

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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TRUTH CONQUERS. NO 2

ATTENTION!

Let every member of the Union make it his or her business to get only one new member a week into the organization and in less than a year we will have the Lumber Industry Organized from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean and the Bosses whipt to a frazzle. How about trying the experiment on your partner? Get busy, and watch us grow!

Don't

Go to Merryville or Crane, La. Timber Workers on STRIKE there.

Don't

Be fooled by labor sharks and Trust papers.

Don't

Believe the STRIKE is "off" or anything you hear about it until the Union gives official notice thereof.

Don't

DON'T be a SCAB. DON'T be a PEON

BE A MAN!

Help win a mighty victory for the freedom of your class! Read "The Lumberjack" and "The Rebel" for the news and the truth.

BE A MAN!

Thus saith The I. W. W. Strike Committee.



LABOR HOLDS THE LEVER AT MERRYVILLE

STRIKE ON AT CRANE, LA.

All log cutters of the Looney-Rivers Lumber Co. (formerly the Dunnam & Robinson Lumber Co.) are out on STRIKE against an eleven (11) hour day and a wage of \$1.60 and \$1.75 a day in bum timber.

The boys are demanding a ten hour work day and a minimum wage of \$2.00 per day.

Strenuous efforts on the part of the Boss to get scabs has thus far failed.

Stay Away.

All "flatheads" are asked to stay away from this rotten job and help the boys there get better conditions.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

COURAGE, BOYS!

Whole I. W. W. Backs Merryville Strike The Union That Has Never Lost A Fight.

General Headquarters, Room 307, 164 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill., January 6, 1913.

Secretaries are Instructed to Read This to Their Members.

IMPORTANT.

The strike at Merryville, La., has reached a critical point. All the forces of the capitalist class in the South and Southwest have been lined up against our fellow workers there. Kirby, with his following of lesser lumber barons, Burns, with his host of hired thugs and gunmen, the great Santa Fe Railroad Company, with its millions of dollars, are all arrayed against our fellow workers for one common purpose, the extinction of the I. W. W. and the ONE BIG UNION in the South.

Our fellow workers there have put up a valiant struggle. Their fighting spirit has not diminished one iota, but they are up against forces with greater power than they possess. The power that you and they possess, however, is greater than their enemies. We must unite our forces and win the day at Merryville.

What is needed is food and shelter in Merryville. The boys there will furnish the fighting; you have got to furnish the food. The Lumber Barons are trying to starve the lumber jacks out. They believe if they can cut off their food supply, they will break this strike and then break the spirit of the workers. We must show them that they have not only the lumber jacks of the South to deal with, but all the workers organized into the I. W. W.

Rush provisions into Merryville. Raise funds and send them in. Do not put it off, do it today. The winning of this strike depends upon you. See that you do your share. Do your duty to yourself and your class and the lumber workers of the South will add another victory to the long list already won.

Send all money, provisions, etc., to CHAS. CLINE, MERRYVILLE, LOUISIANA.

Yours for Industrial Unionism, VINCENT ST. JOHN, Gen. Secty-Treas. I. W. W.

WARNING!

The strike at Merryville is still on. Don't go there to work until the plant starts up with a Union crew, as it will start, or never. Be a MAN. Don't be a peon.

NOTICE.

Fellow Worker Chas. Cline has been elected Secretary of the Strike Committee in place of Lee Lovejoy, resigned. So send all funds and provisions for the strikers to: CHAS. CLINE, Secretary, Merryville, La.

STRIKE NEWS FROM THE PEONITY OF MERRYVILLE

Our several correspondents in and around Merryville advise us that that old British Plunderbund, alias the Santa Fe Railroad, objects to "foreigners" (said "foreigners" being American born some generations) coming into Merryville and having anything to do or say about how "dear old Louisiana," as Chief Gunman, James L. Estes, put it, should be run. From the strenuous comments in "The Rebel" and other great red papers, it would seem that "Deputy Sheriff" Estes has succeeded in centering almost as many eyes on his heroic personality as did "Deputy Sheriff" Del Charlan, when he and his posse killed Charles Smith. But there is nothing like being a hero and a patriot.

Blind?

The Lake Charles "Times" brings us the sad news that Judge Overton and District Attorney Edwards are losing their eyesight, for, after "investigating" Merryville, it is reported that neither of them were able to see a port-holed stockade eight feet high and no violation of the law anywhere. But, as we have often observed in this life of ours, ONLY the working class can violate the law. The capitalist class, in defending its pocket book, can do no wrong, can't even be "in contempt of court," even where it penalizes men for obeying a court's order.

Rifles.

Two hundred Springfield rifles have been sent into Merryville by Governor Hall. It is reported, for use by the gunmen. On the butt they are marked "V. P. P., Model 1887," but the number has been obliterated so as to leave no trace and to cover up, evidently, where they came from. We would like the rebels in the army to let us know where these guns came from if they can, and they can if they will go to work on it all once.

Scabs.

The company gets a handful of scabs in every now and then, or so it thinks, but most of the MEN quit as soon as they find out they have been lied to about conditions and that a STRIKE IS ON. One of the last bunches was sent in, it is reported, by one Chas. Swift, a

saloon keeper in Beaumont, Texas, who has lived all his life off the lumber jacks. All the lumber jacks and all other workers should remember always that "an injury to one is the concern of all."

Statement of Five Shanghaied Men.

"One Will Neal approached us on the streets of Baton Rouge, La., and wanted to hire us for saw mill work, and said he wanted to send us to Melvin or Milvey, La., and further stated that there was no strike on here at Merryville, and Capt. Johnson, in answering our questions about wages here stated that they were paying from \$1.75 to \$3.50 per day, this all for inexperienced planer or saw mill help, and after we left West Baton Rouge on the Frisco R. R., Capt. Johnson and his men came around with whiskey (Tom Collins brand) and we further state that the whiskey made us feel like jumping on every one in the car. At Mauriceville, Texas, the Santa Fe special train, Engine 101, with caboose, met the Frisco train with coffee and lunch, and took the two coaches and started on toward Merryville. After arriving at the station at Merryville, Johnson told all the men in the coaches to put their heads out and holler and yell at the top of their voices. And before leaving Baton Rouge, Will Neal told us we did not have to pay any transportation, and further said everything was free, but upon our arrival here we were put to bed on a mattress and only one blanket, and last night, the 7th, we had to go to bed with nothing to eat and no fire in the house, and we said we would not work for any man when hungry and cold, with insufficient clothing, and from the tone of Supt. Walden's voice, he talked as if he was going to force us to go to work if we wanted to or not. And the rest of the men who were in there before we came, told us we had to pay for R. R. fare, whiskey, and eating en route here. When we got here they told us our board was \$4.20 per week, and we said we would not pay our mother that much. Everywhere we went we met guards going and coming, and it made one think from the look of things as if one were in a penitentiary instead of a free country. Yesterday the foreman came to us and told us to all holler at the top of our voices when the train

came in from the woods and we holler-ed."

Signed, DAVID SEALS, GEORGE PEELER, Frank MILLER, CALVIN COLLINS, JOHN WILLIAMS.

COMMENT

Making men drunk on fighting whiskey and then having them beat up when they get sober and refuse to work under worse than convict conditions, is certainly "law and order" carried to the extreme of perfection, but great is the Sawdust Ring.

The Liars.

"MERRYVILLE MILL STARTS UP ANEW"

Plant Closed by Timber Workers' Union Starts Off Early Monday Morning.

Special to The States.

MERRYVILLE, LA., Jan. 11.—On schedule time, the sawmill of the American Lumber Company here, that has been closed by the strike of the Timber Workers' Union, began operations again today, after a shutdown of several months, or ever since the refusal of the lumber company to reinstate employes who had been witnesses in the timber workers' famous trial at Grabow. A stockade was later built in anticipation of coming trouble, and armed guards installed. The trouble never came, however, as the idle ex-employes gradually left the neighborhood. The planing mill was started about four weeks ago, and the smaller sawmill was begun last Monday and put in a full week. With the resumption of the big mill the entire plant will be in operation, including the woods crews and tram road. The management announces that it expects no further trouble."

Dispatches on the lines of the above appeared in all the great (?) daily newspapers of January 14th. The "news" that the plant is working with a full crew is a lie out of the whole cloth, for there were less than 100 scabs in the stockade when this dispatch was sent, and it is also a lie that all, or even the

bulk of the Union men have left the town. There are enough of them on the ground and in the surrounding infected territory to, with their farmer allies, hold down the plant and to prevent any "trouble" "the management" may "expect" to start. All such lies are put out for the double purpose of stopping funds and provisions being sent the strikers by their friends and fellow workers and to fool more men into the stockades, there to be at the mercy of gunmen and "Good Citizens Leaguers." If you have any sense, and want an easy job, you will apply at the penitentiary before you will go to Merryville and work on Association terms.

Meningitis.

This terrible disease, due to shameless insanitary conditions and chronic starvation, is again spreading through the entire Louisiana-Texas timber belt, as see the official reports of Dr. Oscar Dowling, chief health officer of Louisiana. Then go into the stockades, if you will. Enjoy life in "dear old Louisiana"—get a beating for breakfast, meningitis for dinner, rough board coffin for supper, and then "peace that passeth understanding" in some potter's field of the Lumber Trust.

Sawing "Holler" Logs.

The little mill, the big mill, both planers, the choo-choo cars and the woods are all running, as the Santa Fe and its liars claim. The only thing that troubles the Bosses, however, is the fact that the plant is sawing no lumber. But for this the Association would be happy. The plant "starts up anew" all right; does so every morning, and has been doing so ever since the strike started nearly ten weeks ago. It starts up, the whistles blow; the gunmen "holler;" the wheels turn, but blowing whistles and hollering and turning wheels doesn't saw lumber, for 100 gunmen, scabs and suckers can't do the work of 1300 lumber jacks backed by the whole I. W. W. Its a case of the Bosses whistling to keep up a front. If they enjoy it, we don't mind. Let them shoot themselves in the pocket book all they want to. That's what we say.