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By building a fire on the track they brought a train to a standstill with the improvised danger signals and boarded it despite the warnings and threats of the train crew.

The above dispatch shows the dauntless "hobo" spirit in all its splendor. Over 1000 men and women are reported to be marching, unarmed, to Denver's jails, there to enforce a right supposed to be guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and every State in the Union, yet it is we, the I. W. W., who are "lawless." Police Chief O'Neil of Denver says the REBELS will be forced to work while he keeps them in prison for standing up for their "inalienable rights." YES he will,—like hell! But, say, what do you think of the meek railroad men (?) who obeyed their masters' orders not to let the REBELS ride? Ain't they a peach of a bunch of "freedom Americans" — AIN'T THEY?

#### "DEPLETED TREASURY."

"The Lake Charles American-Press" and that dear old screaming dodo called "The New Orleans Daily Item," both seem to be terribly worried as to the condition of our treasury, which they say is "depleted." For the information of their bonehead masters, the alleged Southern Lumber Operators Association, we beg to advise these alleged newspapers that the I. W. W. never had a "treasury" since it was born, and never expects to. Our slogan is: "MEN, not MONEY, win WORKING CLASS battles." Talking about contempt, the I. W. W. has more contempt for a "treasury" than it has for the "Associated Press," which is using some strong language.

#### "Emerson Through?"

The great Lumber Trust Trinity is also exercised over the above question. It says A. L. told the oxmen he was thru with THEM and try to twist this into his being thru with the UNION. It ain't so, like everything they print, BUT, for the sake of argument, let us say it is! What then? Say ALL us "leaders" quit or die, and all humans are liable to die or go to jail, WILL OUR DYING OR QUITTING END THE CLASS STRUGGLE? Not on your life, FLORENCE. As long as you can live in a MANSION while the wives and mothers of the lumberjacks are forced to camp in SHACKS the WORKING CLASS will breed "leaders" faster than they can quit, die or be sent to the levees. The boneheaded Association might chew on that for a few chews and cogitate on the fact that the I. W. W. is still here and stronger than ever, notwithstanding the fact that innumerable "leaders" have passed away in the days since it was born. It is this obsession, that great leaders are responsible for the present WORLD UPRHEAVAL, that has made the Lumber Kings so persistently seek A. L.'s life, and it is this obsession that is finally going to smash capitalist society to pieces, for its beneficiaries are ever striking at the EFFECTS and not at the CAUSES of SOCIAL UNREST, which is today ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. Killing or jailing the PROTESTORS does not kill this INJUSTICE, my masters. Ask Diaz and HUERTA.

#### Law-Abiding? What!

Says "The American-Press" of April 12th:

"The probability is that arrests will be the outcome of the assault on President A. L. Emerson of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers at Singer a few days ago, when the labor leader attempted to speak there in behalf of unionism among the lumbermen.

"It is known that a number of warrants are out for the arrest of certain of those who are thought to have been directly and indirectly instrumental in bringing about the assault on Mr. Emerson. Service of these papers had not been made yet today, so far as known.

"Emerson's treatment at Singer is said by eye-witnesses to have been rather severe and entirely uncalled for. It is thought by some believed in a position to judge that ANY ATTEMPT TO SERVE THE PAPERS REFERRED TO WILL RESULT IN TROUBLE."

The caps are our'n, but how's that

for some LAW-ABIDING? If Union men had made such an outrageous and cowardly assault on a member of the lawless "Good Citizens League" or of the riot-promoting Association and backed it up with such a threat, little Luther E. Hall would have rushed the yellow-legged militia to Bumgard paradise and platted at the top of his little reform voice about "protecting life and PROPERTY at any cost." Sure, slaves, "obey the law," even if it does change every time a Lumber Trust manager or gunman gets drunk. All Southern WORKINGMEN were made for aynhow was to be robbed and slugged by a lot of Industrial Carpet-Baggers and Sealawags. So shut up and be good, or they'll Huerta you.

#### A Riddle.

Says the "A.P.": "It is maintained by the opposing side of the Brotherhood that Emerson in his attempted speech at Singer repudiated his followers." Now, how could Emerson or any other man "repudiate" anybody or anything in an "ATTEMPTED speech?" Will the "A.P." please tell us howinhell A. L. worked this miracle? Again, did they assault A. L. because he "REPUDIATED HIS FOLLOWERS?" Nothing else can be inferred from "A-Pe's" report.

MORAL: Every time the Association opens its mouth it puts its foot in it.

#### Person Arrested.

News comes that Secretary C. E. Person of the Harriman Railroad System Federation of Shopmen was arrested on April 11th and placed under \$1000 bond to appear for trial on a charge of "sending libelous and scurrilous literature thru the mails," said libel and scurrilous consisting of telling the truth about that Manslaughterbund. Person says he will easily prove that he has not violated any of the postal laws. Person ought to have been a Sawdust Ring postmaster; then he could have violated all the postal laws, rules and regulations and shot the U. S. constitution to hell besides and never been slapped on the wrist. I almost forgot—there are "NO CLASSES IN THIS COUNTRY"—ALL ARE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW," whateverinhell that is. BUT one thing is SURE: The workers either hang together from now on or they will hang separately, law or no law. It's the ONE BIG UNION or PEONAGE for us ALL. The fight is on with the ONE BIG FIGHT!

#### TO THE WAGE WORKERS IN THE OIL FIELDS.

By C. L. Lambert.

Mr. Oil Worker: This is addressed to you. It matters not whether you are a Driller, a Tooldresser, Fireman, Pumper, Pipeliner, or Roustabout, or any other branch of labor which is necessary to the industry. And, as a wage-worker, anything that goes in the industry where you work should be of interest to you; that is, if you are alive to your own interest. You work twelve hours per day in the oil field. Now, do you really love work so much that you are willing to work such long hours? If you are satisfied with your slavery, do not trouble to read any further, as this is addressed to those wage workers who want to better their conditions of life and who are earnestly seeking to get more of the wealth which they produce. Great changes are taking place in this country, as well as in all other parts of the world. And, due to the great labor saving inventions, the armies of the unemployed are steadily increasing, thereby causing keen competition for jobs. As a result, the man who does not put up, must get out, let in some other man in who is willing to submit to any conditions which the Bosses may see fit to impose on him. This CUT-THROAT COMPETITION for a CHANCE TO WORK has but one possible result, i. e., THE LOWERING OF THE WORKERS STANDARD OF LIVING AND HIS INCREASING DEGRADATION. The only way to change this state of affairs is for all the wage workers in the oil industry to get together so that by CONCENTRATED ACTION on the JOB, they can shorten the hours of labor, thereby putting the idle men to work, who today are being used by the Bosses as a whip over your head. Remember, THE BOSSSES ARE ORGANIZED FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST.

If you want to get a bigger share of what you produce, you must be organized, too. This is not a question of sentiment. It is a COLD SCIENTIFIC FACT. MIGHT IS RIGHT, and today the Bosses have the MIGHT because they are COMBINED TOGETHER for their MUTUAL BENEFIT, which is the exploitation of the wage workers out of whose sweat and blood is wrung the millions which your masters enjoy. Do you know that when you work for wages you work for nothing and board yourself? The U. S. Government statistics show that, on an average, you produce six times more value than you get in wages, which means that in the first two hours you produce the value of your own wages, and the rest of the day you work for nothing. This is where the bosses' millions come from. There was a time in this country when men were scarce and the wages and conditions were better in consequence. For instance, at the time of the Lake View Gusher, when it was first brought in in March, 1911, at Maricopa, Cal., the bosses were running in and out of saloons offering seven dollars per day for common labor, and, only one year later, the American Oil Co. brought in a gusher at Fellows (only sixteen miles apart) and, owing to the over-supply of labor in the fields, they only paid \$2.25 per day and board. Now, they are developing the oil industry in India, Japan, China and Egypt. What effect will that have on the workers here? It will have this effect: That for every step in development in those countries there will be a decrease in development here. Because, labor being so much cheaper there, in the Orient, and the raw material being plentiful, capital will go where the greatest profits are to be made, which means that you oil workers who have followed the development of this industry from the Eastern States through the Middle West and the South, are now in a position where the tool of production is going from you to a country where you can not follow it, unless you can compete with the Asiatic upon his own territory — which is an impossibility.

Then, there is nothing for you to do but to stay here, and either accept a lower standard of living, or to organize in one solid body and increase your wages, shorten your hours, and, when you get strong enough, own and run the oil industry for yourselves. In every industry in the United States today there is an organization being formed, the aim of which is to force from the bosses more and more of the wealth back into the hands of those who produce it, until they ultimately take over the whole of the industries and run them for the benefit of the workers. This organization is known as the Industrial Workers of the World. It opens its doors to all who work, of any race, color, sex or age and its motto is: "An injury to one is an injury to all." Its dues and initiation fees are as low as possible and a membership card is transferable in any industry, or in any country. Its object is the abolition of the wage system and the inauguration of Industrial Democracy, wherein the whole of the workers will get what they produce and the man who does not do his share of work shall not eat. Today the oil workers work 12 hours and lives in a shack. His boss merely holds title to the property, lives in a palace and draws millions in dividends. The railroad worker builds the railroad and walks the ties. The Textile worker weaves silk and goes in rags. And so on down the line. Now, Mr. Oil Worker, if you like this kind of thing then take lots of WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT, if you are a real man, then study this proposition, and read the literature published by this UNION. Then come and take out a card, or, if you are not near where there is a local, go among your fellow workers, put the proposition up to them; get twenty names; send the names in to the General Headquarters of this Organization, and get a Charter for a Local in your own vicinity. Remember: If you want to get anything, you must help to get it for yourself. We need you. You need us. In unity there is strength. Also, the workers will get only what they have the POWER TO TAKE. It is up to you to be a MAN.

JOIN THE I. W. W. DO IT NOW.

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#### A RED SOCIALIST'S IDEA.

By Ariel.

It has often been discussed between Socialists and near Socialists as to which is the better way of teaching the laboring class how to control their jobs and receive the full product of their labor. Many comrades when asked how to solve this problem will say vote the Socialist ticket. But people don't do things on the advice of others.

This question is being asked every day by people who are interested in Socialist work. So I will put forth my best efforts in trying to answer it in as simple and intelligent a way as possible.

Tear from his eyes the mask of superstition. Destroy his faith in supernatural things. Make him know that all things come about from natural causes and if he wants a change in conditions he must expect to do it through natural causes.

If he is ever taught to reason correctly he will cease to be a faith subject. As soon as he realizes that those who have been offered butter beyond the clouds as a reward for drinking skimmed milk on earth only inherit sour stomachs in their old age, priests and preachers can no longer preach the old-time doctrine to them. They will no longer look to a life beyond the grave. They will go into the same fields where their masters have fared so well. They will take hold of the material things of life. The butter and milk will be justly shared. The master will disappear like a shadow. Then we will have a Socialist Republic founded on reason.

When reason rules supreme it will seem that every one is from Missouri. The Bible will be recognized as ancient history. The powers that are will not seem to be of God as the "Holy Writ" has claimed. But the real power of reason will be felt. Priests will no longer act as mediators between God and man. People will understand the game as it is being played. They will see with wonderful quickness that while the priests are diverting their minds to invisible things their masters are robbing them of all things visible. They will know why it is that the great money kings always pretend to have such great respect for the churches, although they seldom attend them. They will know that priest-craft and church graft is a part of the capitalist system; and not until we abolish superstition and apply our reason to FACTS can we expect to attain the full product of our labor.

Ignorance and superstition should have no part in the Labor movement, for these are things that belong to the capitalist system.

We do not believe in chattel slavery. We do not believe in witchcraft. We do not believe that the higher authorities are endowed with power from above. We believe that every one is born equal. We do not teach obedience to masters. We believe no more in masters than we do in slavery. Chattel slavery was defended for years by nearly every Christian denomination that exists today. Witchcraft was preached from the pulpit of the churches for centuries. Obedience to masters is taught by nearly every denomination that exists. Socialism is being attacked from most every pulpit in America. Clergymen still preach the old-time doctrine of contentment to their ignorant followers. They are still telling them to travel to the ends of life with a yoke around their necks. They preach that the laboring class are poor and wretched because the Lord intended them to be so. And if they complain or grumble against this plan they are taught that they will be condemned to an everlasting Hell.

Now, we know that the majority of the laboring class believe in the Bible and the Church. We should be very frank and truthful with them about such things. We should not pretend to them that we believe in church dogmas. We should tell them frankly that the Church is controlled by the capitalist system and is Socialism's natural enemy. No Socialist with a spark of decency would attempt to be friends with such an infamous thing, for he knows

that in all ages the Church has been the enemy of progress. Ingersoll was not wrong when he said, "The Church is the rock that the hypocrites have crouched behind for centuries to shoot their poisoned arrows at the pioneers of the world.

Every attempt to enlighten humanity — be it in science or invention, in short, anything that would throw light upon FACTS — has been attacked by the Church. For centuries it stood with the bloody sword of execution and barred the way to the tree of knowledge. It has blighted the mentality of its followers for generations, and its black shadow still falls across the blighted path of reason.

The Holy Writ says, "Earn your bread by the sweat of your brow." But what does the church care about the millions who follow this commandment? Absolutely nothing. They are under no obligations to the working class, for poverty cannot donate anything of material value to the Church, and as for "Spiritual things," the Church has a large stock of such commodities that it is anxious to exchange for MATERIAL THINGS.

The Church learned centuries ago what the working class is learning to day. They know that it is the material things that count. They know that it takes money to build schools and churches in which to train the coming generation into conceited and narrow minded factions of wage slaves and they know how to play the game to get the money.

If the workers knew how to play their game as well as their masters do they would not wrangle among themselves concerning church dogmas. No sensible person prays for rain. He gets water in a material way by boring a well. And the sooner the working class adopts this method and forget this ancient superstition and relies upon itself, the sooner will the workers reap the full product of their labor.

#### THE WORKERS AND THEIR POWER.

By M. A. Otis of Bakersfield, Cal.

Yes, we are the working class, the tradesmen young and old, We are the "meek and lowly man" who made all wealth and gold. We make the steamboats and the mills and the mansions high and grand; We labor on the plains and hills; we clear and plow the land; We work in cities and on farms, in factories, mills and mines; We make the dreadnaughts, swords and arms, and all the railroad lines; We are the sailors on the sea, the engineers on the land,— All useful things in life you see are molded by our hand. A thieving class has stolen all the good things of this life, And driven virtue to the wall, of sweet-heart, maid and wife; They've robbed us of our liberty, and robbed us of our home; They've starved us into slavery and driven us to roam; They've taken over this great earth and claim them heirs to all; They claim to be of "blue blood and birth;" They kick us when we fall; The tragedier that they behold, WE feel and see and hear. Their crime, their vice, their lust for gold increases more each year,— The earth's becoming more and more a wageslave's hell below— We cannot bear it longer, for we feel and see, you know. We'll educate and organize, and form ONE UNION grand; We'll stay no longer separate; UNITED we shall stand. "MIGHT IS RIGHT," the workers say, "our number is our might; We're growing stronger every day and soon will win our fight." We'll educate the toilers to the gospel, DISCONTENT, Then we'll overthrow the spoilers to the masses' betterment; Their old worm-eaten barricade of laws and ancient creed, Will fall when once our might's arrayed against their brutal greed; An injury to one shall be an injury to all; We will fight until we all are free; Our masters all must fall!