

# THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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\* MIGHT IS RIGHT \*

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## The "Hurrah!"

BUT ALL THIS "HURRAH" HAS BACK OF IT A PURPOSE AND THAT IS TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE UNION MEN FROM THE STRIKE AT MERRYVILLE. GET THEM EXCITED ON A SIDE ISSUE. HAVE THEM RELAX THE PICKET LINE AROUND THAT PEONITY. WHEN THEY HOPE TO RUSH IN THE SCABS, GUNMEN AND "GOOD CITIZENS" AND BREAK THE STRIKE. THIS IS AN OLD, OLD TACTIC OF THE BOSSES. DON'T FALL FOR IT. DON'T GET CAUGHT IN ANOTHER STAMPEDE.

THE "INVESTIGATION."  
"INVESTIGATION" OR NO INVESTIGATION. — KEEP YOUR EYES GLUED ON MERRYVILLE. LET THEM WHITWASH THEMSELVES ALL THEY WANT TO. THUS SAITH:

THE I. W. W. STRIKE COMMITTEE

THE LAW AND THE PROPHET."

"The Law."

Article 3 of the Constitution of Louisiana reads:

"No law shall ever be passed to curtail or restrain the liberty of speech or of the press; any person may speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty."

"What is the constitution between friends?" If you want to read the real constitution of Louisiana, get a copy of the by-laws of the Southern Lumber Operators Association and the Burns Detective Agency or that of their stool-pigeons, the "Good Citizens Law and Order League."

N. B.—"To hell with the law; we'll make our own law."—Captain Evans.

"That (the terror) is all the law we want."—Dr. J. L. Knight.

"You can't organize these SOUTHERN CURS."—T. J. Coggins.

"This Union is nothing but a bunch of damn REDBONES."—"Gunman" Fred Hamilton.

"We will shoot Emerson off the stand if he attempts to speak at DeRidder."—Beauregard Good Order League."

The Prophet.

"No Ruling Class in the history of the World has ever learned anything from its predecessors and the Capitalist Class will be no exception to that rule; as it nears the end of its evolution and feels power slipping from it, it will, in its fear and desperation, tend more and more to commit acts that outrage all human rights and feelings, thereby hastening its own destruction."  
Edward Bellamy.

## MERRY-VILLIANS LOCOED

DeRidder, March 5th.

A man came in from Merryville yesterday and said both mills had to close down, as the drum on the skidder broke Monday and they could get no logs. The drummer was fired for it. Another came in and said the Company was whipt to a frazzle. According to all reports the Company is in a worse fix than at any time since the strike was declared. It is reported that the Santa Fe has sold its interest in the American Lumber Company and the general opinion is that this was done rather than for such a strong anti-union concern to have to bow to the I. W. W. S. S. 39. All the news coming from all direc-



## THE LUMBER KING

A snarling, slinking, silk-clad human fiend;  
A harpy never yet from hell-thought weaned;  
Steeped to the inmost soul in murder's art,  
A cur incarnate and a wolf at heart;  
A vampire brooding o'er the virgin soil  
And drinking to the dregs the blood of Toil!

tions and sources confirms the above report, for, at this date, despite all the violence committed and threatened, the mills are still down, and will stay down until justice is done, even if every one who looks like a union man is run out of Merryville and DeRidder.

The General Strike.

It was this condition of Boss impotence at Merryville and the call for a GENERAL STRIKE to end the unbearable conditions existing in the mill towns and camps and the barbarous acts of the "Good Citizens Law and Order League" that, without doubt, caused the "leading business men" (we quote the "Beaumont Enterprise") to meet in "Judge" Cox's office and organize themselves into a league like the citizens (?) of Merryville, for the purpose, if possible, of putting an end to the street demonstrations of the I. W. W.'s and other transient people who have no visible means of support."

The 10,000,000.

Considering the portentous fact that the United States Census of 1910 reports that there were then 10,000,000 "equal" or hobo laborers in this "land of the free and home of the peon and tenant," the Cockroachocracy of Merryville and DeRidder have certainly cut out some job for themselves. Shooting Emerson or any other man "off the stand," or "removing" the Mayor of DeRidder for doing his duty, will not abolish this mighty host, one-third and more of the Nation's working force, that has been created within the last twenty years by hideously unjust economic conditions. Also, gentlemen, all history proves this: The suppression of free speech, organization and assembly in society is like unto closing all the safety valves on a boiler—you may do it, but, the penalty is worse than the disease. Ask Diaz.

The "Transients."

And why are these men you seek to outrage "transients"? Why are they homeless? For but one reason — they were blacklisted for obeying an order of Court. This you well know, and you must meet their demand for justice with lawlessness piled on top of lawlessness and—do you really believe that a WORLD that is everywhere awakening to the call of DEMOCRACY

will not hold you responsible, will not see that justice is done, even in the Jungles of the Saw-ist Ring?

The Liarbund.

The Liarbund, alias the "Free (?) Press," alias the "Palladium of our Liberties," is this week led by "The New Orleans Item" and "The Shreveport Labor (?) Herald," the last being "A weekly newspaper (?) representing the best paid (?) and most intelligent (?) organized (???) workers of North Louisiana," and the "official organ" of the Saffron-Socialist-Yellow-Unionist combine for the prevention of working class SOLIDARITY.

These two sheets don't seem to like the idea that the working class is rapidly getting together in spite of fakerism, terror and hell and so object to us "down-and-outs" sassing the Lumber Trust and its allies, Sam The Union-Wrecker, Vic The Boss of The Slanderbund, and their stool-pigeons the "Home Guard" and Cockroachocracy. "These men," they say, "are blasphemers, enemies of government, friends of hoboes and transients; let us, therefore, crucify them and revoke the charters of all UNIONS that dare to act like MEN." All of which reminds us of King Canute ordering the Ocean tides not to rise.

Staging Another "Riot?"

Insidiously, by innuendo and by "direct action," the whole Association Press appeals for more violence at Merryville and DeRidder. The illegal demand for Mayor Pressley's resignation (?) because he did his duty, is excused on the ground that "he is a Socialist;" the overthrow of rights older than all the constitutions of the Globe, on the ground of "inflammatory literature appearing in "The Lumberjack," which they could not have read when, Saturday morning, they threatened to "shoot Emerson off the stand" and to "kill all Union men found in DeRidder" if the meeting was held; as "The Lumberjack" did not get in the Alexandria Postoffice until Friday and so could not have reached DeRidder before Saturday evening at the very earliest; but any old excuse will do to excuse violence perpetrated by "our best citizens," or so it would seem from their own statements. The real trouble with the "law-abiders" was that "The Lum-

## REVOLUTION!

She is coming, O my Masters, she is surging 'round the earth;  
And all men will, soon be shouting what each whispered at his hearth!  
She is coming in hate's beauty, with love's fierceness in her eye.  
Like a maddened mother hast'ning where your tortured child-slaves die!

berjack." by telling the truth, dragged them into the limelight of civilization and so forced them to do in the open what they were trying to keep under cover. The thanks of the State are due to "The Lumberjack" for preventing a "riot," we think.

Advertise DeRidder!

Let all the World hear of its advantages! Let its story be told in the earth-wide Labor and Socialist press! Let it be known that DeRidder's "leading business men" demanded the "resignation" of Mayor Pressley, the only official in Louisiana who has even tried to do his duty, because he was a Socialist and refused to countenance mob law. Ask the farmers of Beauregard Parish, who are already taxed out of all proportion to the taxes paid by the Lumber Trust, who is going to pay all these gunmen's wages of sin, wages that must be paid in cold, hard cash, not only in hellfire. Let all the World know that the outraged Union men have never broken the peace in DeRidder or elsewhere. ADVERTISE DE-RIDDER! Let all the World know it believes in PEONIZING the WORKING CLASS.

Send this message down and up the Nesters Nunion & Grapevine Telegraph Company's line: "The 'leading business men' of DeRidder, La., do not want free labor in their town." ADVERTISE DE RIDDER. BEAUREGARD PARISH, LOUISIANA. UNITED TRUSTS OF AMERICA. ADVERTISE DE RIDDER!

The Donkocratic Party.

Ere closing we wish to compliment the Nation on the Rule of the Donkocratic Party. The "chivalrous" scene enacted in the Nation's Capital on the 4th of March when a mob of drunken hoodlums attacked a parade of defenseless women and interfered with, slugged and beat them up, speaks more eloquently for the glorious achievements of the Donkocracy in behalf of "Christian civilization" than could ten thousand words from the eloquent tongue of "The Lumberjack." for that scene was no accident.—it was but the "ethics" of Grabow, the "morals" of Merryville, the "order" of DeRidder, the "religion" of Longville, the "law" of the Jungle, expressing its "triumph"

## 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! 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 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.

in a World Capital of Capitalism. "By their fruits shall ye know them," thus spoke one "without visible means of support," but—

MIGHT IS RIGHT.

Might is Right when Long-Bell builds A hell 'round every earth;  
Might is Right when Kirby starves His peons off the earth;  
And Might was Right when Deitz became

Wolfe Weyerhauser's prey— 'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, And the Gospel of Today.

Might is Right when children die By the thousands in the mills,  
When jeweled hands reach down and take The gold their blood distills;  
And Might is Right when maidens give Their love-dreams up for pay— 'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, And the Gospel of Today.

And, so, O Hosts of Toil, awaken! O workingmen, unite!  
And by the Might of Folded Arms, In GENERAL STRIKE sweep 'way,  
The fang-law of the Ancient World, The Gospel of Today!

FINANCIAL AID FOR STRIKERS.

The I. W. W. is now conducting several large strikes and all of our papers are filled with calls for funds; we need the money, and we must have it. We have many able men in the I. W. W. Let us put every man in his place; some men make good organizers, some good secretaries, some good editors. There are two men on the coast that have proved by their actions that they can get the money. These men are Fellow Workers Floyd Hyde of Seattle and Fred Isler of Portland. One of these can get \$25.00 quicker than I could bum 25c. The Pacific Coast offers an opportunity to use such men. Bring this up for discussion, boys, at the next convention, to be held at Alexandria, La., May 19th, 1913.

Yours for Constructive Propaganda.  
JOHN PANCRER.