

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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WORKERS STAY AWAY FROM MERRYVILLE

General Strike

WORKINGMEN AND WORKING FARMERS, INTO ACTION! BEGIN AT ONCE TO PREACH THE JEHAD OF LABOR, THE GENERAL STRIKE, AGAINST THE SANTA FE AND HARRIMAN SYSTEMS AND THEIR ALLIED PLUNDERBUNDS!

INTO ACTION!
IF "300 UNION MEN" COULD HOLD DOWN THE SANTA FE AT MERRYVILLE FOR NEARLY FOUR LONG WINTER MONTHS, THE UNITED WORKING CLASS OF THE SOUTH AND WEST CAN WHIP THE INSANE CREW, AND DO IT IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK! DON'T SUBMIT TO THE NEW SLAVERY WITHOUT A STRUGGLE!

INTO ACTION!

CLOSE UP YOUR RANKS! STAND ALL TOGETHER! FOLD YOUR MIGHTY ARMS AND LET'S SEE THEM RUN THE RAILROADS, WHARVES, MINES, SAWMILLS AND FACTORIES!

ARISE!

ON WITH THE JEHAD OF LABOR! ON WITH THE PROPAGANDA OF THE GENERAL STRIKE!!

THUS SAITH THE UNION OF UNIONS, THE FREEMASONRY OF LABOR!



THE SUN OF FREEDOM BURSTING THRU THE CLOUDS OF SLAVERY

Attention!

RAILROAD WORKERS, LONG-SHOREMEN, WORKING FARMERS, ATTENTION!

We appeal to you to rise and help win this battle against the freedom-murdering Southern Lumber Operators' Association and the Union-hating Santa Fe Railroad!

We appeal to you to act with us, YOUR BROTHERS, against the Plunderbunds who are robbing and trying to enslave us all!

We appeal to you to send aid to the strikers at Merryville and to join us in the struggle that is to overthrow peonage forever!

We appeal to you to act against ALL of them, as they are acting against ALL of us, everywhere and all along the line!

We appeal to you to be men, Union men!

We appeal to you, our Fellow Workers, our Brothers.

We appeal to you not to allow a handful of drunken gunmen in the employ of Industrial Carpetbaggers and Sealawags to reduce our great class to rags, chains and slavery!

We appeal to you as men, our Brothers!

NO GUNS; WARNING.

ALL MEMBERS ARE HEREBY WARNED AGAINST BEING DRAWN INTO AN ARMED STRUGGLE AT OR AROUND MERRYVILLE, AS THE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE ASSOCIATION IS FISHING FOR ANOTHER GRABOW. YOU ARE MEMBERS OF THE I. W. W., AND THE I. W. W. DOES NOT DEPEND ON GUNS TO WIN ITS BATTLES. YOU WILL OBEY ITS LAWS AND SEE THAT NO BODILY HARM COMES TO EVEN THE LEADERS OF THE LIQUOR-CRAZED THUGS WHO ARE SO GROSSLY OUTRAGING YOUR PEOPLE.

TO THE PUBLIC.

AT THE SAME TIME WE ISSUE THIS NOTICE TO OUR PEOPLE WE NOTIFY THE PEOPLE OF LOUISIANA THAT THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF FOREST AND TIMBER WORKERS WASHES ITS HANDS OF ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY ARISE FROM SUCH STATEMENTS AS HAVE BEEN REPORTED, VIZ: THAT OUR FELLOW WORKERS ON THE PICKET LINE WERE "WORSE THAN PROSTITUTES," MADE BY MAYOR MASON OF MERRYVILLE, AND THAT THIS UNION WAS "NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF DAMNED REDBONES, AND THE SOONER IT WAS WIPED OUT THE BETTER," ATTRIBUTED TO GUNMAN ED. HAMILTON, OF THE SANTA FE.

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YOURS FOR INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM—NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION, OF FOREST AND TIMBER WORKERS.

ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The Southern Lumber Operators' Association is reported to have met in Alexandria about ten days ago. It had hardly adjourned before the whipped and desperate gang at Merryville began a campaign of lawlessness and violence against the strikers and our organizers in an attempt to terrorize the workers back into the convict camps of the American Lumber Co.

Men were arrested on all sorts of trumped up charges and the Santa Fe's imported "peace officers" strutted around town flashing magazine pistols in the faces of everybody who failed to agree with their idea of "law and order." Men were taken off freight trains and given the option of going to jail or to work in the stockades, and, when they chose the jail, were hunted out of town by gunmen. Two men, it is reported, were actually taken into the pen and forced to work out fines imposed on them for stealing a ride on the Santa Fe by Hizzoner Judge Mayor Mason of Merryville, who on Wednesday of last week was put to sleep by Fellow Worker Dr. Stalsby for saying that our women Fellow Workers who were doing such fine picket duty "were worse than prostitutes." As soon as Hizzoner woke up he went into the "City Hall" and swore out a charge against Fellow Worker Stalsby before the Judge-Mayor (himself) for assault and battery, or something other, on Hizzoner. Such is law in Louisiana.

THE REIGN OF "LAW."

Seeing they were whipped unless violence was resorted to, the "Law and Order League" got together, and, Sunday, Secretary Cline of Local 218, and Or-

Rebels Attention!

IT IS NOT DESIRED THAT A "FREE SPEECH" FIGHT BE STARTED IN MERRYVILLE, NOR IS IT NECESSARY THAT YOU ACTUALLY ENTER THAT TOWN; TO SURROUND IT ON ALL SIDES WILL BE SUFFICIENT. YOU DO NOT EVEN HAVE TO ENTER LOUISIANA TO GIVE HELP. SPREAD UP AND DOWN THE SANTA FE AND PREVENT IT FROM FOOLING WORKERS INTO ITS MENINGITIS INFECTED BULLPENS AT MERRYVILLE. PICKET MERRYVILLE AND PICKET THE UNION-HATING SANTA FE, AND LET THEM, IF THEY CAN, FELL TREES WITH MACHINE GUNS, SAW LUMBER WITH SIX SHOOTERS. MAKE THEM SHOOT THEMSELVES IN THE POCKETBOOK UNTIL OLD RIPLEY HOWLS FOR MERCY.

ganizers, Baker, Eastman, and Oliver, the last one of our finest colored Fellow Workers, were kidnapped by an armed band and they were carried out of town at the point of guns. Fellow Worker Cline was beaten up by the Blunderbund and Fellow Worker Oliver was shot in the foot as they were marching him down the Santa Fe tracks.

AT LUDINGTON.

The Long-Bell Lumber Co. has bought the Ludington mill and is discharging all the old employes there, men who were born and raised in Louisiana, and worked here all their lives. This means the blacklist for this crew, we suppose. It is reported that Long-Bell intends to work the mill with the Yellow Pine crew and we hereby warn the men at Yellow

Pine that if they allow themselves to be so used they will be regarded by their class as SCABS, so we warn them and all other workers to stay away from Ludington as well as Merryville.

MORE "LAW AND ORDER."
2 P. M. TUESDAY.

It has just been reported from DeRidder that the Highbinders of the American Lumber Co. have raided the office of Local Union 218 at Merryville, seized all our books and papers and carried them into the office of that Company. Also the Company seems to have taken complete charge of the United States Postoffice in Merryville, which is an alleged "free town."

BULLDOZING WOMEN.

5 p. m. Tuesday—DeRidder again reports as follows: Mob of gunmen raided office of Local 218 at Merryville, seized all our books and papers, carried same over to offices of the American Lumber Co., assaulted Acting Secretary Mumford and drove him out of town. Then at the point of guns, drove our women fellow workers out of our soup kitchen, the only place where hungry children could be fed, and wrecked the kitchen entirely. How long do the people of Louisiana and Texas expect the workers and farmers to submit to the infamous outrages of these drunken fiends? What kind of a "Democracy" is it that prates about "saving the nation," and then governs its own people by a system of thuggery Diaz would disown? For Diaz was honest and openly proclaimed the law of claw and fang. However, the seizure of our books indicated that the Association cannot get over the idea that we, like it, get behind closed doors and plan in secret. They found nothing, though, and were forced to return books.

Strange! But the Association had hardly adjourned its meeting in New Orleans when the assassination of H. G. Creel was attempted by John Williams at Oakdale, to be followed the next day by the savage massacre of Grabow. Again, it meet, and wholesale violence against men, women and children is resorted to by an "uprising" of the of the imported gunmen—"citizens" of Merryville. We do not know whether it is just a fatality that follows the Association, for "whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad," but still it is strange that its meetings and violence follow each other with the regularity that cause follows effect. We would be all in jail did fate act so regularly and savagely on our side. But they are all gentlemen, and gentlemen can do no wrong.

"IMPARTIAL JUSTICE."

How many crimes have been committed in the name! Just watch the "Beaumont Liar," the New Orleans "Item" and all the cheap "voices of the Lumber Trust" "justify" this outrage on the ground of our "lawlessness"—just watch them!

Notice!

Send all funds, clothing and provisions for Merryville to: Mrs. F. Stevenson, Box 106, Merryville, Louisiana. Be sure to register all letters containing funds. Rush help! The strike will be won!

I. W. W. STRIKE COMMITTEE.

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