

Fruit Trust Coolies Rebel

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rested in this case as no UNION MEN were involved and the Fruit Trust badly needed the strike-breakers. The city authorities passed it up to the Federal authorities, and the Federal authorities handed it to the authorities of Plaquemines parish and those authorities passed it on and on and on and on. It was a regular Alphonse and Gaston program carried on in the most approved stage-style. "Law and Order" is a wonderful thing, my son.

WESTERN LOCALS NOTICE: If a good Chinese rebel could be gotten among these men they might be organized and pulled off on strike.

Open Letter.

New Orleans, La., July 22, 1913.

Hon. W. B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C.:

Your Excellency—On yesterday, the 21st, the first batch of Chinese strike-breakers was brought into this port by the United Fruit Co. They were brought in on the Southern Pacific steamship Comus. The ship reached port with all its officers under arms. Four Coolies had been wounded, one mortally, by the officers in an alleged "mutiny" (the Chinese were passengers, so we fail to see how they could "mutiny") which the officers said occurred about forty miles down the River. One Chinaman was sent to the hospital and the rest, handcuffed two and two together were turned over to the United Fruit Co.

We demand that you investigate this "mutiny" of passengers and challenge the right of the Fruit Trust to nullify the Nation's labor laws by dodging behind the British flag.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. PARKS,

Secy. L. U. No. 7, Marine Transport Workers, I. W. W.

Merryville Notes.

Well, I am going to tell some few truths about conditions here. My mind goes back this morning to the time when Beecher was engineer and slept on the job. Hoffman was shipping clerk, an inefficient one; and Dave Sargent, who loved to blow the whistle so well, they were all fired.

When the men went on strike here that bunch of degenerates came sailing back and, because the company could get no men to work, they took them into their little pen again and let them work. The point is this, when they can do no better they work such suckers, when they have served their purpose out they go.

Sargent is fired again as I told him he would; he now is a counter jumper in the company store waiting for another strike so he can scab some more. One of the blacksmiths who worked all through the strike told me "he lived and learned;" confessed he did wrong and all that. Some see the errors of their ways alright.

Conditions are getting worse every day. Jim Meadows asked to have the wall taken down from around the mill. Jim Estes replied that that wall would stay there as long as he was Superintendent. Who knows how long that will be? He further stated that white men were not needed now; that he would have this town so black that people would have to have lanterns to see how to go about in the day time. That is what has caused dissention between the American Lumber Company and the G. C. L.

The "citizens" have houses to rent and transfer teams, and the niggers live in the bullpen and, so, these houses are turned over to the goats and no rent paid. The niggers have teams, too, so the "citizens" horses are eating their heads off, and the company don't seem to care. Something wrong with the little merchants too; they claim they are not getting trade enough to pay rent, except Mr. Nichols, who runs the Rouse Racket Store; he says he "can't tell any difference;" that is because he played the man all through our struggle for the workingman's rights. They all see now who profited and who lost, and why. Kinney Reid, Jr., and J. S. Laster had

a little chat not knowing that a third party was near. Now it seems that Laster wants to get out of Merryville, but he is afraid it will be merrier outside than in town, especially DeQuincey. So they have a little plot on foot that does credit to their brains. They propose to fix DeQuincey, so they are to have a bunch get on the train somewhere above there, send one man into the front coach, the rest to remain concealed, and when some one in DeQuincey attempts to beat him up the whole bunch will pile out and mob him. Very nice plan, but it won't work.

By some accident or other, a train of fire came from the woods last week. We don't know how loaded logs could get on fire, and a scab that works in the woods told me that more logs burned in the woods that were cut in the mill.

Well, all Locals remember the Big Labor Day Barbecue in Merryville and come and have a good time. Speaking and everything that's good to eat.

Yours to win,

RED FRED.

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To all Secretaries and Members, N. I. U. of F. and L. W. of the I. W. W., Southern District:

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Cravens Notes.

This is how scabs are treated at Cravens, La., and it is good medicine for such lobsters. In and around Cravens water melons have gone sky high on the scabs as has all other produce. Small melons, weighing only 10 to 15 pounds, sell in the commissary at \$1.10 and up, I am told. The company buys same at 25 cents a piece by the wagon load.

A scab or any one else who pays \$1.10 for a melon, I say he is too green to burn until he's kiln dried, unless it weighed something like 100 pounds. But, you may talk to a lobster but you can't make him understand English.

There is a certain woods foreman who, if you could see him drive in after a few days' absence, you would think the son of the "Prodigal Son" had returned. That is why the slaves have no money—the Prodigal Sons get it all.

Why don't you lumberjacks make up and get in the Union? If there's anything better than Union, it's more UNION. Unity is all we need. So all who work, come in and join hands with your class. Be men. Be I. W. W's. Don't scab on the union that's going to win and soon.

Yours for all true Union men only,
J. R. STROTHER.

Ipswich Strikers Evicted.

Ipswich, Mass., July 15, 1913.

The mill owners suddenly got busy yesterday morning and began to evict strikers from company houses. All day long the company tools sweated over the household goods which they had to carry out into the streets. In one house the strikers left a good fire in the cook stove. The mill agents had an awful time getting the hot stove out of the house. They burned their hands and cursed while the strikers looked on and laughed. By evening 35 grown people and a dozen little children were in the streets with their poor belongings.

Before this moving was finished for the day, the town authorities served notices on the strikers. To remove their goods from the street. The workers only laughed at the order and made it very plain that they would not touch a thing and would hold the town responsible.

That evening the evicted strikers laid out their blankets on the street and made ready to sleep on the ground. The town officials came round attempting to frighten the workers away, but the strikers refused to scare a bit. Then to prevent the town people from seeing the spectacle, the street lights were turned off. The strikers promptly lit their oil lamps and a whole block of household goods was illuminated drawing attention to the people sleeping on top. The mayor and other officials returned and pleaded with the strikers not to humiliate the town by sleeping out, but no one paid the least attention to these fellows. About eleven o'clock in the evening the street lights were turned on again and the strikers put out their lamps to save the fuel for other nights.

On Tuesday the authorities did everything possible to get the strikers to remove the goods in order that the town would not have to stand the damages. The strikers were too wise for this and refused to move anything. So a whole block is littered with goods.

Stoves have been set up on the street on which the strikers are cooking their meals, eating on the street as best they can. Fires are kept burning in the stoves all day. When scabs or any specials come along the usual fuel is suddenly changed to rubber and rags. Then the authorities kick, the strikers explain that it is the best fuel they can afford under the circumstances. The wind was favorable and some scabs nearly choked while passing.

Last night all the little children slept on top of the piles where every one could see them. Some of the citizens came along and wanted to take the little ones away and give them shelter. The mothers refused, stating that if eviction was their lot, their children would also learn by it and be able to profit in the future. All day long curious people from other towns came to view the evicted people sleeping and eating on the street.

The authorities are up in the air and do not know what to do. The plan was to evict the strikers and see them haul

their goods away and make room for more goods which would be thrown into the street. The refusal to move has put a different phase on the matter. To put more goods in the narrow street means to shut off traffic. The mill owners seem to be stupefied at the solidarity of the strikers who are only laughing over the affair. At the same time the bosses are getting ready to evict all the rest of the strikers. Notices have been served already and to-morrow is the day on which the job is to be finished. It is a puzzle where the goods will be piled, unless they are carried to another street.

The only thing lacking here is funds to carry on the struggle. The strikers have an abundance of determination and courage, but they need food to carry on the fight. They are willing to eat and sleep in the street or anything else, if funds can be sent in to feed them. All money should be sent to Ipswich Defense League, Box 282, Ipswich, Mass. IPSWICH STRIKE COMMITTEE.

Bohemian and Slovak Fellow-workers

AND ALL OTHERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

Our press committee has been busy and is doing fine. Our last meeting was attended by all members and each one reported some progress towards the launching of our new official organ in the Bohemian language. We have already succeeded in getting free of cost the type and other printing material. But there will be the expenses of moving this material to Solidarity's plant, where the printing will be done, also the cost of paper, postage and advertising to be provided for.

Now we want to start this paper at once, but have only \$50.00 in the treasury of press committee which is not sufficient. As the paper will run on a losing basis until firmly established in the glorious field of discontentment under the Star Spangled Flag. We know that neither the General Office or Solidarity can help out with finances at this time. But we do know that the rank and file can and think that it won't be too much to ask each Local to do something and send some money this way. Anything will be accepted from one cent up. Remember that this is the first appeal sent out by us from this city and if the fellow-rebels see the worth of it send in your answer at once. Just as soon as we get on a good footing financially we will let you know when the first issue of the new fighter is coming out. In a few days the sub blanks will be out and then we will hustle as never before. So all together now, let us pull the wheel of Education.

Address all contributions and requests for more information and sub blanks to,

STANLEY MATHIAS,

Secy. Bohemian Press Committee.
4823 Dakota St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Lynch Law Incited in Seattle by Secretary of Navy Daniels

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though, is the fact that the Yellow Socialists and Starvationists were stung.

We have no news from Seattle rebels, however, and withhold further comment until same is received.

Still a Nation's army turned into a mob by its commanding officer is nothing even for the United Trusts of America to be proud of and, as "The Times-Democrat" insinuates, *the I. W. W. ought to be punished*—because Secretary Daniels mistook "liberty for license," we guess. But that's just like us—always causing some editor or politician to make a damphool of himself.

All the naval officers were "dancing" and the police officers "smilingly" looked on while the patriotism was rioting, is the report. Nero fiddled while Rome was burning and Louis the Sixteenth also danced.

Somebody once said: "You shall not press down on labor's brow this crown of thorns you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

Up and on with the Crimson banner of INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY!

'PORTLAND BORDERS ON DOMESTIC WAR.'

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"Twenty-five Industrial Workers and Socialists are in the county jail charged with making incendiary speeches."

The above press dispatch appeared in our "white supremacy" papers of the 20th. We have no news from Portland up to going to press and suppose the rebels are too busy whipping the lawless authorities back within the law to send letters on telegrams, but we don't guess we'll miss it for when we guess that the keepers of the keys to the boys' bathrooms in the Y. M. C. A. are back of this glorious outburst of patriotism on the part of the flag mobocracy.

Lynch law and policemen's clubs are sure a splendid method of inducing people to "love and respect flag." It's great! It hammers the REBELLION into SOLIDARITY. It wakes "the common people" up faster than ever, a million agitators could. On with the propaganda of the NECESSITY for a SOCIAL REVOLUTION, O my masters!

Late Ball News.

The latest news from Ball's front is a lockout of the trackmen due to a "bum" boarding house.

All workers are requested to keep away from this mill and woods. An advance of wages has been made in some departments, and a two weeks' pay day is the next victory.

Remembers "That an injury to one is an injury to all." Organize, Organize, Organize.

Duplicate of a of a discharge recently handed a trackman at Ball's front:

"7-22-13. Ball, La.

"Sweet Home Lbr. Co., Please pay the bearer O. C. Chandler in full discharged on account not boarding at Co. House.

WM. CROOM,
4 man Steel gang."

Yours to win,
7-23-13

J. WILLIAMSON.

San Francisco M. T. W.

Local Union No. 9 of M. and T. W. held their first meeting on July 17, 1913, with 23 members present. We elected F. W. John Dowe temporary secretary and initiated five new members.

The question of employing an organizer came up, but members were against it, believing that agitation on the job is more effective.

We have very few home guards, we are mostly sailors and firemen that go away for months; but as soon as all the men belonging to the mixed Locals along the coast transfer to us we can accomplish more. There are quite a few Spanish F. W. among us. There are three transport Locals on this coast now, so you see there are at least some of the slaves waking up.

Yours for the revolution,

JOHN DOWE,
Temporary Secretary.

Pope's Guards Rebel.

According to press dispatches the Swiss guards of the Vatican rebelled on the 22d instant, when their "demands" were refused. Three of the leaders were "expelled," it is stated, and others "left." Those leaving were accompanied to the gates by their comrades to the tune of the Marseillaise and shouts of "Viva Garibaldi!"

The Vatican was compelled to call in the Italian police and so ended its claim to "temporal sovereignty."

The Old Order is already dead. INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY IS THE ONLY HOPE OF THE RACE.

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All except Three Seamen Discharge.

All except three of Seamen charged with rioting against Fruit Trust were discharged late Thurs. evening. Prego, Oelta and Perez still held, however; on charges of shooting at and carrying concealed weapons.