

THE LUMBERJACK

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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ORGANIZE!

Cypress Lumber Workers, Organize!!

By ARIEL.

Wake up, you slaves of the cypress lumber companies? Do you know why it is that you are working such long hours, living on dandfunk, dandyfunk and slumgullion, drinking stump water, paying doctor fees, sleeping among bugs and mosquitoes, being whipped by gunmen, paying double prices at the commissaries, crawling around on your bellies, coaxing some boss for a few dollars that you've already worked for? Because you are a lot of bone-headed ignoramuses who persist in competing against each other on the job. You white men cease running after the boss, tattling about every little detail that goes wrong when a negro is doing a piece of work; you make the job harder on yourself. "Nigger," quit quarreling about the way the "po" white "cadian" does his work! The boss will expect you to do your's much better. Join **ONE BIG UNION**, the I. W. W., the UNION that forced the pine mills to raise wages, pay off once a week, cut out some of the hospital steal and abolish many other grafts. Why not have better conditions in the cypress logging camp? Shorter hours? Better board? Better sleeping quarters? Convenient ways of getting to and from work? And many other things to improve conditions for the workmen?

You can have them if you organize in **ONE BIG UNION** of Timber Workers. Have no fear of scabs. No one can cut cypress timber, work on skidders and pullboats, except *experienced men* who are accustomed to the swamps. Is it not a fact that many skidders and pullboats are forced to close down during sugar-grinding owing to the scarcity of laborers? Can't you meet labor agents most anytime looking for swampers? Organize! *You have a cinch.* Mud water and malarial fever will keep all scabs off the job. Should Jim Berry come prowling around your local in Lafourche Parish show him a bottle of adulterated whiskey from one of "Father" Downman's Blind Tigers, and he will outrun the fastest hound in his pack. Organize! Organize! ORGANIZE!

THE SOCIAL WAR.

PATERSON.

At last accounts the great strike of silk workers was still on in Paterson, with the Bosses resorting to every known form of thuggery in their desperate, but futile, attempts to drive the workers back into the mills. Haywood, Lessig, Gurley, Flynn, Tresca and others had been arrested some are indicted for causing the police to cause a riot, while Patrick Quinlan had been found guilty on this charge by a Boss promoted jury and has a sentence of from 3 to 7 years in the pen staring him in the face. Every day he spends in prison should cost the silk kings about \$1,000 a day for his board. Haley's pocketbook is a fine jail door opener, as the French workers have long ago proved.

LITTLE FALLS.

The fight for the freedom of Bochimmi, Legere and the other twelve victims of New York's "impartial justice," which is about on a par with that of Louisiana and West Virginia, is still on and all rebels should back the defense committee to the limit of their resources. Do it now, TO-DAY.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The battle of the coal miners against the mine owners' association and the bestial Governor of West Virginia is raging at white heat. The Governor, like all other "reformers," has gone the limit, and more, in his infamous attempts to break the strike, having, at last accounts, suppressed every Socialist and Labor paper in the State and thrown their editors into jail for daring to criticize his infamous, Diaz-like assault upon all human rights and liberties. It is reported, though, that the brutal fool has released Mother Jones, 82 years old, who the "heroic" militia had charged with stealing their cannon. Let 'em keep it up. "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad," and, by this sign, which has never failed, the capitalists are themselves hastening on the Revolution and their doom.

BOSTON.

Carrying of any flags other than the National or State emblems, or the flags of friendly foreign nations and their dependencies, in any parade in this commonwealth is prohibited in a bill which received the approval of Governor Foss to-day.

The measure further provides that no sign bearing an inscription opposed to organized government or which is

sacrilegious or derogatory to public morals shall be carried in parades.

The above dispatch shows what jackasses all "reformers" are, for the above is aimed at the Red Flag and such "laws" will only make the workers love it more and more, while as for "inscriptions opposed to organized government, or which are sacrilegious or derogatory to public morals," it is to laf, for the attempt on the part of any "government" to suppress such "signs" of the people's discontent has always and ever presaged the decadence and fall of said government. All signs point to the complete and utter degeneracy of capitalism; everywhere it is showing all the signs of senile debility and proclaiming in "law" piled on top of "law" its mental, moral and social bankruptcy; everywhere it is crumbling and falling; everywhere—let it perish!

STREET CARMEN.

On top of all this the Street Carmen have been out in Cincinnati, O.; Colorado Springs, Colo., and Fort William, Ontario, in which last place the police rioted and succeeded in killing two workers for the masters. "The mills of the gods grind slowly," but, still, *they grind.*

BARBERS.

Over 13,000 barbers were out in Brooklyn and New York City at last reports and fighting in true I. W. W. style for higher wages and relief from the unbearable conditions under which they had been forced to labor. Here's hoping they win all demands.

STEEL WORKERS.

The Superior Steel Company, of Carnegie, Pa., was shut down on the 10th by a strike of its employees—1,400 walking out and closing the plant down completely. The demands were: "Ten hours' pay for an eight-hour day." This, and numerous other small strikes in the steel districts, show the growth of the **ONE BIG UNION** there, and indicates that a **GENERAL STRIKE** will soon be on against the Steel Tyrants as well as against the Timber Wolves.

SOUTHMEN, join the great **REVOLT OF TOIL!**

GET BUSY!

JOIN THE ONE BIG UNION OF FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS.

Initiation Fee, \$1.00; Dues 50c. per Month.

For full information, write: Jay Smith, Secretary, Southern District, Box 78, Alexandria, La., or Frank R. Schleis, Secretary, Western District, 211 Occidental Avenue, Rear, Seattle, Washington.

CONVENTION ORGANIZED.

Convention called to order by Secretary, Jay Smith, at 9:30 a. m., May 19, 1913. Held at the Hundley Building, Alexandria, La. Officers present:

A. L. Emerson, general organizer. Jay Smith, secretary. A. L. Guillory, treasurer. Covington Hall, Editor the Lumberjack. P. Eastman, Member Genl. Ex. Bd. of the I. W. W. Ed. Lehman, Pro. Executive Board, Southern District. D. R. Gordon, Pro. Executive Board, Southern District. E. L. Ashworth, Pro. Executive Board, Southern District. E. E. Shaw, Pro. Executive Board, Southern District.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Local No. 396—R. A. Fielden. Local No. 390—E. P. McMickle. Local No. 386—W. E. Hollingsworth. Local No. 386—J. H. C. Helton. Local No. 389—J. N. Nelson. Local No. 254—J. Williamson. Local No. 274—M. Lambright. Local No. 391—P. Borel. Local No. 259—Sam Tarver. Local No. 394—C. M. Stewart. Local No. 395—C. W. Simmons. Local No. 208—M. Holt. Local No. 218—Mrs. W. Stevenson. Local No. 412—Joe Augustine. Local No. 395—Chas. S. Messer. Local No. 254—A. H. Brown. Local No. 254—J. H. Chandler. Local No. 235—J. W. Hall. Local No. 388—Charles Gillen. Local No. 219—C. A. Barker. Local No. 210—J. N. Phillips. Local No. 282—Claude Brasher. Local No. 288—H. W. Jeane. Local No. 393—E. W. Thompson.

CONVENTION OFFICERS

W. E. Hollingsworth, chairman. Fredonia Stevenson, secretary. Claude Brasher, doorkeeper. J. Williamson, warden.

REMARKS.

Fellow-worker C. L. Filigno, National Organizer for the I. W. W., was present as a fraternal delegate and rendered great service to the convention. The convention was the best ever held by the Southern District, and the attendance much larger than expected. Emerson declared it "the best ever" and "for the reason that it was no longer a one man's convention." The fighting spirit and determination shown to win over all obstacles was remarkable and all signs indicate that the Union is here to stay and triumph.

Reports received from inside men are to the effect that the Association is badly worried and it has already begun to again bluster and threaten violence, but "let them do what they will; we mean to win," was the spirit of all present. The rule of Dixieland by the Overseers of the Trusts is to be challenged as never before.

The only thing that marred the meeting was the sudden illness of one of our hardest working and best-loved brothers, Fellow-worker A. H. Brown, of Pollock, La., who fainted just as he entered the hall on Friday. The doctor called pronounced him suffering from malarial fever, that cursed disease inflicted on the workers by the Association forcing them to live in undrained, mosquito-infested swamps. Fellow-worker Brown has been blacklisted for over two years now, but in all that long time he has never faltered in the battle for his class' freedom. All his fellow-workers expressed hopes for his speedy recovery and are deeply solicitous for his welfare, as they know the value of this true, untiring, "Jacksonian Christian." May he soon be up and on the firing line once more, is the wish of THE LUMBERJACK.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING CLASS AND ALL WHO BELIEVE IN JUSTICE.

Fellow Workers, Brothers and Comrades:

For the past ten weeks the eyes of the Workers of the World have been directed on the City of Paterson, N. J. For ten weeks 25,000 silk workers have stood firmly against starvation, police brutality, newspaper misrepresentation, and all other powerful weapons of capitalism.

Now, the latest move on the part of the master class has been the indictment and trial of our organizers and speakers. Our fellow-workers William D. Haywood, Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Carlo Tresca, Patrick Quinlan, Adolph Lessig, Alexander Scott, and about two hundred others, are to be tried, and, if possible, railroaded to jail on the old-stock charges of "inciting to riot," "unlawful assemblage," etc.

The silk manufacturers believe that their conviction will break the spirit of the strikers. We who are on the ground and know the temper of these men and women know that no such result would follow, but our fellow-workers must not go to jail. We have tied up the silk industry to abolish the blacklist in the mills and we will keep it tied up if necessary, to abolish this legal blacklisting.

The working class can not afford to leave its most able and active members to be punished FOR THE SOLE CRIME OF LOYALTY TO THEIR CLASS.

These men and women are guilty of no crime but that of striving to better the conditions under which their fellow workers are forced to labor, but this is the most heinous crime possible in the eyes of the ruling class, and unless the workers come to their rescue it will go hard with them.

The workers of Paterson are doing, and will do, their share. They have voted unanimously that they will not go back to work in the silk mills and dye houses of Paterson while a single one of the fellow-workers are in jail; but, there is another form of aid for which we must appeal to our fellow workers and comrades in other fields. To carry on the legal defense we must have money; we must have lots of it and we must have it quickly. It is up to you fellow-workers. Shall William D. Haywood, Alexander Scott, and two hundred other fellow-workers go to jail for long terms or shall they go free to help fight the battle of the oppressed workers of the nation in other fields? We have given our answer, we await yours.

Contributions for the defense fund should be addressed to **PATERSON STRIKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE.** MAX GRABOW, Secretary. Helvetia Hall, 56 Van Houten St., Paterson, N. J.

EMERSON'S RESIGNATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Alexandria, La., May 23, 1913. To the Officers and Members of the Second Annual Convention of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. Fellow-Workers:—

In view of the fact that I have for some time, on account of bad health, been unable to fill my place as General Organizer of this organization, also it is necessary on account of bad health that I take a vacation this summer in order to recuperate. Therefore, I tender to this body my resignation as General Organizer.

Thanking you for all favors and courtesies shown me in the past two years that I have held office. Yours for Industrial Freedom, A. L. EMERSON.

Moved and seconded that his resignation be accepted. Carried. Explanation on A. L. Emerson's resignation as general organizer of Southern District.

We, the Lumber Workers of the Southern District assembled in convention, whereas, fellow-worker, A. L. Emerson has been performing his duties as organizer for the Southern District, N. I. U. of F. & L. W. and has done the best in his power to advance the welfare of our class, and whereas he is unable to perform said duties any longer on account of his physical condition, and whereas the Southern Lumber Operators Association spread all kinds of lies hen Fellow-worker A. L. Emerson went to Alabama for his health during the months of January and February, 1913, while every member of the organization knew his whereabouts, we know that the same tactics will be employed by the said Association at this time, therefore, be it resolved, that we condemn any action that may be reflecting on the character of fellow-worker A. L. Emerson. We further resolve that the members of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. as well as the whole working class be on their guard against any direct or indirect statement made by the enemies of the working class. And we further resolve that the services of fellow-worker A. L. Emerson while working in the official capacity of this organization are appreciated by the whole organization, and all those interested in the welfare of the working class.

(Signed) PHINEAS EASTMAN, D. R. GORDON, Committee appointed by Convention. (Continued on Page 3.)

GUS MARTIN BUYS BLOOD-HOUNDS.

Just as we were ready for press, news comes from DeRidder that the Lanky Shepherd of the Bumgard Gun-toters has gone and got himself some BLOODHOUNDS. Therefore, we advise our friends the GUNMEN and DETECTIVES to be more careful in the future, TO USE DISINFECTANTS ON THEIR SHOES, else they may be caught, and the BLOOD-HOUND SHERIFF is well known to be hell on "law and order." MAYBE, though, "dear Uncle Gus" is going to use the BLOODHOUNDS on the BRITISH PLUNDERBUND, M-A-Y-B-E, to hunt out the thugs who, it is reported, murdered those 50 scabs at Merryville. But, anyway, it's a shame to force a decent, self-respecting BLOODHOUND to serve as a Lumber Trust deputy sheriff, we think, and we mean to report it to the SPARTACHIII if they are so disgraced. Also, we think it would be PERFECTLY AWFUL if some of these GUNMEN and DETECTIVES who are evidently trying to get their jobs back, should happen to miss the SAWDUST RING and, instead, tore a few big holes in "dear Uncle Gus' POCKETBOOK. Yes, Florry, it would be PERFECTLY AWFUL. What an addition to the Law and Order League. What a combination—Lumber Kings, "Democratic" Sheriffs, "Good Citizens", PREACHERS and BLOOD-HOUNDS! WHAT A CRIME AGAINST THE BLOODHOUNDS! OLD REB.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!!!

A big barbecue dinner will be given in SINGER, LA., Sunday June, the 8th, 1913.

A. L. EMERSON Will deliver a farewell address on that day and other speakers of note will also deliver addresses. Everybody invited.

Come out and hear about what is doing and what is going to be doing by your class.

COME ONE! COME ALL! Committee of Arrangements. E. P. McMICKLE, C. M. STEWART, E. L. ASHWORTH, E. E. SHAW, W. E. HOLLINGSWORTH.