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THE PREAMBLE.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in the same industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

TO ALL MEMBERS.

Pay no money to any one for Dues or Assessments unless a stamp is placed on your membership book therefor. The stamp is your only receipt for Dues and Assessments, and your only evidence that you are a member of the Union. Unless your book is correctly stamped up to date, you will not be recognized as a Union member, either in the Southern or Western District. All Local Secretaries have, or should have, on hand a supply of stamps. Insist that your book be stamped for every time you pay or have paid your Dues and Assessments. A book is the only evidence you have paid your Initiation fee.

This notice is issued because the General Organization and its Local Unions have lost hundreds of dollars thru the members failing to insist that Secretaries place dues and assessment stamps in their book at the time payment was made. Cease this loose method. Demand a book when you pay your Initiation fee and a stamp every time you pay Dues and Assessments.

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By Jay Smith,
Secy. Southern District.

EDITORIALS

WE MUST HAVE SHORTER HOURS.

The reason why is plain. Improvements in methods of production are the cause of unemployment. The establishment of a *National eight hour work day* would not only tend to reduce the army of unemployed, and the opportunities for the boss to get strike-breakers, but it would also tend to abolish bread lines, Charity institutions, Rock Piles, Chain-Gangs, employment office sharks, and all other scab herding institutions. The workers would enjoy more time for education, entertainment and pleasure. Competition for jobs would decrease, the wages would increase, and the living conditions of all workers would improve. How? By class action. In order to act together as a class we must organize into One Big Union without regard to race, sex, flag, age, politics or religion, and set a day for action. We must ignore the boss entirely and just begin to *work eight hours only* when that date arrives. We will not go out on strike unless we have to. If the employers declare war we will then be *organized* and no power on earth can make effective war on an *organized* working class. When? The I. W. W. has decided to carry on an agitation until sufficient power can be developed to enforce it with the *ONE BIG UNION*. It depends upon our own preparations and action. We, the workers, have got to do it ourselves. Not trust to misleaders. **GET BUSY. GET POWER. JOIN THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.**

"EDUCATION" OR "LEADERS."

Perhaps the most deplorable fact which confronts the workers today is their desire to be led. On every hand comes calls for organizers and speakers. "We want some one to show us what to do," is an every-day declaration of the working class that wishes to free itself from industrial bondage. There seems to be forever that desire to be led.

This is the thing that has been fatal to many labor unions. A labor union that does not educate its own membership is surely not able to educate those who know nothing of the organization. The organization that wins is the one that educates its entire membership until each integral part can lead itself in such a way as not to conflict with the other part.

A member should so train himself that he can act in harmony with every other member, and know why he acts, and the other member should be able to know what is being done without asking. This can be done and is done with an intelligent membership. For instance, in case of a strike, and pickets are needed, it shouldn't be necessary to call meeting or see a picket captain. The member should instinctively go to picketing and send for another member to relieve him. This with an intelligent membership, is easy; with an uneducated one, an impossibility.

Again if some grievance exists in the shop or mill, the members must be able to handle the situation themselves, and not wait for any organizer, as the wait may mean a lost strike and possible victory gone entirely. But to blunder out and strike without knowing how or when and what effect it will have on the organization in general is a crime, as it may destroy, not only the local, but the possibility of organizing other locals in that section.

The membership must acquaint themselves with the every-day workings of the organization and the fundamental principles underlying the organization, and have the ability to judge their own strength in their locality.

No body of men combined together can get concerted action unless each one understands why and for what they are combined. No person can listen to one, two or ten labor speeches and learn the entire principles of the organization of which they are a part, nor can one, two, or ten organizers control the actions of a thousand workers. Nor is an organizer with the experience of dozens of strikes as valuable to an uneducated membership as he is to one that understands.

It is the workers on the job that must win the strikes, and they must be educated to win. These things are absolutely necessary: Read the Preamble of the I. W. W. until you understand it. Then read as much as possible on the class struggle. Read such pamphlets as, "Why Strikes Are Lost and How to Win;" "The History, Methods and Structure of the I. W. W.;" "The One Big Union;" "How Capitalism Has Hypnotized Society;" "Value, Price and Profit;" "Anti Patriotism," and other standard pamphlets on "Industrial Unionism." Subscribe to "The Lumberjack" and know of current events in the South. Know what is doing in labor circles. Then, if you can, get the "Industrial Worker," P. O. Box 2129, Spokane, Wash., and "Solidarity," Drawer 622, New Castle, Pa., each \$1.00 per year. Learn what labor is doing. That is your duty as a member. Learn the fundamental principles of the I. W. W. That is your duty as a member. When a speaker is billed for your place, advertise it. That is your duty as a member. When a man wants a card, see that he gets it. That is your duty as a member.

Educate yourself so you can educate others, so they can educate others; then it will be easy to win our strikes.

An intelligent membership can win. An ignorant membership can not win with a hundred organizers.

Educate yourself, it's your duty.

ITA EST.

The difference between the man who steals a junkpile of old clothes from a hotel and one who steals a forest from the commonwealth, is—Three years on the levees for the first, six years in the United States Senate for the last.

My son, when you steal, steal like a gentleman, not like a criminal, for "the hand that swipes the boodle is the hand that rules the world."

Seest thou the statue of blindfolded Justice on top of yon courthouse? Verily, verily I say unto you, it is a good thing for the judges she is in the fix she is.

HEAREST THOU?

Hearest thou the voice of "Red Tom" Hickey Rebel-ling up from the plains of Texas, calling on you to rise in One Big Union of Agricultural Workers and syndicate the farms before the Land Lords syndicate you, ye Renters and Cotton Pickers? Yes? Well, damn you, rise! Do it today. Tomorrow you may be but breakfast for the worms. Rise!

HAIL PORT ARTHUR LONGSHOREMEN!

Press dispatches state that the Port Arthur, Tex., Longshoremen have refused to handle the shipments of The Texas Company (Standard Oil) until that concern settles with its striking Laborers. That's the way to do it, boys! To stand by your class as the capitalists stand by theirs. To stick together, to fight as one,—THAT, and not a piece of paste-board called a "union card," THAT is what proves us UNION MEN. THAT, all the workers, standing by each other all the time in ONE BIG UNION, THAT is the

mission and the dream of the I. W. W. THAT'S the "direct action" that will get the goods and send the capitalist class on its knees begging for "terms!"

NOW let the Railroad Trainmen prove THEIR right to be called UNION MEN—LET THEM QUIT SCABBING ON THE LUMBERJACKS AT MERRYVILLE—LET THEM REFUSE TO HANDLE THE PRODUCT OF THE AMERICAN LUMBER COMPANY UNTIL IT QUITS FIGHTING THEIR CLASS—OR LET THEM KEEP LOSING IT.

Hail to the fighting Longshoremen of Port Arthur! for they indeed be MEN, UNION MEN, MEN whose place is in the I. W. W.!

I'D LIKE TO BE A SAVAGE.

By Notgnivoc, The Barbarian.

I'd like to be a savage fer a little while agen,
En go out in the forests where there ain't no business men;
Where I'd never hear the clatter uv their factories and things,

But just the low, soft buzzin' uv the hummin's crimson wings,
The dronin' uv the bumble bees, en ol' behwhite's luvin' call
To his mate acrost the medders when the leaves begin to fall.

I'd like to be a savage, ur a barefoot boy agen,
A-roamin' thru the clover, where there ain't no business men;
Where the whole derned tribe is strangers, en their dollars en their dimes

Don't never 'sturb the music o' the gurgling water-rhymes;
Where a feller's heart kin nestle close to Mother Natur's breast,
En the orioles en redbirds sing his tired soul to rest.

I'd like to be a savage, en uncivilized agen,
A member uv a nation where there ain't no business men;
Where no wimmen folks ain't driven to the sweatshops every day;

En the children don't do nuthin', 'cept run en romp en play;
Where the dollar ain't ez mitey ez the song the mockin' sings,
En a feller's heart ain't hurted when he stops to think o' things.

WHAT UNION HAS DONE.

"What has the Union ever done?" This question is often asked of Forest and Lumber Workers, especially and eagerly by their enemies, the Bosses and their stool-pigeons. It is a companion to their old worn out declaration "The Brotherhood is dead." Both the question and declaration are, of course, interested to discourage the workers from joining and aiding in the upbuilding of the Union. All workers should remember this in the future. If the Union had never done anything for the workers, why are the Bosses fighting it so and why are they so anxious to prove it "dead?"

"THERE'S A REASON."

Let us see what it is, why the Bosses want you to believe the Union is a failure. This is what the Union has done:

First, It has forced the Association to advance the wages of "common labor" 25c a day and more thru out West Louisiana and East Texas and the fear of it has stopt the progressive lowering of the wage rate that was being practiced thru out the Southern Timber Belt and has started an upward tendency everywhere.

Second, It has cut the work-day down to ten hours over a wide territory where before it had been eleven, twelve and more hours long.

Third, It has forced a big reduction in rents, commissary prices, insurance, doctor and hospital fees, even having abolished, in many places, the last three grafts entirely.

Fourth, It has forced a two weeks, and in some places a weekly, payday and compelled the Companies to ease up on the discount graft.

Fifth, It has advanced the price for log-cutting and forced a more honest scale thru out the "infected territory."

Sixth, It won the Grabow trial, freed Emerson and his associates, and defeated every politician who belonged to the Pujo Persecution, except "Gus" Martin, and it hasn't forgotten him.

Seventh, It has held the Southern Lumber Operators Association up before the eyes of the civilized world and is forcing it to abandon its system of government by assassination.

Eighth, It has brought light where there was darkness, hope where there was despair, and has doomed peonage to destruction. This, not to say anything about "free barbecues," "free flags," "free excursions" and "free John Henry orations," nor to mention the army of gunmen, detectives and kept writers it has caused the Association to employ, this is partly what the Union has done, and this, and what it will do in the future, is why the Bosses are so anxious to make you believe it has never done anything and is "dead." They don't want you to join it and get \$3.00 per day in United States money for an eight hour day, as you can easily do in less than two years if you will join the One Big Union of Forest and Lumber Workers and stand up and be a man—a Union man—an I. W. W.

A BARGAIN.

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