

## CONVENTION ORGANIZED

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Alexandria, La., May 23, 1913.  
To the Officers and Members of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. in convention assembled.

Fellow-Workers:—  
I beg to make the following statements and recommendations:

1st. I assure this convention that had it not been for my mental and physical inability to fill my position I could not have been driven to tender my resignation. And I promise you that as soon as my health permits I will return to you and work for you as an agitator and speaker. Should it become necessary for me to remain in a higher climate, then I shall take up the work in the localities best suited for me.

2nd. We have been organized as a National body for two years this coming month. In this time we have accomplished many things. As an educator of the working people of the Southern country this organization has excelled all other organizations, not excepting the churches, schools, jails and penitentiaries.

3rd. We have accomplished the following:

- (a) We have raised wages.
- (b) We have reduced commissary prices.
- (c) We have stopped the stealing of the Flat heads scale in the woods.
- (d) We have reduced all 11 hour jobs to 10 hours.
- (e) We have reduced house rent.
- (f) We have eliminated the Bull pen as a boarding house and have caused decent beds and conditions to be installed in the camps.
- (g) All these concessions will amount to over seven million dollars in the territory in which we are organized.

4th. These concessions have been wrung from the Boss through organized power. By your solidarity and direct action you have shown to the Boss that conditions had to be changed; he acted accordingly.

5th. Now I ask you as a body of men and as individuals to do all in your power to make your organization more powerful. Agitate. Educate. Organize all the time. Organize until you have gained for yourselves and fellow-workers the right to live without the permission of any Boss.

The time must come when a worker's life in the Forest and Lumber mills will not be that of a slave, but shall be that of free men without a master. Your efforts and yours alone can accomplish this. Therefore, I beg you to awaken. Arise and on to your duty. Get into the fight and win for yourselves and fellow workers the right of a man's life in the Forest and Lumber Mills.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,  
A. L. EMERSON,  
General Organizer Southern District.

Moved and seconded that we accept the above report. Carried.  
Moved and seconded that the National Secretary Southern District shall fill the place of National Organizer Southern District until such time as the Executive Board may deem it necessary to elect a National Organizer. Carried.

### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Moved and seconded that we go into the nomination of National officers. Southern District. Carried.

### NOMINATIONS.

- For Secretary.  
Jay Smith.  
Charles Deeny  
(One to be voted for.)
- For Treasurer.  
A. L. Guillory.  
(One to be voted for.)
- For Editor of the LUMBERJACK.  
Covington Hall.  
(One to be voted for.)
- For G. E. B. Member I. W. W.  
Clarence Edwards.  
E. E. Shaw.  
M. Lambright.  
(One to be voted for.)
- For National Executive Board—Southern District. The following were nominated by the convention:  
E. L. Ashworth.  
K. H. Cooley.  
A. H. Brown.  
Lee Lovejoy.  
J. N. Phillips.  
Claude Brasher.  
W. E. Hollingsworth.  
Wm. Henry.  
D. R. Gordon.  
Mrs. F. Stevenson.  
C. Havens.  
(Five to be voted for.)
- For District Delegate to Attend the General Convention of the I. W. W.  
A. L. Emerson.  
Ed. Lehman.  
(One to be voted for.)

### SOME CONVENTION WORK.

#### THE LUMBERJACK.

Question No. 12. THE LUMBERJACK.—Moved and seconded that we

submit to the Western District of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. a proposition that THE LUMBERJACK become property of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. Carried.

#### THE MERRYVILLE STRIKE.

Report of committee on the Merryville strike situation. We the committee do recommend that the Merryville strike be continued.

We further recommend that all locals be requested to continue their support and do all in their power to raise funds for this purpose.

We further recommend that the families whose husbands are at work or have been working shall not be fed from the funds donated. Carried.

#### GROUP SYSTEM ENDORSED.

Recommendation No. 3.—We recommend that the Group System be established in each local. Moved and seconded that recommendation No. 3 be adopted. Carried.

#### RE-PRINTING CONSTITUTION.

Moved and seconded that the new constitution of N. I. U. of F. & L. W. be printed by I. W. W. Publishing Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio. Carried.

#### NOTE.

The full proceedings of the Convention will be sent to all Locals of both the Southern and Western Districts.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., May 24, 1913.  
Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

We, the Southern Lumber Workers, in convention assembled at Alexandria, La., demand of you a full and complete investigation of the conditions existing in the forests of the South, especially in the States of Louisiana and Texas, in which States we charge that the Southern Lumber Operators' Association has overthrown all law and abolished the Constitutions of both the States and the United States.

We charge that thousands of workers are being held in a practical state of peonage by lumber companies throughout the South. We charge that most of these Lumber Companies run the United States postoffices in their own towns as though they were their private property. We charge that hundreds of thousands of acres of Forests have been gotten from the State and United States Governments by the grossest frauds ever perpetrated on the people, and we demand that titles to same be contested by the National Government to the end that our commonwealth be restored to us.

We demand that the right of railroads, especially the Santa Fe system, to own sawmills and forests be looked into and contested by the Department of Justice. Lastly, we charge that a Republican form of government no longer exists in the State of Louisiana, and we demand that you exercise the authority vested in you by the Constitution and re-establish same.

This appeal we make to you because the Governor and all the authorities of Louisiana have ignored and treated with contempt our every demand for redress of the wrongs we, the workers, have suffered at the hands of the overseers of the Lumber Trust.

By order of the Convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., May 24, 1913.  
Hon. Wm. Sulzer, Governor of New York, Albany, New York:

In the name of justice and humanity we, the Southern Lumber Workers, in convention assembled, demand of you the immediate release of our fellow workers, Boccini and Legere, so unjustly convicted at Little Falls, your State.

We further demand of you a full and complete investigation of the Little Falls Authorities and the methods used by them in the trial of our fellow-workers. By order of the convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., May 24, 1913.  
Hon. Hatfield, Governor of W. Virginia, Wheeling, W. Virginia:

We, the Southern Lumber Workers, in convention assembled, denounce you, the courts and the authorities of West Virginia as on a par with the officialdom of Louisiana and Mexico; this for the outrages that have been heaped upon our fellow-workers in the mines of barbarous West Virginia.

By order of the convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., May 24, 1913.  
To the Governor of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey:

In the name of justice and humanity, we, the Southern Lumber Workers, in convention assembled demand of you the immediate release of our fellow-workers now held in jail or under indictment in the city of Paterson. We further demand of you a full and complete investigation of the methods being used by the silk manufacturers and the authorities of Pat-

erson. We demand that the persecution of our fellow-workers immediately cease. By order of the convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON,  
Secretary.

#### NIGHT LETTER.

To Fellow-Workers Haywood, Treca, Lessig, Quinlin, Gurley, Flynn, The "Two Hundred" and The Twenty-Five Thousand. Care The I. W. W., Helvetia Hall, Patterson, N. J.:

Cheers and greetings for all of you in the magnificent battle you are making in the war for the freedom of our class. Some dungeons dark or gallows grim, our wooden shoes shall conquer them! We the Southern Lumber Workers are with you in all, through all, and to the last. By order of the convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON, Sec'y.

#### NIGHT LETTER.

To Fellow-Workers Boccini and Legere, care J. S. Biscay, Postoffice Box 458 Little Falls, N. Y.

We the Southern Forest and Lumber Workers in convention assembled extend to you our deep appreciation of your splendid work done for us the working class. We are with you until the prison doors are opened by our wooden shoes or otherwise, even to the end. All honor to you, the true and brave.

By order of the convention,  
FREDONIA STEVENSON, Sec'y.

## FROM WESTERN DISTRICT

Seattle, Wash., May 2, 1913.  
Jay Smith,  
Alexandria, La.

Fellow Worker:—  
The following is a list of motions as passed by the District Executive Board which have reference to the coming convention.

"Moved and seconded that we recommend to the Southern District that the coming convention to be held at Alexandria be held for the Southern District alone as the Western District was about to be involved in a struggle on Puget Sound which will demand all the resources and energy which they are able to muster. The sending of delegates to the convention at Alexandria would involve an expenditure of finances which will be urgently needed at home.

(2) "That we recommend to the Southern District that for the present two separate District organizations be maintained on the same lines as already existing.

(3) "That we recommend to the Southern District that the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. request the G. E. B. of the I. W. W. that the two Districts of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. be allowed representation at the coming general convention as though they existed as two separate N. I. U's.

(4) "That each District elect an Executive Board of five members and that these two District Executive Boards act as a National Executive Board of the entire N. I. U.

(5) "That the amount of per capita tax which locals are to pay to their District organizations be left in the hands of each District to name.

(6) "That we recommend to the Southern District that they elect the General Executive Board member which the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. is entitled to as provided for by the general constitution.

With best wishes, I am,  
Yours for Industrial Freedom,  
FRANK R. SCHLEIS.

We, your committee on organization do accept the above proposition, and recommend it for your approval.

Moved and seconded that we take up the proposition. Seriatim. Carried.

Moved and seconded that article No. 2 be adopted. Carried.

Moved and seconded that we amend article No. 3, to read as follows: We recommend to the G. E. B. of the I. W. W. that the Western District of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. be given representation at the coming General Convention of the I. W. W. according to per capita tax paid to General Headquarters as if they had attended the Second Annual Convention of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. at Alexandria, La., May 19th, 1913. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Article 3 as amended be adopted. Carried.

Article No. 4.—Moved and seconded that Article 4 be adopted. Carried.

Article 5.—Moved and seconded that Article 5 be adopted. Carried.

Article 6.—Moved and seconded that Article 6 be adopted. Carried.

Article 7.—Moved and seconded that we forward referendum ballot to Headquarters of the Western District of the N. I. U. of F. & L. W. for the election of the G. E. B. member of the I. W. W. Carried.

Moved and seconded that committee No. 1. A. be discharged. Carried.

## DE RIDDER BACKS OFF

Ordinance Against Speaking On Streets Repealed by Council.

This ordinance passed two months ago to prohibit public speaking on the streets of the town. Its enactment was brought about by a protest from the Citizens' League against A. L. Emerson, of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, speaking on the streets for fear his continued agitation would incite riot.

A wrangle ensued when the repeal of ordinance 99 was brought up. On one side Mayor Pressley and Aldermen Buel, Cain and Terry, were contending that the ordinance was unconstitutional and that if it wasn't repealed the town would likely sooner or later get a damage suit on its hands, as it was rumored that the constitutionality was going to be tested.

On the other side, Aldermen Love and Collins argued that the repeal of the ordinance might endanger the peace of the community and for that reason they opposed the proposed action. Alderman Collins retired before the vote was taken. Love remained and cast the only vote against the other three voting for the repeal.—From "the Lumber Trust's Schreecher," alias "The N. O. Item," of May 25th.

#### LUMBERJACK COMMENT.

First, there is nothing like shooting the boss in the pocket-book to get "justice." Second, there never was and is not the slightest doubt about our intention of testing these infamous anti-free-speech and assembly "ordinances" and "proclamations." We have not the slightest intention of "respecting" or "obeying" any such "laws" and will violate the last one of them in our own good time. Which declaration let the "Mayors" and Cockroaches of the penonities of LEESVILLE and MERRYVILLE can note and take well to heart, for we mean to have and hold our "inalienable rights" if we've got to bust the last one of you to hold them.

Third, there is no law under the sun that compels any real man to "call in" "Doctor" Love or to trade with "Mister" Collins and all true-blue lumberjacks have a right to complain that Collins' hardware and tools are no good, and nobody but a fool will act against his own interest and the interests of his class, says Red Nufsed.

#### NOW HIT LEESVILLE.

Now, you workingmen and working farmers, turn your guns on the POCKET-BOOKS of LEESVILLE'S COCKROACHES and shoot them empty. LAW and ORDER must prevail—OUR law and OUR order, the law of HUMANITY and DEMOCRACY.

Don't Be A PEON—Be A MAN.  
HIT LEESVILLE—Hit it hard.

#### LEGERE RAILROADED.

On May 21st, a "jury of his peers" (?) found Ben Legere, as another such "jury" had already found our Fellow-worker, Boccini, guilty of "inciting a police and detective made riot. After Legere had made an address that astonished his hearers and especially the kept press Higgoner handed him the following juicy gem of "impartial justice."

Judge Bell reminded the prisoner that he had had a fair trial by a jury, no member of which was in any way connected with the mill owners. "We have a statute in this state that must be obeyed," said the court. "If anyone else, no matter who, violates that statute, he must be punished. The sentence of the court is that you be sentenced at hard labor at Auburn prison for a period not less than one year and not more than one year and three months."

The whole assertion is a lie; a lie that he had had a "fair trial;" a lie that the jury was in "no way connected with the mill owners;" a lie that the "statute must be obeyed, no matter who violates" it—all a lie, and Higgoner knew and knows it—knows that Boccini and Legere were railroaded by as damnable a Perjurer-bund as ever cursed the earth. But a lying and unjust Judge but hurries on Revolution. Ten more men are in jail and one in the hospital awaiting "trial" on the same charges. It is up to you, Fellow-workers, to see that these, our brothers are not "convicted" and that Auburn's doors never close on Boccini and Legere.

Into your wooden shoes!  
On to the rescue!

#### ARISE!

WORKINGMEN AND WORKING FARMERS, INTO ACTION!  
ON WITH THE JEHAD OF LABOR!  
ON WITH THE PROPAGANDA OF THE GENERAL STRIKE!!

## THE HIGHER ART.

An artist who was employed to re-touch a large painting in an old church in Belgium, rendered a bill for \$67.30. The church trustees, however, required an itemized bill and the following was duly presented, audited and paid:

Correcting the Ten Commandments .....	\$ 5.12
Renewing Heaven, adjusting stars .....	7.14
Touching up Purgatory and restoring lost souls .....	3.06
Brightening up the flames of hell, putting new tail on the devil, and doing odd jobs for the damned .....	7.14
Putting new stone in David's sling, enlarging the head of Goliath .....	6.13
Mending the shirt of the Prodigal Son and cleaning his ears .....	3.39
Embellishing Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons on his bonnet .....	3.02
Putting a new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb .....	2.20
Re-pluming and re-guiding left wing of Guardian Angel .....	5.18
Washing the servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his cheek .....	5.02
Taking the spots off the son of Tobias .....	10.30
Putting earrings in Sarah's ears .....	5.26
Decorating Noah's Ark and putting head on Shem .....	4.31
	\$67.30

## LUNACY AT LARGE.

The Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate of the United States having met on the private yacht of Vincent Astor in New York Harbor, one Robert F. Broussard, United States Senator from Louisiana, was loosed upon the members and proceeded to utter a wild whoop on the subject of the old flag and an appropriation for battleships.

In the course of this effort he laid down the new and startling doctrine that the American navy must not only be big but bigger than the navies of Europe.

"International peace," said Mr. Broussard, "will never be realized until the United States adopts a naval program that will push our navy ahead of the navies of Europe and keep it there. And that President who adopts and prosecutes such a policy will be heralded by the country and the world as a greater world-benefactor than either Washington or Lincoln."

It is recorded that this bedlam utterance moved the committee to "applaud to the echo."

Mr. Vincent Astor must provide a powerful kind of liquor on board his palatial yacht. If it were not so one must hope the yacht did not cruise too close to the World's Island asylum lest the 5,500 saner inmates there should with one voice yell, "Come inside!"

If the United States were to multiply forty fold its present expenditures for war-vessels it could not accomplish the purpose thus set forth by this curious maniac that the committee "applauded to the echo."

Congressman Moore's proposal to fumigate the Capital seems inadequate. It should also be provided with padded cells and a staff of alienists.

But a plain American might like to know why a committee of the Senate meets on Vincent Astor's yacht.—Charles Edward Russel in "The Coming Nation."

#### "OILY BOB."

When you know "Oily Bob," comrade, and know that all his little life he has been a pet of the Lumber Kings and Sugar Barons, that he himself is now immensely wealthy and is said to be heavily interested in Mexican "concessions" (?) and lands, all made out of politics, his big gun talk went sound so lunaticky, for "Oily Bob," like all his kind, are getting badly scared at the world-wide revolt of the workers and are working overtime to mow it down with cannon. But be of good cheer, for the more men they draft into the armies the more dangerous becomes their position, for the armies are of the workers, and always have returned to the workers when the tocsin sounded for the NEW AGE.

Let them arm us, that's what we say—that's what we want. We are tired of "peace at any price."

## LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

A BAY MARE. Branded on the shoulder with a Triangle, and on Jaw with Inverted Hook. Weight, 600 pounds, 4 years old. I will pay reasonable reward for return.

D. W. ELLIS, D-Ridder, La.