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EDITORIALS

SABOTAGE.

The word *Sabotage* does not refer to personal violence at all, tho' many writers have so defined it. Neither is *destruction* of property true Sabotage.

Sabotage, correctly speaking, is aimed mainly at *profits* and, taking advantage of the fact that all modern industry is carried on by *socialized labor*, there is not an industry on earth that the workers, using their *brains* as well as their *hands* on the job, could not completely gut of profit, and do it without breaking a single bolt on a single machine, too. For instance: Were the Railway workers to simply *enforce the rules* governing the operation of the Railroads for a single week, they would completely tie up the transportation system of the country and, obeying their masters' orders, (*orders they dare not rescind*) could enforce any demand they might choose to make. Again, commissary post-offices all over the South have, by simply "losing" our mail, forced the Forest and Lumber Workers Union to register large quantities of its mail, thereby entailing a heavy expense on the Union and, when I, Covington Hall, appealed to rebels in the Postoffice to give the Lumber Trust a dose of its own tactics, a priest in New Orleans wanted me arrested for "sedition," and the Milwaukee "Social-Democratic Herald" averred that I was a "dangerous silk-handed revolutionist." Both priest and politician seeming to agree that Sabotage in the interest of the Lumber Kings was o. k., but highly treasonable and immoral, whatever that may be, when used in the defense of an oppressed and outraged working class. Again, let the workers in the Lumber Industry start *soldiering* on the job in the woods and keep it up clear thru the sawmills and planers and into the cars, obeying to the *letter* every order given them, doing *nothing* but what their foreman *told* them to do, going so far even as to see to it that tools used by scabs and suckers were not hoodooed, and that no mistakes were made in sawing lumber the right length and width, or in loading the right lumber on the wrong car or ship, *that*, too, would be Sabotage. Sabotage in one of its highest forms.

When the Santa Fe's imported citizenry wrecked our soup-kitchen at Merryville and raided the Local Union's office and destroyed or expropriated our books, papers, stamps, etc., *that*, too, was Sabotage, but Sabotage in one of its lowest and most unscientific forms, or McNamaraism. When our people were slugged, beaten-up and shot, *that* was not Sabotage—it was pure unadulterated, brainless violence, the jungle men seeking, thru "the terror," to impose *their law and their order* on the *DEMOCRACY* of the Twentieth Century. They did not know the *I. W. W.*, the *WORLD POWER*, (*which never forgets nor forgives an injury*) the *MIGHT* they were so grossly affronting, else they would not have obeyed the impulse to return to *savagery*. However long the time may be, Justice will be done to all. But when the Sheriff, the "Grand Jury," and the Court looked the other way and, so, were unable to see any "individual" responsible for the "infractions" of the law, *that*, too, was Sabotage—for methinks that "Grand Jury's" report would have read considerably different had a mob of Union men, driven to desperation by insults and abuse, attacked the "convict guards" of the American Lumber Co.

Again, it is reported by grapevine telegraph that the Santa Feians are boasting that they will *DYNAMITE* or *BURN DOWN* the Mills and plant at Merryville before they will give into the Union. That, too, would be Sabot-

age, a form they used against Debs in the A. R. W. strike—they destroyed their own property in order to lay the crime on the Union and so "justify" the arrest, imprisonment and "trial" of its officers, organizers and most active members. President Wood of the Textile Trust is now on mock trial in Massachusetts charged with practicing a form of Sabotage akin to this, in that he and other "law and order upholders" are charged with procuring the "planting of dynamite" in Lawrence during the great strike of the I. W. W. Textile Workers there; one of this gang of "dynamite planters" committed suicide when "caught with the goods," and another was fined \$500.00 for the offense, but, had he been a working man, he would have gotten a life term in the penitentiary, that is had he not been, like a certain famous Detective-Organizer, working in the interest of the Sawdust Ring, gathering evidence, even to the dynamiting an old junkpile mill in Texas, to prove men whose only crime was that they resisted an attempt at wholesale massacre "guilty of conspiracy to murder in the first degree;" but, the capitalist class does not call *that* Sabotage—it calls it "law and order." No Saffron politician dares call *them* "silk-handed revolutionists," no priest dares demand *their* arrest for "sedition," no preacher shrieks out to heaven against *their* "violence," no kept he-prostitute of the press dares lecture *them* on "lawlessness" and no President or Governor dares denounce *them* as "undesirable citizens," for they are the "Christian men to whom God in his infinite wisdom (?) has confided the business interests of this country"—the horrified howls of the P's and G's are all at the Union, even tho it is the only force on earth that is trying to take the girls out of the Redlight, the mothers out of the sweatshops and the babies out of cotton mill and oyster camp hells. Verily verily I say unto you, the intellectual mercenary and the commissary soldier are twin brotreds of the detective and gunman. And verily, verily I say unto you, the *ONE BIG UNION* is the *only POWER* that can save society from chaos and savagery, the *only MIGHT* that can re-establish *RIGHT* upon this earth. Be a *MAN*, a *UNION MAN*, an *I. W. W!*

LAW, OR NO LAW.

We are simply tired of being killed, shoved, and insulted in every way. We have stood for all sorts of things imaginable up to the present time, BUT, we think that it has gone far enough. We don't care who commits these mad acts, whether it is the judge, the stool-pigeon, the Southern Lumberman Association, the Sheriff or anybody else. Things have reached past all human endurance when you insult our women and trample on our children. You slimy, low-down curs of the lowest type. You dirty spawn of the human race. You degenerates who live off the earnings of the red-light district's women. You, that a skunk would smell as sweet as cologne, compared to you. You that would take the bread from hungry babies' mouths and feed it to rats. You that hold nothing sacred, even to your mother who has given you life. You that a carrion crow runs away from when you appear, because it can't stand the odor of your filthy carcass.

The God of patience has been stabbed in the back, the God of virtue has been assaulted, the God of freedom has been imprisoned, and the God of endurance has been pulverized. BUT, the God of justice has taken the bandage off his eyes, and he is looking, horrified, upon this saturnalia of injustice. Ye shall be judged, and soon, O Mammon!

I E. VERITAS.

BUST THE BLACKLIST.

Fellow Workers:

To you who have been blacklisted and hounded from State to State by the Southern Lumber Operators Association and their gang of gunmen and citizens comes this consolation, that, if the Sawdust Ring wants to carry on the blacklist as a means to break up the Union, they will have to blacklist the whole working class. There is no fear of the blacklist to a class conscious slave who knows that he is being robbed of four-fifths of the products of his labor each day. There is no fear of a blacklist to a slave who can and will give a new name for every new job, even if he only remains on the job long enough to talk the *ONE BIG UNION* and organize the workers before leaving each job.

Discontent is evidenced by the many inquiries comign into this office from almost every Southern State, asking for more information concerning the *ONE BIG UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS*.

The blacklist has only served to educate its victims to the necessity of organization. The blacklist has been used only as a means to suppress free speech and assembly, and has proven beyond a doubt that freedom for the working class is a joke. The blacklist has been the A. B. C's. of the economic question to many Southern workers. It has caused many to think for themselves who never thought before, and original thoughts count for more in the class struggle than any others, because experience is the best teacher. The blacklist has driven many workers from their rented homes to other fields to look for better conditions, only to find the same discontent existing everywhere. It has been the beginning of economic education to many who never had time to think while working under machine masters.

The sum total of the blacklist will be the organizing of workers who would never join the Union under any other circumstances. Most of the old members who have been blacklisted and driven out of the country by the blacklist have come back into the Lumber district, gone to work at the mills or at something better, yet they have never closed their mouths; they have never forgotten that an injury to one is an injury to all.

Now, fellow workers, let us talk this question over and see how the blacklist would work on the Lumber Kings who used it against you to starve you back into submission. Suppose the workers are all organized; then suppose a Lumber

King would say that no Union man could work for him, what would take place? Would the Lumber King run his mill and saw lumber? No; he don't intend to work as long as he can rob a lot of ignorant Lumberjacks of four-fifths of the products of their labor. Do you suppose that a Lumber King would have any use for a saw mill unless he was robbing the slaves? Labor is entitled to all it produces; then get this idea into your thinking tank: that the Lumber Kings are only entitled to a place to work and do useful work. Workers, get your heads together; organize; get into the *ONE BIG UNION* and use the blacklist against every Lumber King who even asks about the Union.

Be a *MAN!* a *UNION MAN!* an *I. W. W.!*

JAY SMITH.

"ACCORDING TO LAW,"

OR FINAL REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY OF BEAUREGARD PARISH RE MERRYVILLE OUTRAGES.

To the Honorable Winston Overton, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court, sitting in and for the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana:

We, the Grand Jury empaneled by Your Honor, according to law, beg leave to submit this, our final report:

In the matter of the inquiry Your Honor charged us to set up touching conditions at Merryville, we have had a number of the people, both Union men and Citizens, before us, and we find that business and social conditions have been very much depressed, but are improving. We find that this condition that has been existing at Merryville since about the 15th of last November, was brought about by an industrial strike, made by the employees of the American Lumber Co.

We find that the sensational rumors that had gained prominence through the press of the country, have been sent out by irresponsible people. We also have found that the general reports sent out are exaggerated, and that the citizens and business men are co-operating with the American Lumber Co., and are on friendly terms, with the view of maintaining peace and order.

We find that the differences existing at present are not between the American Lumber Co. and the original striking brotherhood of timber workers, but between an organization known as the Citizens League, composed of men doing business for themselves, and an organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, composed mostly of transient men, and while the evidence shows there has been some infractions of the law, yet we have been unable to fix the responsibility on any individual.

We wish to thank the court and court officers for all courtesies extended to us.

There being no more business before us, we ask to be dismissed, until such time as it becomes necessary to reconvene. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANDERS, Foreman.

Attest: E. N. LEWIS, Clerk. (Copy)
Filed Feb. 21, 1913. M. E. CRAWFORD, Dy. Clk. Ct.

READ IT OVER.

Read that report over, reader; consider that the men who made it have been in the heart of the Union territory during all the long, hard struggle of the forest workers for justice; consider also that the "irresponsible people" who sent out all the reports of highbinderism at Merryville to "the press of the country" were mainly the Highbinders themselves, alias "the citizens (?) and business men who are co-operating with the American Lumber Co., with a view of maintaining peace and order;" consider further that every member of that "Grand Jury" knew that the Brotherhood of Timber Workers had affiliated with the I. W. W., then ask yourself what this "Grand Jury" committed wehn, being sworn, it reports that: "We find that the differences existing at present are not between the American Lumber Co. and the original striking Brotherhood of Timber Workers, but between an organization known as the "Citizens League," composed of men doing business for themselves, and an organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, composed mostly of transient men"—*what did* this "Grand Jury," being sworn, commit when it rendered that report?

"TRANSIENT MEN."

And, so, when you blacklist us, make us wanderers on the face of the earth, hunt us with armed and drunken hellsions from our homes and native State, you are "unable to fix the responsibility for the infractions of the law on any individual," *are you?* Well, then, please don't go so wild when we say "to hell with your laws and to hell with your courts—WE know what justice is." And hear you this boast of the "transient MEN" who are to reduce *you* to true order:

THE HOBOS' BOAST.

I am the bondless spirit all the race must recognize!
In me the soul of labor still stands free beneath the skies;
In me the soul of Freedom, still unconquered, marches on—
I am the hope of liberty—the herald of the dawn!

I am the hope of liberty, earth's Lucifer today;
The dread within the heart of kings, the sword within their way;

The block on which their heads shall fall, the knife that shears them off;

I am the great avenger, I! the "thing" at which they scoff.

I am the hope of liberty—its star is in my hand;
By me its light is scattered thru the dark of every land;
By me the Wrong's mask is shattered and the veil of Custom rent—

I spread thru all the cities far the flames of discontent.

I am the bondless spirit all the race must recognize!
In me the soul of Labor still stands free beneath the skies;
In me the soul of Freedom, still unconquered, marches on—
I am the hope of liberty—the herald of the dawn!

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