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EDITORIALS

SABOTAGE AND SOPHISTICATION.

"All ye who would increase your vocabularies and join the army of the well-informed, give heed hereunto. It concerns a very modern distinction.

If a hotel keeper provides spoiled products for making your soup and then puts in highly aromatic condiments to make it taste right, that is sophistication; while if a waiter adds an overdose of salt or pepper to make the soup taste wrong, that is sabotage.

If a confectioner prepares your pastry with "rots and spots," that is sophistication; while if a confectionery worker deliberately puts in more "rots and spots" than the cake will stand, that is sabotage.

If an employer puts glue into your ice cream in order to give it verisimilitude, or whatever quality glue adds to ice cream, that is sophistication; while if a worker adds a little soap to the same mixture because he thinks his wages are too low, that is sabotage.

If a laundry proprietor puts destructive acid into the tub with your clothes in order to save himself from doing an honest job, that is sophistication; while if a laundry worker pours a bottle of ink into the tub and thus irrevocably discolors the very same garments, that is sabotage.

If a woolen mill fixes up shoddy to look like the real thing that is sophistication; while if a workingman tampers with the machine that is turning out the shoddy, that is sabotage.

If a candy manufacturer puts poisonous coloring matter into candy in order to make it attractive in the eyes of little children, that is sophistication; while if a candy worker adds capsicum to the same candy in order to make it unpleasant to the taste, that is sabotage.

If a shoe manufacturer sells you shoes with "sheepskin" soles made out of paper, that is sophistication; while if a shoe worker puts emery dust into the bearings of the machine that makes those shoes, that is sabotage.

If the dirty work, in short, is done by proprietors to increase profits, it is sophistication; while if it is done by an employee to decrease profits in the hope of indirectly increasing wages, it is sabotage.—From "Life."

Also when the Lumber Trust destroys UNION property, and scales logs to the woodsmen at 666 feet and bills same log to the consumer at 1200 feet, AFTER it has been SQUARED and DRESSED, that is sophistication; while if the lumberjacks were to put boiler compound in the oil cups in an attempt to civilize the gunmen, that would be sabotage. It is needless to state that "iLfe" is not a Saffron Socialist or Yellow Unionist magazine; it is independent and without "MORALS." That's why it is so often tells the TRUTH.

"Old Mother Hubbard,
She went to the cupboard
To get her poor children some bread;
But father was tired,
And a cheaper man hired
So the children went hungry to bed.
—The Billy Goat.

ITA EST.

A WORKER'S PRAYER.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
So tired I can hardly creep;
I hope to wake at early morn
Tomorrow's duties to perform;
For I must labor every day
For the small wage the boss will pay,
For one day off I'd lose my breath
For fear my kids would starve to death.—C. A. Cook.

The Lumber Kings did not put the trees in the forests nor do they make them into lumber; yet they insist on their right to levy tribute on both the lumberjacks and the users of lumber. Did you ever hear of such gall? "OLD REB."

"It's a gentleman's job and it pays well," says Defective Wm. J. Burns of his rotten work as "guardian of the loot." Well, every one to his taste. Buzzards like carrion and capitalists the blood of babies, and you can't blame Burns any more than the curdog that returns to the vomit. Moral: DON'T be a "gentleman"—be a MAN. A. FLATHEAD

"If you are looking for sympathy, go to the dictionary; you will find it under the S's.

"A man with an income of \$100,000 or more can afford to be patriotic—and hire some one else to do his fighting.

"Some live, others exist, while a few take in church sippers.

"One square inch of justice is better than 160 acres of creed.

"The best way to get what is coming to you is to meet it more than half way.—"The Hobo Review."

"Have you an application blank in your pocket? Get action on it before next meeting time.

"TRUTH is mighty and will prevail. Take that any way you want to. It is the TRUTH.

"When there is ten dollars earned and two dollars paid, there is bound to be unrest among the masses. We have the unrest, haven't we?

"It would take up every bit of space in our great religious weekly to give a four line notice to each strike in this country at the present time.

"Wilson may be at the head of the Nation, but with six million unemployed and twenty million more underpaid and half starved men, women and children in the "innards" of the nation, it strikes me as if conditions were about ripe for an awful headache.

"When you are robbed at the pay window, it is a waste of time and energy to go bargain hunting.

"And you ARE robbed at the pay window unless you happen to be a robber.

"Haywood again in the clutches of the masters' law. When will that fellow ever learn that it is far more respectable as well as much safer to remain in Nestledown or Seabreeze and philosophise about the class struggle, than to go out and fight along with a mob of common ordinary working men trying to help them organize?

"Fine system, isn't it, that makes one man pretend to be the friend of another while all the time he is double crossing him, spurred on to do so by his own private material interests?

"Morgan is dead. Morgan Jr. takes his place. Workers being skinned all the time.

"Undertakers fight like fiends for possession of bodies of the flood victims. Well, that is the system, isn't it?

"Little girls' essay on the "Labor Problem:" "The Labor Problem consists of trying to find out a way to keep the working men satisfied without paying them enough to live on."—British Col. Fededationist.

"There seems to be two classes in society: Those who advocate but seldom practice direct action and those who never advocate but always practice direct action. Same holds good about sabotage.

"Our Code of Ethics: Any action which results in benefit to the working class as a whole is right. If the result of an action taken is detrimental to the working class, that action is wrong.

"Our belief: Labor creates all wealth, and any system of society which deprives the producer of the product is wrong.

"Our Motto: To the Workers—The World: Let the parasites have the rest of the Universe.

"When the workers get wise, get wise,
We will put the boss where he ought to be,
When the workers get wise, get wise,
We'll make him a worker, no longer a shirker
When the workers get wise, get wise. "Truth."

"The U. S. Constitution declares "that all men are born, or created, equal." How, when, where or in what?

"Great excitement! Mother Jones, aged 80 years, had outraged the army of West Virginia. She has been arrested for stealing its artillery.—The Rebel.

The surest way to kill a gunman—aim at the Bosses' pocketbooks.

Throw dams across the rivers of HUMAN PROGRESS and hire degenerates to guard them—that is the Bosses' method of "heading off the I. W. W." It's simple as dirt.

Our "cheap" LIVES are in the hands of the capitalist class, but PROPERTY, HOLY PROPERTY, is in the hands of Labor, at its mercy always.

I repeat: TRUTH conquers all things; MIGHT is RIGHT; ORGANIZATION IS POWER.

The I. W. W. is a strictly NON-political organization, but there are several Louisiana politicians who are in line to learn that it knows how to play the game when forced to handle the dirty deck.

"The ONE BIG UNION means the ONE BIG FIGHT." Let it come. The sooner the better. The WORKING class has NOTHING to LOSE, ALL to GAIN.

In an "incendiary document" called "The Declaration of Independence," I read: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their DUTY, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

All PAST REVOLUTIONS are "RESPECTABLE." It is only the PENDING REVOLUTION that is "AN-ARCHISTIC."

"Law and Order League"—a "holy alliance" of Silk-stockings and Blacklegs organized for the purpose of burking TRUTH, JUSTICE, FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY.

The LACK of money is the root of all evil.—The Lumberjack.

When in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, it makes a big difference whether you belong to the master class or the working class in this country. Just put that in the pot and cook it.

US PEONS "PAL" AGAIN.

I want to compliment John Henry Kirby's suckers on their reasoning capacity. They say us I. W. W's. struck like a bunch of fools at Merryville, but THEY are so wise. They get their money once a week now and have also an increase in wages, and THEY say all this was because J. H. K. loved them so. THEY say the "damn Union is good for nothing but to starve women and children to death." I am sorry to disappoint them, but we are not going to let anybody starve to death. I am also sorry J. H. K's. slaves can't live in a \$165,000 bungalow like J. H. K., but they seem perfectly satisfied with their \$25 shacks, tho it is they who make ALL the LUMBER of which HOUSES are built. You bet he is a "good master!" He ought to be, but no REAL MAN wants a master. J. H. K. bathes in a \$30,000 pool—You in a tincan. He calls himself a "society man" and you a sucker. He loves his children better than you do yours, for if you loved yours, you would be MEN and join the ONE BIG UNION, the I. W. W., instead of licking the boot that's kicked you all these years, instead of sneering at the men and women at Merryville whose fight has SCARED John Henry Kirby into giving you a weekly payday and an advance in wages. And if you say the Union didn't scare him into doing it, why didn't he give it to you before the I. W. W. came?

C. HAVENS.

LUMBERJACK COMMENT.

Yes, WHY? And why did J. H. K. back off and grant the 10 hour day in 1907? but for fear of the same thing—the I. W. W. If you love him so, why do you, his "loyal" slaves, take that weekly payday and increase the I. W. W. has SCARED him into giving (?) you? Didn't he SWEAR to you at De Ridder in August of only 1911 that the only reason he fought the UNION was because so'elp'im God he would go broke if he was forced to shorten hours and advance wages? Sure, you know he did. And he's throwing you these crumbs now, because he wants to keep you out of the fight for the NINE HOUR DAY.

A MINIMUM WAGE of \$2.50 per day and SEVENTY-FIVE (75c) CENTS per THOUSAND for LOG CUTTING. That's just what John Henry is after, and nothing more. Say, you Texas boys, don't take what we Louisiana fellows fought to win you and then turn around and spit in our faces. DON'T BE A DISGRACE TO THE OLD LONE STAR STAE! BE MEN, UNION MEN, FREE MEN, I. W. W's!

COWARDS SHOULD KEEP OUT OF BATTLE.

From Ketchikan "Modern Methods."

We sometimes hear the I. W. W. charged with being too radical, and we are unable to discover any other reason for this charge than rank cowardise. We are living under a government professed to be by the people. We have a constitution which sets forth certain rights granted to these people. This constitution has been universally adopted as a fundamental law and so long as it exists as such no laws can be legally enacted which conflict with the rights granted the people by the constitution.

The I. W. W. has never demanded any rights nor granted by the constitution. Such rights are now interfering with capitalists desire to rob labor, and capitalists through their control of government, state, county and municipal officials are depriving people of these rights. It is not I. W. W. that is radical or lawless. It is the capitalists.

Suppose we quietly submit to this outrage, what can we look for in future? What must the I. W. W. think of you who plead for peace at such a price? We say to you if life and peace is so dear to you, cringing cowards, go take it at the price, but keep out of the way of men.