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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 in 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 any one 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.

N. I. U. of F. & L. W.  
By Jay Smith,  
Secty. Southern District.

# EDITORIALS

## WHAT IS THE I. W. W.?

By Jay Smith.

The I. W. W. is a latest form of labor organization. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization big enough to take into its membership all the workers in all the Industries without regard to color, religion, politics or nationality. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization claiming to represent the whole working class. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization claiming that the working class and the employing class have nothing in common. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization that has the structure upon which the Industrial Democracy can be built. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization that is working to organize the Labor Power Trust. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization educating its membership to be their own leaders. The I. W. W. is the only labor organization dreaded by the Capitalist Class. The I. W. W. is the organization that made Judge Gary say: "Unless we do something for the poor immediately, the I. W. W. will be in power." The I. W. W. is the organization that made H. G. Otis say: "We would be powerless if the workers organized into an organization like the I. W. W."

The I. W. W. is the organization that made Prosecuting Attorney Atwell say: "The I. W. W. has swept the country like a wild fire and we are powerless to stop it." The I. W. W. is the only labor organization seeking to control the jobs by direct action. The I. W. W. teaches the workers to de-

pend upon themselves to get better conditions. The I. W. W. teaches that striking on the job is the only way to raise wages and shorten hours. The I. W. W. is the organization teaching that folded arm sare mightier than the sword. The I. W. W. is the organization that made John Henry Kirby and his hired hellions take their hands off the throats of Arthur L. Emerson and his associates in the Grabow trial. The I. W. W. is the organization that gained \$15,000,000 annually for the women and children Textile Workers of the New England States, and then saved the lives of Etor, Giovanitti and Caruso, whom the Woollen Trust would have electrocuted for leading the Lawrence strikers to victory. The I. W. W. invites you to read its literature on Industrial Unionism, then, if you are a wage worker and do not become a member of the I. W. W., it's because you are not capable of thinking and learning.

## Y. M. C. A. SELF-EXPOSED.

The following letter was received by an Alexandria merchant who, however, failed to see why he should chip in and help pay the spiritual "policemen" who are "insuring" the Lumber Trust against a thinking working class. The letter follows:

"Tri-State Executive Committee of Y. M. C. A."  
(N. B.—Nearly one-half of this "Committee are Lumber Kings.—Ed.)

Birmingham, Ala., January 29, 1913.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexandria, La.

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Knowing that you are interested in the best welfare of the young men and boys, we are writing to ask earnestly your support for the work of supervision and extension, carried on by the Tri-State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The results that have been secured under the direction of the State Executive Committee during the past year have been exceedingly gratifying. Investigations have been made at twenty lumber mills in co-operation with the International Committee, in answer to a request from the Welfare Committee of the Yellow Pine Manufacturer's Association. This has resulted in the promise of six Associations, plans for these buildings are already out and two of them are now under way. New buildings have been erected at Birmingham and Huntsville, Alabama, and Tupelo, Miss., and the Community Boys Work has been inaugurated at Meridian and Greenwood, Mississippi, and Shreveport, Louisiana.

Our year ends March 31st, 1913. Including our present indebtedness it will require \$3,500.00 to close this year free of debt. We enclose a subscription book and trust you will enter your name for as generous an amount as you can contribute. The gift may be paid now or before March 31st, 1913.

Please return the book within three or four days, using the enclosed envelope, that we may send it to other friends. Make checks payable to C. H. Moorman, State Secretary. Thanking you in advance for this financial, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) C. H. MOORMAN,  
State Secretary."

Read the above letter again and then read the following, which is taken from the "subscription book."

"President Ingals, of C. and O., said:  
Before we opened the Y. M. C. A. work on our line, it cost the Company \$1,000 per day for careless breakage and wreckage. After three years work of the eleven departments our books show this sum has been reduced to \$68.00 per day, a saving of \$932 per day. Of course it pays to keep the R. R. Y. M. C. A. on our lines."

NOTE—Ingals is one of the biggest slave drivers in the world. Then read this from the last page of the "subscription book."

## "A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

The appeal, which the Association from time to time makes to business men, is not, and ought not to be regarded as an appeal for charity. It is, instead, the asking for an expenditure on the part of those to whom the request is addressed, as legitimate to the furtherance of their business enterprise as that which is incurred for police or fire insurance, or any other outlay which has regard for their PROPERTY INTEREST.

The man who fails to give heed to the call of the Association, after once being made acquainted with its merits, makes so grave an error as to reflect upon the soundness of his business judgment.—Ex-Comptroller of the United States Currency."

(The italics, but not the caps, are ours.—Ed.)

Then read this leaflet that was also inclosed in Secretary Moorman's letter:

"We have two branches of the Association, one at our logging camp and one at Laurel, and are pleased beyond expression with the results of our experience. I hope that many other manufacturers may become interested."

EASTMAN GARDINER LUMBER CO.,  
Laurel, Miss."

Read the above "Business Propositions" over again, couple with them the fact that all the literature sent to the Alexandria merchant is couched in Business Terms, then consider along with all this the fact that the Y. M. C. A. is behind the "Boy Scout" movement, which is an attempt to poison the child-mind with the military spirit, i. e., gunman-ideals, and then add to this the further fact that the Y. M. C. A. is joining in the strenuous campaign to lure young men into the Navy, and, then, if you can't see the game of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers Association, alias the Southern Lumber Operators Association, and its spiritual "police" and "insurance" agents, the Y. M. C. A., which is to do to you lumberjacks what the Association and all its politicians, gunmen and kept writers have been unable to do—keep YOU from

THINKING and ACTING for YOURSELVES in the ONE BIG UNION of your class—then you have lost all capacity to think, are fit subjects for the "ennobling" influence of the Y. M. C. A., and should join the Sawdust Ring's spiritual "police" force today and help the blacklisters, the man-hunters, the motherhood-murderers and baby-starvers to emasculate the soul of your class. But if you have a grain of manhood, a flash of intellect left in you, you will resent being classed as "Products" along with "Coal, Iron, Steel, Cotton, Lumber," etc., as "Investments," to be declared into "Dividends" by the Y. M. C. A. for the Lumber Trust, and, instead of being sheep shorn by a lot of guntoting shepherds, you will be men, join the National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers and march with your brothers to a MAN'S victory over these peonherders and Christ-syndicators. Don't be a sheep. Don't help these modern Judases, who have not the shame to go hang themselves, to syndicate, sell and recrucify the rebel Carpenter of Nazareth.

Be a MAN—A UNION MAN—AN I. W. W.!

## JESUS CHRIST.

I.

Then they seized you and they crowned you with a burning crown of thorns;  
Now, the Masters bow before you and a servile priesthood fawns;

In a far and distant Eden, in a hidden, gold-kept shrine,  
They have buried all the treasure of the truth that was divine.

II.

On the cross they built for labor, lo! they hanged you in the night,  
And the jeering preachers cheered it as a deed for good and right;

But the workers gathered 'round you, and the Revolution spread,  
And the priesthood and the Masters for a moment were afraid.

III.

Down the high-road of the ages marched your resurrected soul,  
And the pagan powers trembled as their strong hands lost control;

But the priesthood and the Masters they were ever full of guile,  
And they re-enchained the workers with a promise and a smile.

IV.

Yea! they built you divers temples, and they took you from the sod  
And set you up in heaven as an Emperor and God;

And they read a mystic meaning in your pure and simple creed  
To the foolish workers dying on the battlefields of greed.

V.

'Round your white and splendid altars they have reared a ghastly pile,  
Copied from the Roman Masters, imitations weak and vile;

Where they hide you from the workers, where they rave at all who come  
Seeking for the priceless truths you uttered ere your lips grew dumb.

VI.

Superstition-blighted knowledge—prison upon prison piled—  
And the brazen creed of profit—thus have Master hands defiled

All the mighty work you fashioned in the ages long ago,  
When you lead the hosts of labor and when labor loved you so.

—Covington Hall.

## "ONLY A NIGGER."

One day last summer, while they were firing men at Bon Ami for having attended a Union mass meeting held on the outskirts of that fold of sanctified guntoters, a petty boss walked into the hotel and discharged a white worker who had been guilty of said crime. Then the boy who was waiting on the table took off his apron, laid it on the back of a chair and said: "I reckon you had better let me go, too, because I, too, am a Union man." No, Florence, the boy who showed that splendid spirit of solidarity was not a "supreme white"—he was "only a nigger."

The "supreme white Anglo-Saxons were the ones who beat tincans and saws to disturb and break the Union's meetings and then whined: "I had to do it or lose my job." That's what they did, Florence. Guess that's one reason why they hate the "damn nigger" so. I've always noticed that it jars this "cream" of our "superior" race to have a member of the "inferior" races make a demonstration of nerve while his "superiors" are down in the mud licking boots for a job they haven't even a rent title to. And, he was only a boy—

ONLY A NIGGER."

ITA EST.

"A workingman spilling his blood for his master's pocketbook is enough to stagger the intelligence of a lobster. That is just what war is.—The Rip-Saw.

"We need free bodies and free minds—free labor and free thought—chainless hands and fetterless brains. Free labor will give us all wealth. Free thought will give us truth."—Robert H. Ingersoll.

A BARGAIN.

"The Lumberjack" and "The Industrial Worker," both, for \$1.50 per year. Or "The Lumberjack," "The Industrial Worker" and "Solidarity," all three, for \$2.25 per year—the three greatest labor papers published in America. Keep posted on labor's fight for liberty.