

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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* MIGHT IS RIGHT *

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ALL REVOLUTIONARY PAPERS OF THE WORLD—ADVERTISE DE-RIDDER! DE RIDDER, WHOSE "LEADING BUSINESS MEN" DO NOT BELIEVE IN FREE LABOR, WHO HAVE ORGANIZED A BANDIT LEAGUE TO OVERTHROW RIGHTS OLDER THAN ORGANIZED SOCIETY ITSELF, LIBERTIES RESPECTED EVEN BY BUSHMEN AND HOT-TENTOTS!

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ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

The Southern Lumber Operators Association will meet in Alexandria or Shreveport some time next month for the purpose, we suppose, or "civilizing" us lumberjacks some more. They are going to grant a state wide two weeks' payday and other "reforms," then proclaim that the "damn Union had nothing to do with it," and expect you, the lumberjacks, to let up on them and not get the higher wages, shorter hours, better living conditions and other "reforms" they PROMISED you back in 1907 when they cut your wages and soaked it to you variously and otherwise, besides.

And they are going to do this because lumber is now selling at the highest price in twenty years and because the building of the San Francisco Exposition is calling for MILLIONS of feet of lumber and they want to get in on this fat graft.

BOYS, TO WORK! Build up the NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS AND GRAB ALL YOU CAN OF WHAT YOU ALONE MAKE.

Remember, your POWER to grab like theirs, is only limited by the strength of YOUR UNION, YOUR SOLIDARITY ON THE JOB.

BOYS! you have got the Association where the wool grows short, despite all their "labor leaders," pumpgunmen, preachers and politicians—PULL IT TILL THEY COME ACROSS WITH THE PORK CHOPS AND CHAMPAGNE! LONG LIVE THE I. W. W. ON WITH THE GENERAL STRIKE!

FAKE-UNION WARNING.

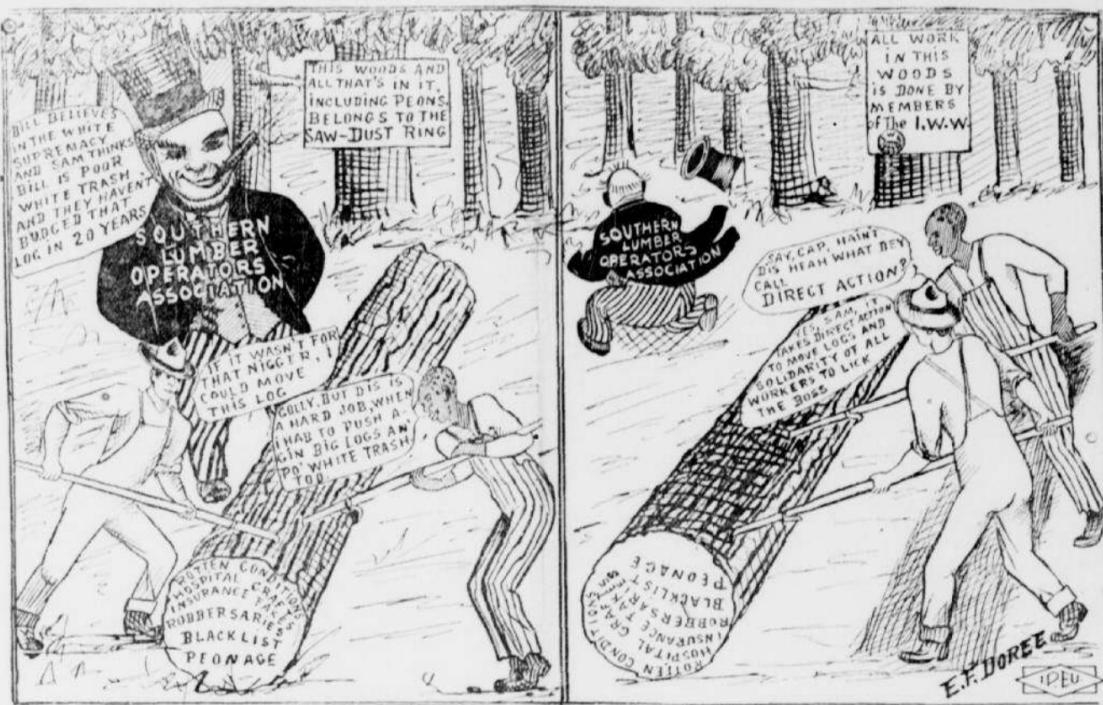
News comes from A. F. of L. Reds that the main reason for the Association meeting in Shreveport is to secure the aid of the Gompersite machine in their efforts to crush the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. Watch out and beware of fake Unions and organizers. Make all parties claiming to be Union Organizers and agents show credentials signed by Jay Smith, Secretary, Southern District.

A. L. EMERSON, District Organizer.

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.



NOTICE—Let all white MEN and Negro MEN get on the same side of this rotten old log and roll it over the white-trust and niggers. By order of the ONE BIG UNION of LUMBERJACKS.

Merryhellville News

Merryville, La., March 24, 1913.

A good many threats being made. A large amount of squirrel whiskey keyed up the nerve of the sluggers here, and they ran an old man 60 years of age out of town, beating him with a stick, breaking one of his ribs. That took "nerve," didn't it? Then they disarmed a boy who had been hunting, emptied his gun, gave it back to him, and beat and kicked him. Still another one was run out; a man who owned his home here; born and raised in this parish. Still, after all the low down things they do, they can not run the mills. Jim Estes says he has the town pretty well cleaned out now and can breathe freely. Does he, though? Kinney Reid told the bunch that threatened to clean up the town to drag the women out of their beds and horse whip them; that he would put the whole damn lot in jail. But they kindly went to sleep instead. They only got 25 gallons of whiskey Saturday. Seabs are all over town all the time, because the mills blow off at about 10-200 a. m., if they start at all. The Santa Fe officials were here two days last week and some of the mill men got jacked up good and plenty. They tried to excuse themselves all they could; promised they would get more work out of their seabs if they had to beat the life out of them. The guards had a funeral Friday. A negro was killed (no one seems to know how) and they went out in the woods and started a graveyard of their own by digging a hole and, without the ceremony of clean clothes and a coffin, they buried him. "Good enough for a seab," they said and so it was. The machinery inside that mill runs backward just about as often as the right way. Ignorance reigns supreme.

De Ridder.

"The Lumberjack" went well this week. Boys got them at 10 a. m. Saturday and at 8:30 p. m. three were left. There are scores of people, like myself, can't hardly wait until the paper comes. The names of the "Orderly Lawless League" is what took the people's eyes.

A man came in from Merryville yesterday and said that the whole damn thing was down. Both engines in the ditch and just as one was being raised the cable broke and wrecked it worse

than ever, mashing one man's arm seriously. The saws in the mill are getting too soft for the knots in the logs.

Good Friday was exciting here. One "Good Citizen" from Merryville had taken his wife to the one o'clock train and on his way back to the hotel saw his shadow and dodged into a post, bruising his eye pretty bad.

W. B. Wilson is under bond for "assault and battery" and "attempt to murder."

The "Good Citizen" told one man that night that he did not know who it was smashed him. "He was tall, slender, with blue serge suit. It is rumored, he first intended to accuse Charles Deeney, who had just come over from Bonweir, but found out Deeney stayed at Rosepine that night, so took Wilson instead. The Constable and one other man got out, also. From all reports it was a free for all red-eye fight.

The Rev. Reese left Friday night, without settling this trouble. The workers were wise and set down on him. Even the A. F. of L. members were not shown papers as to who he was.

I hear that one of our merchants, who has already felt our power before, said his business has fallen off half in two weeks. He is one of the L. & O. members. De Ridder looks deserted; all "transient people" are leaving.

Yours to win, S. S. 39.

HELP SAVE THIS HOME.

The "Ladies Aid," I. W. W., of De-Ridder, La., appeals to all true rebels, especially rebel women, to help them save the home of Mrs. Decatur Hall, who is the widow of Fellow Worker Hall, who was one of the men assassinated by the Lumber Trust's thugs at Grabow on July 7th, last. She has one child and her home can easily be saved to her, she owes only about \$650 on it, which can be paid in installments of only \$11 a month. Let all who can give only a little and this little mother's home is saved to her and baby.

Send all funds to Secretary I. U. 386, I. W. W., W. E. Hollingsworth, De-Ridder, La.

Mrs. Joe Ferro.

The District Office has some money on hand for Mrs. Joe Ferro, which it is unable to send her on account of not being able to locate her whereabouts. Any one knowing her present address, please notify Secretary Jay Smith, Box 25, Alexandria, La.

TAKE NOTICE, HOBOES!

The hellions of the Santa Fe Railroad at Merryville, led by one Kinney Reid, Jr., are beating up and slugging in the most merciless fashion every hobo who happens to light in that drunken peonity and won't seab on his fellow workers by going to work in the stockades of the American Lumber Co., which is a subsidiary concern of the Santa Fe Railroad. High officers of said road have been in Merryville recently so they can not plead they "do not know" the inhuman deeds their infamous guards and "Citizens" are committing. One old man of 60 years of age was clubbed until his ribs were broken. Men are beaten and ordered out of the peonity "under penalty of death if they ever return." All this and worse is being done against you and your class, and the SANTA FE RAILROAD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT ALL.

You should, therefore, hold the Santa Fe to full account for these crimes. The Governor, Sheriffs and other officers of Louisiana will do nothing to protect you and your fellow workers; on the contrary they have the supreme gall to arrest and jail working men who dare resist the beasts in the employ of the Sawdust Ring. It is up to you to civilize the Santa Fe Railroad, the Southern Lumber Operators Association and their Black Hundreds. The only souls the Santa Fe and the Association have is their pocketbooks. You, the Hoboes, have always been the vanguard of progress and all power is today in your strong hands.

CHAIN GANG LABOR.

Going up town the other day I counted twenty-two men, white and black, in the chain gang sweeping the streets. The labor of those twenty-two men was being stolen by the City of Alexandria. Not one of them had really committed any crime, save that of being out of work or drunk. In every city, town and county of the South this stealing of men's lives and labor is going on every day, is a common sight on every highway of the land. Intermittent graft, graft piled on top of graft, is bound up in this shameless robbery of the defenseless, this burking of men's self respect by law, and this savagery shall end, for so declares the I. W. W.

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Lost: One "Investigation"

FINDER WILL PLEASE RETURN TO "UNCLE GUS," THE LANKY SHEPHERD OF THE BUMGUARD BAPTISTS, OR TO LITTLE LUTHER E. HALL, IMAGINARY GOVERNOR OF THE IMAGINARY STATE OF LOUISIANA, BATON ROUGE, CAPITAL CITY OF THE SAWDUST RING, AND RECEIVE A COMMISSARY CHECK SIGNED BY THE SANTA-FE-LONG-BELL-KIRBY HOLLERLOG LER. CO. FOR A FAT PUICY LEMON WHICH HE CAN GIVE TO THE ORDERLY LAWLESS LEAGUE WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE I. W. W. BY ORDER OF THE S. S.

J. HER-man McMahon.

Says the Lake Charles American-Scissorsbill of the 3rd, 19th: "Clerk of Court J. Herman McMahon of Beauregard was a visitor in Lake Charles Tuesday. * * * Mr. McMahon also spoke his mind on the question of Emerson and Haywood's proposed future talks at De Ridder or Merryville, saying that these speeches would not likely be made."

Well, we will see about that. The I. W. W. is talking in a hundred cities, towns and counties whose alleged "public officials" spoke like J. HER-man, what he hasn't got, their "mind" to the contrary. Also, for J. HER-man's information, ninety-five per cent of said smart-Alecks are on the bum on the balance headed for the overalls. Think of a man who makes his living by shooting off a mouth detached from grey matter assuming the right to deny to real men the right of free speech! Hell!

LOW WAGES CHIEF EVIL.

T. G. Norton, Santa Fe Attorney, Urges Higher Pay for Workers.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 22.—At a Washington birthday celebration here tonight T. G. Norton of Chicago, general attorney for the Santa Fe railroad, urged higher wages for the working classes.

"In my opinion there is no greater wrong existing now than the inadequate compensation which is doled out to the working people for their services," he said. "No sober and frugal person who works six days in a week in a country with the abundance of ours should ever want for anything. When he does it is simply evidence of an unjust distribution of the fruits of nature and of the Press Dispatch.

Good!

Now, why not start the "higher wages" at Merryville, or Elizabeth, or Oakdale, or Silsbee, or Bessemer, or Kirbyville, or any other old Santa Fe-ized hellhole? Words butter no parsnips and neither does "Washington birthday" hot air, but they do show the Bosses are uneasy. KNOW the nation is in rebellion, and will come across with better conditions—JUST AS SOON AS YOU GET IN THE I. W. W. AND MAKE THEM!

EMERSON ADVANCE ROUTES.

Under the dates given A. L. Emerson will speak in the following towns: Lake Charles, La., March 28 and 29, Sulphur, La., March 31, De Quincey, La., April 1, Starks, La., April 2, Singer, La., April 3, Mystic, La., April 4, Hamons, La., April 6.