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A WORD TO SOUTHERN LUMBERJACKS.

It is not our intention to say what is being done at other locals, neither is it our intention to say what they will do in the future. But we want to say for the good of the whole Southern District that Local 275 has this to say; we are already organized. At our last business meeting, which was Friday night Nov. 14th, we initiated 11 new members. This leaves only 6 more workers on the job to organize before we have a solid membership of all who work on the job.

Now right here, fellow-workers, let us tell you that the secret of organizing is simple. This work of organizing must be done on the job, and it must be done by the workers themselves. We waited for some time, depending on some leader to come into our local and do this work, but in this we were disappointed, for we soon found out that organization depended on the common consent of the workers before this work could be done.

We began to talk among ourselves, there were about 15 of us, we discussed the matter, then agreed to form plans of our own, we did so and held a meeting of just a few members and formed our own local plans by which to go about this work.

We adopted a plan to let each member become an organizer. And receive one months' dues for each applicant he brought in. This method of work gives new courage and inspiration in the work.

Since adopting this plan of organizing we have increased our membership from 15 to 111 members and that within the last few months. We have had all the theories we need for a while, we have helped to fight all important battles that we could in the past, and we are going to continue more so than ever. But first and most important of all questions is organization on a systematic basis.

In certain localities it may be a little difficult at first to find a plan under which to start this organization work, but if four or five members will get their heads together and work out their own plan and go to it, they will succeed, and without any leader except their own leadership. We have found out that "leadership," unless it is always on the job is "misleadership."

Local 275 is composed of workers who claim to be small farmers, we own our little patches, and while some members of our families work the little farms, the other members work in the Lumber Industry and make up the whole crew of workers at the Camps. And right here, let us appeal to all you little self-employed farmers in and around the Lumber Industry, the future was never brighter for success in this work.

Most of you have kin folks working at every mill and camp in the South, we are all suffering alike from over-work and under pay. Now, if you at other Camps and mills will adopt the same or similar plans as adopted by Local 275, the I. W. W. will grow faster and on a more permanent basis than ever before. Don't say that it can't be done. Don't say "they wont stick." Don't say "I'll wait and see." Just come on the job at Local 275 and we will "cite you." We will show you a solid crew of I. W. W. Lumberjacks. We will "cite you" to a crew that organized themselves. We will "cite you" to a crew that has complete job-control." And we want to say right here, that if you starving Lumberjacks ever expect to get any more of the good things of life it can only be done through the workers on the job.

We have had two strikes in which the Lumberjacks were successful this summer. Success is our motto. Victory is our "Hero." Solidarity is our "Leader." All others are fakes. We have not quit. No, we have just started. We have raised wages, we have got a taste of better conditions, we have become more anxious than ever to get more. We have job control, and yet we are not satisfied, no, nor never will be until we get the full products of our labor and stop the system that allows a set of "shirkers" living at the expense of the "workers."

Yours for the I. W. W.

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THE SABOTEUR.

By Ed. Lehman.

"Say, 'Good Boss,' that fellow working yonder is an agitator, an undesirable citizen and a desperate character for he belongs to the I. W. W., and he advised me last night to join the ONE BIG UNION and DEMAND my rights, and he told me that you were robbing me out of four-fifths of what I produced." So spoke the company sucker, the modern Judas of the working class, to the Boss. "Alright," says the Boss, "I will discharge him." The accused generally gets his discharge, (unless the Boss is short handed) down the pike he goes singing and rejoicing because he lost a master. The Boss smiles and says, "Rid of one more of those fellows that know too much." But, lo and behold this accused fellow worker had some class conscious friends on the job the Boss did not know about. In about three or four days, up comes Mr. Sucker with the cry that his saw is killing him. "It pulls like hell and wont cut," is his cry. He ditches his saw and buys a new one, but in two or three days the same old story, "it will not cut and pulls like hell." The consequences are Mr. Sucker goes down the road worked half to death, but a whole lot wiser. Now, "Murder! help!" hollers the onery Boss, "something is wrong with my machinery, it will not run," and, instead of saying the working class will not use Saotage for it is lawless and unchristian like, he says, "If they do not quit using it I will be broke soon." That is the way of the Saboteur, the class conscious worker who considers the concern of one, the concern of all. He has not forgot the blacklist, he has not forgot the abuse you heaped upon him, my masters, nor he never will until you will wear the clothes of a working man, and do useful labor, and be of some benefit to society. It is Sabotage against the blacklist, it is Sabotage against your peonage and bull pens, it is Sabotage against your whole rotten system. It is a fight for the right to live, it is a fight for freedom. On with the fight! Turn the Sab Cats loose! So said the Saboteur who is class conscious.

Southern District Demands

Wage Scale for Loggers and Saw Mill Workers.
Join the One Big Union.

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

National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers, Southern District.

Demands:

We demand an eight-hour day.

We demand that eight hours be the working day from calling out in the morning until return at night.

We demand abolition of discount system.

We demand that all men shall be hired from Union Hall.

We demand that \$2.50 per day, or \$50.00 per month and board, shall be the minimum wage for all employes in the logging or railroad camps.

We demand 75 cents per thousand, or \$4.00 per day per man, 11,000 feet to constitute a day's work, for log cutting, stumps 36 inches high.

We demand a 50 per cent. increase in the pay of Tie Makers, Stave Mill, Turpentine, Rosin and all other workers in the Lumber Industry and its by-product industries.

We demand that overtime and Sunday work shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

We demand that injured workmen be given immediate attention.

GET BUSY!

Begin Organizing NOW and make a report each month of members in good standing at each Local and the vote of all UNION and NON-UNION workers, white and colored, native born or foreign in favor of these demands, and a GENERAL STRIKE to enforce them. DOWN WITH PEONAGE!

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General Strike Threatened In England.

JIM LARKIN FREE.

Larkin was sentenced to 7 months in jail. He served only 17 days, because the workers throughout England held thousands of protest meetings. The government dared not keep him. The workers asked why their leader was in jail for rebellious utterances, when the lords of Ulster that rebelled against the government were free, besides that the strikes spread as soon as Jim was sentenced, to such an extent that Dublin was almost cut off from the rest of the world.

When Jim came out, thousands upon thousands of workers were gathered to receive him and carried him in triumph to liberty hall. But no hall could hold the mass of people, and he had to speak from the balcony to them on the street. He said:

"The government made a big mistake when it arrested me, but it made yet a bigger mistake when it set me free. In a few hours I go to England to plant the flaming cross. In a few days a general strike shall begin not only in Ireland, but throughout Britain."

The workers in England are already thoroughly aroused, according to the latest information, the workers look upon their conservative labor leaders as their deadly enemies in cahoot with the capitalists, and have decided to act for themselves. In fact being forced to do so on account of threatened lockout. 100,000 spinners are to be thrown out in the textile industry by the bosses, which will make about a million workers jobless. The clothing industry all over the world has gone down on account of the style that strips the women of their ancient superfluous clothing, and the bosses want to keep up their dividends at the expense of the workers by disciplining them in lockouts. But the workers in other industries threaten to make sympathy strikes. The railroad workers and miners may make common cause, and the London dockers are threatening to strike again. Even the police in London are touched by the proletarian spirit and have formed a policemen's union with a membership of two thousand, and have a program that demands their neutrality under strikes. So that they shall not be forced to shoot down the strikers. This is certainly a hopeful sign. The policemen are the workers sons, why should they not be subject to the workers influences? The workers all over the world should try to get the police with them. The police are only poor, despised workers forced to do the dirty work of the capitalists. Let us teach them how to Sabotage that work.

Religion and the Class-Struggle.

The proletariat of Ireland is strongly permeated with the Catholic Religion, and under the priests' dominance. Even Jim Larkin is a Catholic. His utterances, such as the FLAMING CROSS, shows that he is strongly permeated by religion. In fact, it is here he has got his hold on the Irish proletariat. But now witness: The English workers loyally aided the workers in Dublin in their struggle, and when a call was sent out for the workers to take the strikers' children, hundreds of English workers offered their homes to the little ones.

But now came the priests with the explanation that the childrens' souls were in danger of being lost by being sent into Protestant homes, even into Socialist homes. Think of it! These black foxes went from house to house to work upon the minds of the workers, and used the national hatred that has always existed between England and Ireland and their religious fanaticism to prevent the little ones being sent away to escape suffering and starvation.

A Miss Rand with fifty children went to Kings-town to get a boat for England. There she was shamelessly treated and arrested. A Miss Montefiore that in Dublin sought to take 300 children to England was also arrested. Both Miss Rand and Miss Montefiore were arrested for child robbery. A procession of religious fanatics blocked the way

to the water-front where the children must pass, and the strikers tried to get them through, but were prevented by the police. It is said that the priests' work is done under the influence of the employers, while the greater part of the strikers are good Catholics.

Thus in the class-struggle the workers learn by experience what the church and priests stand for, which is the only way they can learn in Ireland, at least, and to a great extent all over the world. But once they learn, they will not forget.

So that while every informed worker knows the role the church is playing, and hates it like poison, he knows that it cannot help the cause by beginning to antagonize his fellow-workers on that point. They will not listen to him with their heads full of superstition. A human being is never surer of anything than that which he has been taught ever since he can remember by beings that everybody look up to with reverence. Begin by showing him the injustice of his relationship in society, where he as a producing member is deprived of everything except the barest necessities, while the non-producers have all the good things in life. And when the class-struggle breaks out, the priests are forced to show their hands and in whose service they are. Religion and politics are two faithful brothers of the ruling class, and both are wolves in sheep-clothing, always smirking and smiling to keep the workers peaceful slaves. One tells us that all glory and power come out of heaven; the other chant that all glory and power come out of the parliament, just send me and my party to parliament for you have no power of yourselves, prattles the latter. Nay, for the workers to deny that absurdity of the politician—is an anarchistic treason, just as it is inspired by the devil himself for the worker to deny that God has anything to do with his slavery. Fight alone will show those two fellows up in their true light, for both of them have to stand by the state for law and order and God. All figments of imagination erected to keep the workers down. The state disappears when the workers comradeship ignores the state lines, and law, all law against the workers is null and void the day that they refuse to recognize it, and God is only a dead lord stuck up in heaven as a complement to the landlord and moneylord here on earth. When the moneylords and landlords disapper so do their shadow in the sky. The workers' God is nature that responds to their every touch of hand and brain, and lavishes all its richness, beauty and wonder on them, the moment that they can take the horrible lies, fears and superstition out of their mind, for at that moment they know that they are free—that the race is free. Therefore, on with the class-fight, instead of religious and political discussions.

As syndicalists we declare our neutrality to all religious and political parties. We are proletarian warriors on the economic field. In that war alone can we unmask our enemies, giving each other perfect freedom to believe in any and all things. All we ask is that they stand by us to fight for economic justice, to build upon a non-beaurocratic basis the foundation of a new society.

CAROLINE NELSON.

NOTE:—As to the "Flaming Cross," we Southerners clearly understand Jim Larkin's meaning. He is speaking in the ancient mother tongue to us, and not as the priests and preachers speak. We understand—it is the soul of the Clansmen calling the sleeping workers into battle. We will answer, soon we will come.

C. H.

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