

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

VOLUME I.

* MIGHT IS RIGHT *

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* TRUTH CONQUERS *

No. 9

Cockroachocracy Reigns in Merryville.

Merryville, February 28.

Postmaster Windham is refusing to deliver to Mrs. Stevenson mail addressed to "deported" Secretaries Lovejoy and Cline. This is the first reported instance of this gentleman "enforcing" the postal laws and regulations but, since it hampers the Union in its relief work and keeps bread from babies, we suppose it is all right. We would like all who have had trouble with this Santa Feized postoffice to drop a line giving a clear account of same to "The Lumberjack." DO THIS AT ONCE.

More Slugging.

Yesterday at the depot a boy about 18 years old stepped off the train and asked a scab if one of our men, calling him by name, was here. The great, big, strapping brute knocked him down and beat him awful. "Deputy Sheriff" Kinney Reid, Jr., took the BOY in charge and threatened to put him in the jug, but finally let him get on the train. Said not one word to the scab.

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Note.

The full description of all such brutes as the above scab should be sent to the I. W. W. Strike Committee, with their photographs if possible. Please don't forget this in the future.

I. W. W. S. C.

De Ridder, March 2.

Fellow Workers: Since the adoption of the weekly pay-day by the mill things sure look brighter for the union around here. When you see a crowd of men you can bet on what they are discussing, and the beauty of it is, they all blame the union with it all, except the mill men, and they are keeping silent. I was talking with some of the Negro fellow workers, and they all said, "The Union is responsible for the weekly pay day, but don't tell any one I said so." I got 75 lumberjacks Saturday about 9:30 a. m., and they were gone by six. Quite a few were sold to colored people.

People coming in from Merryville today report conditions in a worse condition for the American Lumber Company than they have ever been. A man was brought in on the Santa Fe and had to be lifted around. I was told he came from inside the bull pen and that his name was Bolton. One man said that if all sick people were brought to De Ridder from the bull pen that almost the entire crew would be sent here. Another man said that while there was a lot of men in the pen they were either green or knew how to act their part well. He also said that there were two negro prostitutes to every man in the pen. It has been reported that the gunmen and seals got drunk in the woods a day or two ago and had a free for all fight, and that the entire skidder crew was fired. The Company is turning off the gunmen and leaving it up to the "Law-abiding" Citizens League to wipe out the Union. One of the "citizens" asked a Union man, "whether the Union had it in for him?" He said he was afraid they did.

I also heard that gunman Meadows was made to leave the woods in a hurry by the scabs Friday and that a strike among the scabs was not impossible. Wonder if old foxy granda I. W. W. is acting as a strike breaking agency?

It is also reported that "Doctor" Knight couldn't see Fred Fisher when



DROP HIM--HARD!

he was on the streets of Merryville for over two hours the other day and neither could the other "lawabiders."

Wonder if the reason for this sudden blindness (?) and confusion to peace was because even gunoters think long and hard before they kick a bulldog? I wonder.

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DYNAMITE AND FIRE?

IT IS REPORTED BY GRAPEVINE TELEGRAPH THAT THE SANTA FEANS ARE BOASTING THAT THEY WILL DYNAMITE OR BURN DOWN THE MILLS AND PLANT AT MERRYVILLE BEFORE THEY WILL GIVE INTO THE UNION. WHETHER THE REPORT BE TRUE OR FALSE, IT WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME CAPITALISTS HAVE USED SUCH METHODS TO DISCREDIT A STRIKE, SHOULD THIS HAPPEN. THESE METHODS WERE USED AGAINST DEES IN THE A. R. U. STRIKE AND AGAINST THE STARVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN TEXTILE WORKERS IN THE LAWRENCE STRIKE.

THE I. W. W. NEITHER BELIEVES IN NOR USES DYNAMITE AND FIRE TO ACCOMPLISH ITS ENDS, AS ALL OUR HISTORY BEARS WITNESS. LET THE WORLD PUBLIC TAKE NOTICE, FOR WITH CLEAN HANDS WE HAVE FAIRLY AND SQUARELY WON THE FIGHT AT MERRYVILLE AND, WITH CLEAN HANDS, WE MEAN TO REAP THE FRUITS OF OUR VICTORY.

I. W. W. STRIKE COMMITTEE.

DE RIDDER TAKE NOTICE.

It has been reported that the cockroaches of De Ridder were also "considering" the advisability of organizing a "Law and Order League" and offering their heroic services to the Sawdust Ring for the purpose of "deporting" all Union men from that would-be municipality. We hereby advise you to "consider" it long and well for, when you start it, DE RIDDER IS GOING TO GET A LOT OF FREE

Arthur L. Emerson

HAS RETURNED AND TAKEN UP HIS DUTIES AS GENERAL ORGANIZER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT. HE IS MUCH IMPROVED IN HEALTH AND CALLS ON ALL HIS FELLOW WORKERS TO GET BUSY AGITATING AND ORGANIZING FOR A SWEEPING VICTORY FOR THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS HERE THE END OF 1913.

INTO ACTION!

VETERAN GUARD OF THE B. T. W., ON TO VICTORY!!

ADVERTISING THAT DON'T PAY, and get it all over the world, too — advertising that will take the gold-standard out of town lots so rapidly it will make the water in your heads turn into scum so fast you will have to count the cross-ties to Colorado to get the malaria of violence out of your systems. You may believe the "Mobocracy of Merryville" victorious, but, before you copy-cat them, we advise you to carefully read up a little on the recent history of the Labor Movement on this old planet and get acquainted with the fact that you are monkeying with the ripsaw of a WORLD POWER, and one that never forgets or forgives an injury, when you lay violent hands on a member of the I. W. W.

WHO "THREATENS?"

Emerson's Return Holds Out Threat.

Lake Charles, La., March 3.—The arrival here of Arthur L. Emerson, president of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, is giving no little concern to the authorities, as it is rumored that he plans to assume the leadership of the Brotherhood's strike against the American Lumber Company at Merryville.

The above clipping, under the headline: "Emerson's return holds out

threat," is taken from the Alexandria "Town Talk" of March 4th.

If any "threats" have been made they certainly have not come from Emerson, for we have been with him for three days and nothing approaching a "threat" has ever fallen from his lips. Perhaps, with the "authorities," it is a case of the "guilty fleeing when no man pursueth." If not, why don't the "authorities" "concern" themselves with the saturnalia of lawlessness at Merryville, for which Emerson most certainly is not responsible?

Merryville, March 3rd.

This city has a hang-dog look now as if it was ashamed of its Good Citizens, and I believe they are ashamed of themselves, if they have manhood enough left to feel ashamed. I notice they go out of their way now to speak to ladies they have insulted and men they have threatened. But no nice people notice them. Well, the American Lumber Co. is in bad. They discovered the inefficiency of their woods foreman, Dan Warner, and Skidder Foreman, Will Bean, and gave them a dishonorable discharge as a bread and butter thief deserves. So, their leader gone, the most of the measly scabs in the woods quit in sympathy or because they never drew anything pay day. We are not sure which. 'Tis said by the Company men that the woods are almost ruined. That's good. Let them work Union men, men that know and understand that work—not tin horn gamblers and saloon loafers. Oh! they are having trouble in that neck of the woods. What has not quit is going on strike in a few days as they cut wages, so it is said. I don't see how they could cut a thing they did not have. Two colored scabs came out of the pen and asked a Union colored man to let them stay at his house that night and take them soon next morning to some organizer, where they could get into the I. W. W., so they could feel like honest men again. They got their desire. They say conditions inside the bull pen are frightful—not fit even for a scab, and the niggers

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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 THE SOUTHERN LUMBER OPERATORS ASSOCIATION!

INTO ACTION!

CLOSE UP YOUR RANKS! STAN ALL TOGETHER! FOLD YOUR MIGHTY ARMS AND LET'S SE 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 AND THE I. W. W.!

Notice!

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

I. W. W. STRIKE COMMITTEE.

HAYWOOD CALLS LABOR FAKERS

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 22d, 1913.

Chas. H. Moyer,

President Western Federation of Miners,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In the official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, issue of Feb. 6th, there appears a statement under the caption, "A Near View of Bill Haywood." The same purports to be from Adolph Germer. It could only have been written with your connivance and approval; you know that what he sets forth as facts regarding collections made by me in behalf of Steve Adams are contemptible and malicious lies.

You have in the office of Western Federation of Miners my report of all collections made and expense account incident to the same. YOU know that it was not I that failed of an accounting and you further know that up to this time, though nearly five years have passed, the W. F. of M. has failed to make an adjustment.

In view of my standing with the working class I am entitled to a hearing and a vindication; it is not for you, the jealous enemy, to condemn me ex-parte. The Socialist Party and Organized Labor generally are entitled to know the truth in connection with these charges, and to this end I demand that a representative committee be authorized to make a complete investigation and report of my stewardship of the finances of the Western Federation of Miners—this investigation to cover the entire period of my official connection with the W. F. of M.

You are to name two of a committee of five, I will name two, who will be in all ways satisfactory to the Socialist and the Labor movement, the four members thus appointed to select the fifth member of said committee.

This committee to have free access to all documents, papers, books, minutes and files of the organization.

You must agree to this investigation or stand branded of guilt worse than that of which you would convict me.

WM. D. HAYWOOD.