to the high heavens, and are rotten with cowardice. Professional gunmen, hired protectors of their masters' money bags, mercenaries of philosophy, aided by God-fearing Christians and conscientious lawyers, backed up by officers of law-servants of the people supposed to be—yet who serve no one but Mammon, and who prostitute justice to the highest bidder, all this mass of putrescent corruption offered and commanded openly, brazenly, by the high officials of the various mining companies against whom these workers were striking. The scum of society and the dregs of the system in a Hell's brew of infamy against clean, many workmen and their friends, whose only crime was that they dared to strike for better living conditions, dared to assert their manhood against conditions which were supposed to have been swept away with the Dark Ages.

Machine Guns for Citizens?

Well, they wrought their plot, they gathered by night, too cowardly to work in the open, they arrayed themselves with weapons of war, rifles, shotguns, revolvers and machine guns. MACHINE GUNS, mind you! Where did they get them? They say they are citizens, they called themselves "The Citizens' Protective League" and the "Loyal Legion." Protective of what? Nothing but the profits of the Guggenheims and the Phelps-Dodge crowd. Loyal to whom? No one but the copper barons of Arizona.

Since when has it become possible for private citizens, whether they belong to a Loyal Legion or a Protective League or not, to obtain possession of machine guns belonging to the state? Can it be that the copper barons are really the State of Arizona, and that the people of that state are only their industrial serfs? Is it possible that the copper barons of Arizona, like the coal kings of Colorado, maintain their own private army? In this the case with the state? The answer to all these questions is—

We who are loudly boasting of an expanded world, that we are the "saviors of Democracy" have within our midst, something that only China of all other nations possess, private individuals and corporations maintaining and equipping private armies to keep their slaves in submission, to ride rough-shod over the liberties of the people, sweeping aside all law, be it state, federal or municipal, that stand in the way of the economic supremacy of their industrial masters.

The "Black Hundreds" of the Mine Owners.

Yes, workers of America, these machine guns used by that mob of scabs, gunmen, business men and professional Christians, belonged to the State of Arizona. They were confiscated by the copper corporations, who said, "We are the state" and they proved it, proved it by overriding every law ever placed upon the statute books of the state. They proved it also by taking possession of the wires and telephones of Bisbee and surrounding towns. They proved it by taking possession of rolling stock and railroads and public ball parks.

They proved they were indeed the power within the State of Arizona by invading the homes of workmen, tearing them from their wives and babies, and sending them into exile, they proved it by entering the places of business of business men known to be in sympathy with the strikers, closing up their places, by hoodlums herding them in with the strikers into a submission, to ride within the gates, were herded by these gangs of thugs, because they refused to scab. Everything that looked human in Bisbee, everyone who looked like a real man, was herded into the cattle cars comprising the Copper Barons' Special, and EXILED, and all that was left in Bisbee after and placed in the roundup, was the dregs of humanity, the riff-raff and back-wash of life.

The Outrage.

And so they marched in full display of war, upon unsuspecting, unarmed, peaceful workers, tore them from their homes, from the arms of their wives and children in many cases, herded like cattle, mocked and insulted on every phase, by those brave defenders of law and order.

Together with them were rounded up business men who had dared to express their sympathy for the strikers, lawyers who had dared to defend the strikers in so-called courts of justice, everyone who was a stranger in Bisbee, and would not promise to scab, was rounded up and placed in the ball park to await transportation in the Copper Barons' Deportation Special.

Hearing of these wholesale roundup individuals tried to get in touch with the outside world—to inform the authorities of the State and federal officials also of these invasions of all human rights, but were astonished to find out that no word could be sent. Mr. Hill and Captain Root of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation and the Copper Queen Mining Company, had severed all wires leading out of Bisbee, both public and private, all telephones also were severed, not even newspaper correspondents were allowed to send out any messages and their respective papers, Bisbee was isolated, and would remain so until the copper barons had their way.

Because They Would Not Scab.

Picture in your mind's eye, those clean-lined, sun-burned miners, march-

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BUTTE MINERS TURN DOWN A. F. of L.

Disgusted by Treachery of the Moyer Clique, the New Union Refuses to Affiliate.

Miners Standing Firm.

Three years ago the Miners' Union of Butte was disrupted, not by the I. W. W., but by any respectable force...

Miners who had suffered and been deceived by the treachery of the Moyer clique, the incompentency and corruption of Western Federation of Miners...

During all of that time the A. F. of L. HAS EXISTED AND BEEN A POWERFUL INFLUENCE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Yet in all that time absolutely no work has been made by that organization to organize the miners!

WHY? Three years have rolled around since the miners in despair of outside assistance have organized themselves.

We turn to the American Federation of Labor, hoping that some of our experiences of the past three years we might receive help.

We are told that our organization is not a respectable one, and that unless we join the A. F. of L. we will be met with powerful opposition.

Feeling that perhaps the A. F. of L. is to a certain extent the miners' friend, and that struggling workers fighting to better conditions...

At the meeting the A. F. of L. representative stated that he would not want the miners of Butte organized, and is prepared to render organization impossible.

What we make that statement we do not want it understood that we refer to the rank and file of the A. F. of L. who have never been supported and assisted the Metal Miners' Workers' Union.

those who PRODUCE the metal used in other industries. And we want to say, that if, after we have been on the job as long as...

We are taking a call to all men engaged in this industry to attend a conference meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado, not later than August 1917...

We asked for help, and were told to go back to work! The companies and the newspapers have been trying to drive us back to work...

We expected to fight the companies and their agents, and since Moyer and his gang line up again with the companies, we are prepared to fight them—TO A FINISH!

As predicted all the Metal Trades are presenting demands to the companies. They expect to hear THEM strike, with a view to proving that conditions in Butte are intolerable.

It appears that Savage, who left here for Canada to take the firmament to Jove who has since worked at the Black Rock under the name of Savage...

Talking about patriotism, read this story: The A. C. M. Co. had a contract to furnish copper to the Government at 16 cents per pound.

Now we are able to prove that if the Government will take over these mines, it can pay every man in any way connected with the metal mining industry...

Those who do not want the miners of Butte organized, and is prepared to render organization impossible. We are told that our organization is not a respectable one...

What do you think of WORKING MEN paying MONEY to such men as Moyer and Davison? We feel that the companies would pay mightily well for such men...

Rockford, Ill.—Government Job. Two thousand men employed. Carpenters and laborers wages at \$2.50 per day. Board, 75c per meal. Lots of workmen on the job...

Any fellow workers coming to the Oklahoma mining district call on Fred Ostro, delegate of I. O. 999, at Tacada Hotel, Tar River, Okla.

The Iron Heel at Work

(Continued from Page 1) From the ball park to the cattle cars awaiting them on a siding, on other side of them long lanes of gunmen with their rifles, revolvers and shotgun and machine guns...

And the copper kings did the worst they could do, the worst they dared do. They headed them into 24 cattle cars, nearly a 100 men to a car, crowded so that the cattle cars were built for. Locked them in, refused to let them out to attend to their wants...

Not Prisoners. After many attempts to unload the cattle upon various farms, elsewhere had failed, they were left on a little siding known as Silverman, where they found nothing for them in the way of food and very little water.

From there they got in touch with the outside world, food and relief were sent to them, and the Government took charge of the cattle, and put them in a stockade at Columbus, N. M. We are informed by the Government that they are not prisoners, no, not prisoners, just guests of the Government...

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SEES I. W. W. MENACE APWALLING

Lumber Company Manager in Idaho Returns from Inspection Trip

Boise, Idaho, July 11.—C. A. Barton, general manager of the Boise-Troyville Lumber Company, who returned here last night from a five-day inspection trip throughout the lumber district of northern Idaho and eastern Washington, asserted that "the situation caused by the Industrial Workers of the World is far more appalling than the newspapers have stated."

"The dreadful thing about the entire situation," he said, "is the inevitable menace. It is impossible to establish a concrete fact, but the conditions go on just the same."

"TIMBER BEASTS" IN REVOLT

Lumber Industry of Northwest Tied Up with Strike

The Northwest is seething with class-conscious revolt. The industrial workers are determined to put up with no more of the exploitation and scorn of their lives. They have long and brutally rebelled with complaint against the rule of the mill, mill-felices slaves beneath their tyrannical rule.

The strike of the river drivers on the Fortuna River, Mont., against the Bureka Lumber Company (one of the first moves struck) cannot be judged as a defeat, but it is a large portion of their biggest and best logs will remain as a banquet for the worms.

History repeats itself in once more made certain, for the tactics of the industrial workers are redoubtable. Resorted to the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota, where they have already faced death to win.

Remember the exploits of Bisbee and don't forget the copper barons of Arizona.

Before the Deportation

Letter from Bisbee Written While the Conspiracy was Being Hatched.

Bisbee, Ariz., July 9.—Fifty thousand miners, who are being deported from the entire West. This means that the miners are already shut down to the extent that they have production has decreased three-quarters of a million pounds daily.

The situation here is tip top, and victory is assured. The workers are determined to put up with no more of the exploitation and scorn of their lives.

It was a roaring meeting, the cheering was heard all over the mountain canyon of Bisbee and the surrounding district. It was a great educational meeting. It made a fine impression on the miners.

All of the thirty-eight hundred workmen in Bisbee are very busy and active. We are determined to put up with no more of the exploitation and scorn of their lives.

The report from Buffalo is "incomplete owing to the police raid, where 40 of our members were arrested and subsequently released. The supplies and literature taken by the police in the raid on our hall was not all returned."

A branch was chartered in Milwaukee. All members around there should help build it up. The fellow workers of the industrial workers which turned out a real good success.

The halls in Buffalo, N. Y., Reno, Nev., Detroit, Mich. and Duluth, Minn. were raided, members arrested and thrown into jail on trumped up charges, or are being held in custody only crime was that they were members of the Industrial Workers of the World, and were out to improve the conditions of the workers.

The Great Steel Trust, whose present motto is the turning out of "independent" business, is slowly gathering strength and with the aid of the purpose of defending the virus and little kiddies of the workers of this country from the barbaric attacks, are making a splendid opening system. They are also using the most up-to-date blacklisting system...

The M. T. W. No. 100 is slowly forging ahead, and with the aid of all its members it will soon have its feet firmly planted upon the soil that surrounds the inland waters of this country, and the Steel Trust and its subsidiaries will not keep us from growing and accomplishing our aim, which is the overthrow of the present system, and bringing into being a better and nobler life for all.

The working class today it had fewer "leaders" and a little more self-reliance.—Dino.

STICKERETTES THE I.W.W. IS COMING! JOIN THE ONE BIG UNION BLACK AND RED NEW IMPRESSION FIFTEEN DESIGNS (FOUR NEW ONES) PRICE 25c PER 100 (5c PER 25) L. W. W. PUBLISHING BUREAU, 191-W. Madison Street, Chicago

LD SAB. The action of these officials taken in connection with their persistent failure to make any attempt to organize a miners' union for the past three years, tends to establish the fact that they do not want the miners of Butte to organize.

STOLEN—At Fresno depot, Tulare, Okla., from delegate No. 2005, of No. 45, a grip containing valuable supplies, and the Book Gen. No. 35144: 56; ac. 20523-24.

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THE I. W. W. VENOMOUS LIES HURLED AT THE I. W. W. BY THE KEPT PRESS OF CAPITALISM

It is difficult to speak with any understanding of the I. W. W. in the West. It is nothing less than rebellion, and the most effective means of suppressing it is to apply a little of that "direct action" which is the favorite diversion of the I. W. W.'s.

There is no question of free speech in the I. W. W. We do not intend to accomplish its treacherous plans by anything so feeble as speech; we vote the ballot box. They are against the war, and their method of making known their protest is by burning our trains, destroying our lumber, and blowing up freight trains. They seek to make converts not by argument, but by threats and intimidation.

We read that western towns are seeking to deport these rebels. In the old days we can imagine more drastic measures are would have been taken. The westerners were handy with the rope and the gun in those days. We are not commending such a course, but we think deportation is too mild a punishment.

We are too "civilized" to apply the law to "wrecks the conquered and extirpate the rebels"—but at least we could intern them. The British have found it practical to intern alien enemies, and we are not to work at useful employment. Why couldn't we do the same thing with our rebel I. W. W.'s?

It is announced that the war department stands ready to take "any action" in suppressing the western disturbances. We believe the action should be taken and severe. Any weakness would invite more riot and anarchy—Chicago Tribune.

The Kaiser's Anarchists. The I. W. W. outbreak in the lumber and mining regions of the West is not so serious as it is being made out to be. It is a direct attack on the government of the United States and a diversion in favor of the government of Germany. Already Montana has been cut in half, trouble has started in the lumber districts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. There is even an effort to interfere with the gathering of the crops. One intender declared that unless the demands of the I. W. W. were granted there would be no wheat crop on the North American continent.

The man who can talk like that in this country is a madman. He is not a madman, but he is a criminal. He is a padded cell or a coffin, it doesn't matter which. State and national authorities are working to suppress the various measures to repress such incendiaries. But the modified law now enacted at Bisbee, Arizona, where 1,500 of the anarchists were deported, merely passes on the trouble to some other town. Men who deserve deporting deserve to be deported, and they don't make inflammatory speeches when they get behind the bars.

Furthermore, there are two points which must be kept in mind by a just judge of the case. First, the I. W. W. does not represent American union labor. It represents merely its own crazy compound of anarchists and anarchists. Second, the German gold, Union labor is all right. Samuel Gompers comes near being a traitor when he says that the I. W. W. has preached the staunchest Americanism.

The only place where the I. W. W. is not able to employ honorable workers in any considerable number to its rank is in the section of the West where corporation interests and the police have been most marked. The burning of the Ludlow tent colony made more anarchists than Emma Goldman ever did.

Any rational system of repression must take account of these two facts.—Chicago Journal.

Assert the Law Against the I. W. W. We are going to do away with capitalism by taking possession of the land and the machinery of production. It is one of the avowed tenets of the I. W. W. The future belongs to the I. W. W. The day of the skilled worker is past.

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The Rand school is going to be a Young Woman's Association building on 4th street, New York City. It is appropriate. The Rand school is in N. Y. C. A. fact. In fact, it is the Y. W. revolutionary movement.

Scott Nearing, in a Chicago address said: "We need a revolution in this country such as the French. We need such a revolution as the French. We need such a revolution as the French."

The New York World, in its denunciation of "business war contracts, makes this point: The co-operation of the workers of business such body demands of the men sent to the front."

The newspapers that are attacking the business interest in this country for putting patriotism in government are exposing a condition that will destroy the unions and contribute to the no brooding all over the world.

Capitalism is an altruist and the benefit of the workers is the aim of the capitalist. The co-operation of the workers of business such body demands of the men sent to the front."

Price control continues to be a failure. The recent control of steel magnets and administrative, for instance, caused New York City to come out with the word "Nation's Steel Industry." The World, the administration over, shows that what we need is to refer prices to trusts involving hundreds of dollars to the Federal Government for accounting.

NEWS FROM TEXAS WORKERS' UNION, N. O. THE

Philadelphia, Pa. July 15. Report by Branch Secretary—The Branch is small there at present as a result of a Polish organ. Worker Bros. may be needed to help get things started. Patterson—Have been number of strikes lately. The settlements. The settlement for the workers and the Union. Secretary Leasing results from Patterson. The fact that the strikes are not unions there are branch a fight. An us. unions as using unions and foul means to gain. So far, however, they have anything on the I. W. U. in Buffalo—Have the growing city rapidly. The system is booming and is the last week our delegation is eight men members. Frasco members is more of that branch as well as the Portuguese paper "A" is now the property of Union, No. 1000.

Fall River—Contract is financial report might not be a thriving branch in Fall River. Horlacher secretary there now and coming along finely. The ship is enthusiastic and still credentials as delegation have the town on a map. The police are on the against the I. W. U. there to be fees have been was broken up by the members refused, however, out a hall, and so chipped up. The Texaco Works tag. This place will be head-quarters. In the other city, they have the use of who are fees have been used for meetings.

Holyoke—Small but active. The Texaco Works cooperating with the I. W. U. in other industries and in a general campaign for the liberation of the Fellow Work to move into better quarters.

Lawrence—From previous news we are going to hear from Lawrence before long.

CELL HOUSE

CLEVELAND AND AKRON JOB NEWS

Akron—Hundreds of new buildings going up. Lots of rebels wanted. Wages 40c to 50c per hour for common laborers. Board, \$1.50 up. No labor union in Akron and if sufficient members come the I. W. U. can control labor in Akron. We will soon have a hall if some can be secured, but in the meantime delegates can get supplies from the Cleveland branch at 235 Champlain avenue or from Carl Jacobs in Akron.

ROCKFORD, I. W. U. ON THE JOB

Organization Active—Lots of Work in Town—Rebels Needed. Rockford, Ill. July 14.—The general atmosphere of Rockford, as far as the I. W. U. is concerned, is one incessant activity. We are working very quietly, it is true, but are, nevertheless, getting in some good work for the O. B. U. The "slacker" situation, as the capitalist press is wont to call it, is not as bad as it has been made out. The impression was created somehow that the authorities in this town have been making life hard for us. The report that our halls had been closed and had padlocks on the doors have helped to create this impression. This statement is absolutely untrue, and I wish to state that the halls have never been forcibly closed since the trouble here.

"SOME" "DEMOCRACY" By Covington Hall.

The I. W. U. stands charged in press dispatches with intending to burn the wheat fields of South Dakota. This "conspiracy" is vouchered for by "ladies and gentlemen" of the U. S. Army; also a District Attorney. In other words, the I. W. U. men are "conspiring" to destroy the means whereby they live. If there is any truth in the theory of reincarnation, I pray whatever gods that be to annihilate my soul before they reincarnate into a District Attorney. Down in New Orleans the I. W. U. Seamen stand charged with "treason," in that its organizers were attempting to organize the slaves of the American Sugar Refining Co., who are now working only 13 hours a day for nothing.

ROCKFORD IN NEED OF UNIONIZING

Union Men Jailed While Cheap Negro Labor is Introduced to Take the Place of White Workers. Rockford, Ill. July 14. The working conditions in Rockford are rotten—ten hours constitutes a day's toil in nearly all the factories. Women and child labor is being introduced in the shops as it was never done before; the pay is small. Even the capitalistic press does not announce an increase in pay envelope. Rockford is known as a great city for business; labor conditions here. The slaveholders have succeeded in the past to maintain an open shop. The town has not been unionized by any union as yet. Will the "cheap-labor" enthusiasts of Rockford be able to prevent the city from being unionized in the future? The active members are being thrown into prison or exiled from town on the charge of vagrancy, the only reason being that they are union men. The bosses are in fear their hypnotized slaves will be awakened and that the slaves may demand a living wage and shorter hours.

I. W. U. WORKERS ORGANIZE IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Garment Workers' Industrial Union No. 197 has been organized in Cleveland. A campaign of agitation has been carried on among the 20,000 in organized garment and cloak makers of Cleveland for the last three weeks and it is commencing to show results. Sentiment is very strong among the workers for the I. W. U., especially among the cloak makers. These workers are being tricked by Schenck and the bureaucracy in the I. O. O. F. too many times. Even the members of the I. L. G. W. are dissatisfied. The I. W. U. held a mass meeting a week ago for tailors. To offset it, Schienker called a meeting for the same date. In spite of the fact that the A. F. of L. meeting was much more extensively advertised, the attendance at the I. W. U. mass meeting was twice as large. A campaign of shop-by-shop organization is now being planned by 137 and we expect to soon show big results. All tailors, cloak makers and garment workers in this locality who are willing to co-operate, correspond with the organizer, H. L. Varner, at 225 Champlain avenue, Cleveland.

HELP CIVILIZE MONTANA

The harvest is the big chief this summer. It is a day and a night. We said the same conditions will not prevail in Montana for the Construction Workers 274, the new baby of the One Big Union? How few the delegates can set Montana on the road to Wobblerville. The day of the faker is gone; anxiety on the part of the rank and file of the craft unions are sick of the rotten tactics of their "leaders." CARL JACOBSON.

CAN THE I. L. A. COME BACK

Seattle, Wash., July 8, 1917. It will be interesting if not humorous to the readers of Solidarity in reading of the attempt of the I. L. A. in Seattle to rebuild their organization to its former strength. They have again closed its books to the worker, who in no way to blame did not join their ranks before the books were closed. Being a daily observer of the methods used by the I. L. A. in their work of organizing waterfront workers, it appears next to useless to further continue their efforts under such a form of organization. The worker of today cannot see his way clear in joining a craft union to be thrown out at the bidding of a few highly paid officials who, apparently cannot be removed from their dictating and domineering thrones. During the longshoremen's strike in 1914 workers were expelled from the I. L. A. for leaving town and various other flimsy excuses. As far as the I. L. A. are concerned enthusiasm has died in their ranks. In the steamboatmen's local many of the boys have joined the One Big Union, and others have gone to wherever they have looked and still more joining every day. In the new future Seattle will be one of the strongest W. W. ports on the Pacific coast, as we are making more headway every day. In conclusion must state that if the I. L. A. is progressing so that as the West, we will have one of the strongest and most elevated organizations known. THOS. A. REED.

DEMOCRACY means ECONOMIC EQUALITY for ALL

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OVERALLS FOR BOSS

Stand Point, Ida., July 10. The lumberjacks here are standing as solid as the foundation of the Rocky Mountains. There is no sign of weakness. Every "jack" is anxious to see the day when the boss will be wearing a suit of overalls. They feel that if overalls are good clothing for the men who produce all for all, that they are good enough for the parasite who doesn't produce anything for anybody—not even himself.

ONE BIG UNION THE NEED OF ALL MINE WORKERS

By Frank Little. Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union No. 800 of the I. W. U. is making great strides in the West. The old-time fighting miners, who have made the hard fight in the W. F. of M. before that organization became a boss-controlled union, are now building up the new fighting union. The miners have met down in the hot spots, crossed arms and raised the old-time fighting miners, who have made the hard fight in the W. F. of M. before that organization became a boss-controlled union, are now building up the new fighting union. The miners have met down in the hot spots, crossed arms and raised the old-time fighting miners, who have made the hard fight in the W. F. of M. before that organization became a boss-controlled union, are now building up the new fighting union. The miners have met down in the hot spots, crossed arms and raised the old-time fighting miners, who have made the hard fight in the W. F. of M. before that organization became a boss-controlled union, are now building up the new fighting union. The miners have met down in the hot spots, crossed arms and raised the old-time fighting miners, who have made the hard fight in the W. F. of M. before that organization became a boss-controlled union, are now building up the new fighting union.

WATCH YOUR NUMBER

Advertisement for Watch Your Number featuring various languages and a large number 393. The advertisement includes text in Russian, Bulgarian, and other languages, all pointing towards a central number 393. It also includes a small circular logo with text in multiple languages.

WANTED—\$500 I. W. U.'S

Five thousand men are needed to work on the big military camp that is being built at Rockford, Ill. Forty cents per hour is the pay for common labor. Carpenters and teamsters are also needed. You are not wanted to come here to go to jail. Take off your buttons and get on the job now, but more are needed.

PUBLIC SERVICE?

One of the most common mistakes made by members of the I. W. U. is to call cooks and waiters members of the public service. If our members would study the chart that was recently given as a supplement to Solidarity, or better read and study the pamphlet, "One Big Union," such mistakes would not occur. This pamphlet is on sale for 10 cents.

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Deported in "Free" America UNION MINERS DITCHED ON THE NEW MEXICO DESERT.

Funds Urgently Needed. A telegram has just been received from Hermanns, New Mexico...

Chas. Moyer sent a telegram to Jerome stating that it was an honor to be called a scab by the I. W. W. Acting on this telegram the W. F. M. officials got together...

These worthy exponents of the selective draft brought the books of the International to the United Verde office and all those there...

We, the I. W. W., now declare that the war that is now on between the miners and the mine owners...

A few of us may be killed in the mine but it will be a small number in comparison to those of us who would be killed anyway if we were working at our occupation...

MANUEL REY IN JAIL. Manuel Rey, who has been active in the organization efforts of the I. W. W. in this locality for some time...

W. T. BURNS. La Salle, Ill. German-American and Marquette Cement works. Workers being hired every day...

STATE-WIDE STRIKE IN COPPER INDUSTRY News from the Miami-Globe District. Miami-Globe District Demands. On Saturday, July 3, the Miami-Globe District branch of the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union 900 presented to the managers of the mine, mills and smelters in the district the following demands:

1. Two men shall be employed on all platon and Loyer machines and the great mines, mill and smelters in all raises and stopes. 2. No blasting in raises, stopes or drifts during shifts. 3. Abolition of the contract and the bonus systems. 4. Abolition of the rustling card system. 5. Abolition of the sliding scale. 6. Representation in the control of the hospital. 7. No discrimination against members of any union.

A minimum wage of \$4.00 for all men working underground. 10. A minimum wage of \$5.00 for all men working on the surface. These reasonable demands were ignored by the managers, and a strike, effective on 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, July 1, was called.

The strike called by Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union 900, affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, represents the most approved working class methods, and it has fully demonstrated the effectiveness of these methods. The day of the general strike is past. The nationwide strike by industries has replaced it.

All mine, mills and smelters in the Miami-Globe district are closed. Not one of them is producing copper ore or treating copper ore. In all, over 5,000 men are unemployed and close to 10,000 population are directly dependent upon the copper mining industry.

The delegates representing the metal mine workers' industrial union have been working quietly in the district since last January, having been sent here after repeated requests to headquarters of the I. W. W. had been made by workers of this district, who saw the necessity of strong organization here.

Enormous Profits. The Inspiration Copper Company paid during the last fiscal year to their stockholders \$2,000,000 in profits. This company has held its stockholders in the palm of its hand. The men have a right to demand that they and their wives and children shall share in these enormous profits.

Another raid in Kansas City. The capitalist papers are persistently reporting that the much ridiculed I. W. W. had been broken up and its ranks demolished by a gang of yellow-bellied under the leadership of the intrapud scab-baiting detective, Ralph Treman...

Copper Miners Determined to Win!

Strikers' Forces Stronger than Ever. Tie-up to Be Complete Until Demands Are Granted. Strikers Disgusted with Scab Tactics of the Moyer Outfit.

Miami, Ariz., July 11.—The young State of Arizona is in the throes of a gigantic industrial upheaval. Over 20,000 mine, mill and smelter workers are on strike against the brutally oppressive conditions which have obtained in the copper industry there for many years.

The day of the small local strike is gone forever. The first great industrial rebellion has taken place, state-wide, nation-wide and international-wide to come. The latter form will continue until we grasp the industries whole and administer them in the interests of the producing class.

The foreign-born workers involved in the strike are certainly magnificent fighters. I do not say last to them. The workers in the old Western Federation of Miners, under its new name, are fast leaving the old, outgrown organization, and are coming to the ranks of the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union 900.

Whereas, Owing to the corruption and disloyalty of Western Federation officials in 1914, we the miners of Butte lost our organization and since that time have waited without avail on the American Federation of Labor or a similar body to organize us once more; and Whereas, This, our new organization, numbering not less than 90 per cent of the men employed in this district, was led to believe by officers of the American Federation of Labor that if it would affiliate with the American Federation of Labor...

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THE PEA HARVEST IN ILLINOIS

Greys Lake, Ill., July 14.—The pea factory here has the largest peck in its history. The Interdenarian Canning Company has bought the plant and has built a boarding camp overlooking which even a wobbly can hardly kick. The only fault to be found here is the wages and amount of hours the harvesters are compelled to work. Twenty-five cents per hour for a twelve-hour day is the pay.

SANTA CLARA FRUIT HARVESTERS' DEMANDS

The A. W. I. U. here in Santa Clara demands \$2.50 for eight hours' work and fifty cents per hour overtime. This includes handling fruit in any way, shape or form, and both men and women.

Everybody knows that the dollar cannot purchase the same amount of goods as it did a year ago. We know that the farmer has troubles of his own account of not being organized to protect that which they put on the market.

NEWS FROM DULUTH

The mine owners of Michigan are deporting all the I. W. W. men they can get their hands on. They are eager and ripe for organization, and in spite of all arrests and deportations the miners are still going on.

NOTE FROM TOM TRACY

The Port Angeles Branch of I. U. 900 has moved to its new office at 1000 Broadway. The new membership has made this change necessary. Prospects are good for the growth of the I. U. in this district.

HALL RAIDED IN BEND, ORE.

On June 17th the Lumber Workers' I. U. No. 500, opened a branch in Bend, Oregon, and the writer was invited in charge. No more had I got there than the hall was raided.

Haywood's Wire to Wilson

President Wilson, Washington, D. C. More than two thousand men who were dragged from their homes and families, are still in the hands of the United States Army, are still in the hands of the United States Army, are still in the hands of the United States Army.

DULUTH CASES BEING TRIED

Duluth, Minn., July 14.—The Liberman case has been up all the time, and judging from the way it is progressing, it is likely to continue the greater part of the coming week. The capitalistic sheets of Duluth are already setting up howl about the "prog" cases blocking courts.

Attorney Moore is on the job, and seems to consider this a very important case, insofar as it would be rendered against us can be referred to by prosecutors in any town of any state enacting similar ordinances.

NOTE FROM SANTA BARBARA, CAL.

This is the center of the Santa Barbara County office. The Union of Company controls the larger part of these fields. This company does not believe in organized labor. Boss rules; booze and war are the chief topics of conversation.

NOTE FROM BRAWLEY

Every man who is not going to hire any I. W. W.'s for the picking of the cantaloupes. But the day weather got on the nerves of the "scabbers" and they all left the valley.

FRUIT HARVESTERS GET RAISE

The first strike in the California fruit belt started yesterday and resulted in a victory. The harvesters got a raise of 10 per cent. As yet the fruit is not quite ripe, but by next week it will be so, and then the fun will start.