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EDITORIALS

AT THE JAIL DOOR.

In one year the New Orleans, La., police force arrested as follows: Six bankers, 4 thieves, 2 capitalists, AND 2364 cooks, clerks, engineers, firemen and carpenters; 1 priest, 4 preachers, 2 journalists, 2 pimps, AND 1823 prostitutes; 2 gamblers, 2 lottery dealers, 22 lawyers, AND 961 washer women, waiters and railroad men; 51 soldiers AND 1064 salesmen, servants and teamsters; 16 policemen, AND 1452 mechanics, painters and sailors; 4 detectives, 9 deputy sheriffs, 2 puglies, AND 12,013 laborers and unemployed.

Query: Who built the jails and for who? Don't all answer at once.

N. B. The report indicates, however, what has long been suspicioned—that the working class is terribly lawless, and that the most peaceable and orderly portion of "our classless country" is made up of bankers, gamblers, capitalists, lawyers, soldiers, lottery dealers, journalists, detectives, pimps, priests, preachers, pluguglies, policemen, deputy sheriffs and thieves.

CAPITALIST CLASS NO EXCEPTION.

No ruling class in the history of the world ever learned anything from its predecessors, and the capitalist class will be no exception to that rule. As it nears the end of its reign it will, in its desperation, tend more and more to commit acts that will outrage all human sense of justice, which will but hasten its fall into the grave economic necessity forces it to widen and deepen for itself every time it makes an effort to avoid its predestined fate. That is the substance of one of Edward Bellamy's prophecies.

It, like all he foretold is true, as witness the heinously hellish acts of the Coal Trust in West Virginia, of the Lumber Trust in the West and South, of the Steel Trust in Pennsylvania, Alabama and Indiana, of the Textile Trust in New England, and in Dixie; of the bestial Fish, Oyster and Shrimp Packing Trust in Louisiana, right at the doors of New Orleans, and all along the Gulf and Ocean coasts, of the murderous Tobacco Trust in Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida and Cuba, of the frightful Railroad "Systems", whose dividends flow to them on rivers of human blood—witness it all! Look up from your rented job for a moment, away from your little self, into the great, wide, patient world of labor; behold the children dying by the tens of thousands at labor that crucifies them both soul and body; behold the great and terrible army of 340,000 fresh girls that is every year marched into the Red Light districts of a thousand cities, there to be immolated on the altar of profit by the Land Lords and Booze Kings; behold the 500,000 workers maimed, killed and crippled every year in the industries of the United States, which are boasted by the capitalists themselves to be the "richest nation of ancient or modern times"; behold crime, suicide and insanity multiplying from five to a hundred fold faster than population; consider the fact that the tramp was hardly known in this country until the panic of 1873, and that this army of human wrecks today numbers nearly a million outcasts; consider that within the last fifteen years the army of casual or hobo laborers, men and women practically without a resting place, much less and home, has been multiplied and multiplied until today their numbers are "as the sands of the sea," the United States census of 1910 placing it at the enormous figure of 10,000,000 workers; look at it all, look at it like a MAN, and then look at the capitalists' mode of dealing

with this frightful immolation of humanity and their answer to every protest of the workers, which is—gunmen and more gunmen, detectives and more detectives, and more and more jails, halts, electric chairs, insane asylums, orphanages, poor houses, chain gangs and convict camps, and, remembering that it remained for capitalism to create special courts for "child criminals", something canibalism failed to accomplish, ask yourself whether or not Edward Bellamy spoke the truth of the gold-crazed money-mad capitalist class, and where YOUR boy and YOUR girl are going? It needs no prophet to answer the last: *They are going to become the victims of the most bestial and cruel slavery the world has ever seen unless you stand up and be a MAN, a UNION MAN, an I. W. W.*

LOUISIANA FACTORY SYSTEM.

According to the census of 1910, there were employed in the factories of Louisiana 86,563 persons, who received in wages \$42,394,000, but who produced from raw materials, costing \$134,865,000, finished products valued at \$223,946,000. Now, if you will get out your pencils and do a little figuring you will see why the "Captains of Industry" object to the ONE BIG UNION so strenuously, and why their papers are praising Sam Gompers and his Union Wreckers to the skies so much today. Therefore let us figure and let us see. Louisiana's factory products in 1910 were

valued at	\$223,946,000
Raw materials cost	\$134,865,000
Value added by manufacture	\$ 89,081,000
Less wages paid	\$ 42,394,000

Profit to factory owners \$ 46,687,000

Or, in other words, the profit of the handful of capitalists who owned the factories was \$4,293,000 more than the total wages paid to the 86,563 workers who did all the work. But let us figure some more.

Divide the total wages paid, \$42,394,000, by the number of persons employed, 86,563, and you get the average wages per year paid to each worker in the factories of Louisiana, or \$489.74 each.

Then divide the total profits shown by the number of persons employed and you will get what each worker paid per year to the capitalist class for the privilege of being allowed to use the machinery of production, or \$539.34 each, which is \$69.60 more than the average wage received. Then add the average wage paid each worker, \$489.74, to the profit made on each worker, \$539.34, and you find what each worker ought to have gotten, or \$1,029.08.

But, as a matter of fact, the profit made on each worker in the REAL factories was far greater than \$539.34, for, in making up the census reports, the Government counts as a factory, any shop employing five "hands" and over, which is manifestly unfair to the REAL factories, as it doesn't show them up in their true light. Then, too, the VALUES here given are at FACTORY PRICES, while it is well known that the capitalists make a common practice of hiding their REAL PROFITS behind a network of fakerish sales to wholesale and retail concerns that practically belong to the owners of the factories; that is, they sell to and buy from themselves as often as they think it necessary to josh the patriotic "Mr. Blocks" into the hallucination that the capitalists "are entitled a fair return for the risks they take"—in owning this Nation, "the richest of ancient or modern times."

To sum up, in the year of our Lords 1910, 86,563 workers paid, at the factory door, \$539.34 each, or a total of \$46,687,000 to a handful of Pirates for the privilege of being allowed to use the factories other workmen had built out of materials produced by still other workers, all of which was paid for with money made by other workers, which was based on gold that had been dug out of the mines by still other workers. When the year ended, they who had produced everything, had nothing; they who had produced nothing, had everything.

Looking at this array of figures taken from the census, it is no wonder the native born American working man believes he's the smartest gink in the world. It's a way all natural born dampools have of BELIEVING about themselves. They never THINK about anything.

"FREE TRADE" OR "PHILANTHROPY"?

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HUTTIG LOGGING COMPANY

Capital Stock, \$100,000

Huttig, Ark., April 22, 1912.

NOTICE

It seems that there are some of the employes who still persist in not giving the Company's Store their patronage. Now, it should be borne in mind that the Company is maintaining the Store at a great expense not only for what can be made therefrom but for the convenience of the employes as well, and we think it is only fair that we expect and request your undivided patronage, and hope it will not be necessary to call attention to this again.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Huttig Logging Co.,
By W. C. Dunigan,
Mgr. Camp No. 1.

The above letter was sent in by "A Friend", which, if it shows nothing else, proves that the National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, Southern District, has spread way beyond the "infected territory"; that it is creeping, like the sunlight, into all the darkened places of the South, and causing the forest men to rise and think and act again.

But, "Free Trade" or "Philanthropy"—which was it that

compelled the Huttig Logging Company to issue the above notice? We acknowledge we are puzzled to say which, but it MUST be "Free Trade", for both Arkansas and Louisiana are under "Democratic" governments, and the "Democratic" party believes in "Free Trade" and in "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," and "in the preservation of the constitutional guarantees." Yes! Like hell!

ATTENTION, LUMBERJACKS!

Please swipe a copy of all notices like the above and forward same to THE LUMBERJACK. We also expect you to send this request down the grapevine telegraph, "and hope it will not be necessary to call attention to this again."

A SAWMILL PAYROLL.

Or,

The Grafts and Profits.

Mill, number of workers	30	Payroll	\$16,000.00
Woods, number of worker	32	Payroll	\$18,000.00
Railroad, number of workers	12	Payroll	\$ 5,000.00
Total number of workers	74	Payroll	\$39,000.00

The above payroll is for one year, 1911, and includes the WORKERS only. It shows that the average yearly wage of each worker in the mill was \$533.33; in the woods, \$562.20; on the railroad, \$416.67; and the average annual wage for all the workers as \$527.02.

Assuming the working week to be only five days, that would give a working year of 260 days, a payroll of \$150.00 a day to 74 men, and an average wage per worker of a shade under \$2.03 per day, which is 7 cents less than the Long-Bell Lumber Co. claimed, in The Times-Democrat, to be the average wage at Longville. All lumberjacks know, though, that the average wage in Louisiana is much less than here shown. Also that, no mater what the average wage may be, the graft system gets it all, coming and going. For instance: You work five days for most any company and leave (and here is where they like to keep you moving all the time) and you cash up about as follows:

Five days work at \$2.10	\$10.50
Less imaginary insurance	\$ 1.00
Less imaginary doctor	1.00
Less imaginary hospitals	1.00
Less 10 per cent discount	1.05
Less board (?)	5.00

Total \$ 9.05

which leaves you just \$1.45 to pay for your tobacco and overalls at the robbery, and you are then free to get married, take a Pullman to New Orleans and get on a champagne drunk. That's what's the matter with all you lumberjacks, anyhow; if you didn't spend all your surplus commissary money in riotous living you could pay the Y. M. C. A. for policing your souls and not worry poor, dear Bishops Long and Gardiner about your hellinsurance.

But no, Florence, that ain't all yet. The week after this transaction in high finance has taken place, another lumberjack just back from a trip over the road, grabs the cross-cut on this rotten job and, at the end of the week he is fired because a sucker saw him give 10 cents to the Merryville strike fund, and he pays \$1 insurance, \$1.00 doctor's and \$1.00 hospital fees, and \$1.05 discount, or \$4.05 graft; then, the third week, another fellow comes, goes and pays likewise; then, the fourth week, another fellow comes, goes and pays also and likewise; all of which added together, makes the total of \$16.20, of which the insurance company gets about 50 cents, the doctor about 30 cents and "the Christian men, to whom God in His infinite wisdom (?) has confided the business interests of this country", \$15.40 in pure and unadulterated graft. But there's more yet.

Besides the \$15.40 in graft, each of the four workers paid the Boss \$20.00 a week profit, or \$80.00 for the four weeks, which with grafts, makes \$95.40 per lumberjack per month to the Lumber Kings. Had ONE worker held the job down for the entire four weeks, however, the profit would have been only \$83.25, which shows there's money in keeping you moving, and that the blacklist, like the Militia of Christ, is not only a paying, but a self-sustaining business proposition. Perhaps it is well that it is thusly, though, because, had you been allowed to hang on to the job, you might have fooled some good woman into marrying you and starting a family and, THEN, sure enough, you last state would be worse than your first, for you would be immediately soaked for three more grafts, rent, light and water, had your wages reduced to the minimum and become chattel-mortgaged to the robbery forever and forever. It's us unfortunately fortunate bachelors whose wages raise that Longville average to \$2.10 a day.

After looking at our census figures some and then some, I have come to the conclusion that you fortunate familiated lumberjacks must be out-Rockefellering Rockefeller in the art of getting something out of nothing, for, when it comes to making a copper cent do the work of a double eagle, you certainly have the old piebald Oil King beat two miles and a half.

Lastly, looking at these figures, it is easy to see why all the Lumber Kings are so horrified at you for joining the National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, and being fool enough to VOLUNTARILY tax yourselves 50 cents a month in dues, for it indicates, not only that many unmarried lumberjacks have a spare four bit piece they have failed thru criminal negligence to annex, but that you are beginning to think for yourselves, and becoming dangerous to the Grafts and Profits.

It is also no wonder they are hiring Y. M. C. A. soul-"insurance" agents to "police" your think-tanks and are howling for Sammy Gompers and his Union-wreckers to get busy on the job.