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MIGHT IS RIGHT

## THE SOCIAL WAR.

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** Rebels report that the last issues of THE VOICE showing up the dirty work and persecutions of the "Law and Order" mafia caused a stir in that community of consumptive robbers. "Sheriff" Tobin is said to have had a bad fit of hydrophobia and every manhunter in the alleged civilized state of Texas swore THE VOICE was a liar. By the time we get thru with these hellions they will be shown up to all the world in their true colors. They will yet learn that the rebel press is a power to be reckoned with even by the werewolves that infest the deserts of Texas. Here is one form of juicy graft put over on the fool taxpayers of Texas by their guardians, the politicians. Says one of the rebels: "The fee system keeps the San Antonio jail full all the time. Some are put in with the most flimsy evidence ever put against a man to keep him in jail. But, the Persecuting Attorney gets \$25 for each indictment; \$50 is the most he gets for a conviction, from that on down; \$15 for a habeas corpus proceeding. Here is an example of how the taxpayers are flimflammed: A salesman of "Blue Sky" had thirteen indictments returned against him and one of these human money grabbers (Lawyers) turned in fifteen habeas corpus, costing the county \$16 on each case for the Persecuting Attorney, and \$5 each case for the Judge. They sent to St. Louis for this man and up to date this case has cost the county \$3,000, with no earthly chance of conviction. "It is no wonder that all the "authorities" of Texas are so strong for "law and order." There is nothing like raising a hue and cry against somebody else when it is wished to distract attention. The boys in San Antonio go to "trial" (?) January 1st, so now or never is the hour to aid them. Here is from another letter: "Jesus Gonzalez who was convicted in Cotulla, Texas, has been kept in his cell for 5 to 6 days on a stretch, his jailors not even opening the door and passing in his food on a plate; all the light he sees is thru a hole 3 inches in diameter. This is a savage twentieth century." It surely is. General Sherman once said, "If I owned Hell and Texas, I would rent Texas and live in Hell," and Sherman knew what Hell was for he is the same man who said, "War is hell," and proved it. YOU, it is up to you rebels to save these victims from the Huertaistas of Texas.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.,** McKelvey, Loux and Wilmont of the M. T. W. were to go up on Dec. 19 for "sentence" for assaulting some scabs. Here is an account of Mc's. assault on a policeman: "During the strike (of the Longshoremen and Boatmen) I was going down to one of the piers at the foot of Reed St. I was met by a police sergeant whose name is Joseph Peoples, and who refused to permit me to go further. After questioning his right for awhile I was placed under arrest. When in his hands he proceeded to manhandle me, which caused me to fall to the ground face forward. All this time he held me by the shoulder with his left hand and, when I went to the ground, he very readily applied the blackjack. I for a time lay on the ground unconscious, entirely at the mercy of the thug. On recovering my senses I found myself lying in the middle of the street at the end of a pile of iron. I then made a request to be permitted to sit up. This Peoples endeavored to deny. After the first attempt to extricate myself from the position he held me in, which was (he is a man over 6 feet tall and weighs about 275 pounds) by keeping his knee on my back and, when I raised my head, he would proceed to ram it into the ends of the iron with the entire force of his hands. When I was booked at the police station, the charge of "inciting to riot" was entered; later this was changed to "assault and battery." I was convicted and sentenced to 60 days in jail." This is not the case the boys were to go up for sentence on the 19th., but these cases are about on a par with the one described. But glory to the God of Rebels, here is the way Mc. ends his letter: "Our real crime is our success in raising wages and making better conditions in general. The bosses want to break us. The men are organized and fighting to maintain the Union. We will come out of this stronger than ever. They, the bosses, started the ball rolling. We will keep it going and more and better organizations will result."

**LOS ANGELES, Cal.** Dec. 26th., according to press dispatches, the unemployed gathered in the plaza of Los Angeles to demand relief. The police assaulted the assembly, injured hundreds of workers and killed one man. The City Council and "Welfare Committee" exonerated the police, as usual. The starving asked for bread; they were given cold steel and lead. Listen unto me, O ye Councils and Committees, the day is when ye shall answer for your crimes and your Masters with you for even so did the French "Nobility" turn loose the "wrath of oGd" upon themselves and on their "order."

**WHEATLAND, Cal.** The bestial reign of terror inaugurated by the hellions of the Hop Kings and managed by the infamous Burns Detective Agency will be flowering into perfection when this paper reaches you. With all the sickening mockery called a "trial under the law," the doomed men will be brought into court during the first part of January, there to go thru the gastly farce of a "fair and impartial trial" at the hands of merciless and vengful foes. One of the victims has already been third-degreed into suicide, another into insanity, and still another to attempt to take his life, and yet the Constitution of the U. S. "guarantees" against all "unusual and barbarous punishments." Listen, Hiram Johnson and ALL you damned "Reformers," YOU are but the Girondists of the Social Revolution, you, too, shall have your wild St. Just—you damned fat-bellied, smug-self-righteous Pharisees, the curse of Liberty be upon you!

Saboteurs! for every ounce of torture inflicted on the victims of Wheatland, take you a ton of gold out of the pockets of the Hop Kings! In the meantime, back the Defense Committee in every way and by every means in your power.

**CALUMET, Mich.** President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners was brutally slugged, dragged thru the streets, shot in the shoulder and then deported from Hancock by a mob of "Citizen Leaguers" and Copper Mine Officers and henchmen. Moyer said that when the mob carried him from the hotel to the station last night, Dec. 26th., James McNaughton, general manager and vice-president of the Calumet and Hecla mines, drove up and said to him: "You get out of this country forever. If you ever come back I'll hang you." This was the REAL government speaking, just as the despised I. W. W. has tried to tell it to President Moyer, and this was the language it used to him despite his mealy mouthed speeches thru out the Strike Zone. We hope that President Moyer will heed well the lesson and be less slow in the future to join in the hue and cry raised by the enemies of labor against the hated I. W. W., for, behold, the Capitalist Class has proclaimed open war upon the Working Class and death to every Union that in any manner stands in its way. All President Moyer's talk of being "fair" to the employers cannot change this grim and bitter truth with which the Preamble of the I. W. W. opens: "The Working Class and the Employing Class have NOTHIN IN COMMON."

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** A free speech fight is on in this Middle Class Heaven and Working Class Hell. An appeal for MEN and what financial help that can be given has just been received from the I. W. W. Committee. The chief of police is banking on not enuf I. W. W.'s. answering the call in order to carry thru his attempted suppression. Eighty-five men are now in jail. None of the funds are being used for lawyers, and will not be, says the Committee. The men in jail are conducting the fight. Sooner or later both Kansas City and Denver must be conquered or broke. The fight was brought on by the arrest of five members of L. U. 61 and the handing to them of 200 days on the Municipal Farm for holding a meeting in behalf of the Wheatland victims. The capitalists are class-conscious, alright, also THEY practice DIRECT ACTION and SABOTAGE. Nuf sed. Address J. P. Cannon, Secretary No. 61, 1022 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

J. STEINER, NOTICE.

Please communicate with Sectary of Local 45, Vancouver, B. C., at once.

A UNOION OF UNIONS—this we MUST have, this MUST be accomplished, with our "leaders" co-operation if possible, without it if not, for, for the Working Class, it is UNIVERSAL UNITY OR UNIVERSAL SLAVERY. This is no hour for bal-lotboxing. It is a time for all lovers of their Class in all REAL Labor Unions to take up the fight for UNITY and to send out thru all North America the call to all the workers to rise against this new tyranny in a SOCIAL GENERAL STRIKE. Might IS RIGHT, and so long as the workers refuse to use the tremendous MIGHT that is theirs by the very fact that they FEED, HOUSE, CLOTHE, WARM and TRANSPORT all society in defense of their assaulted fellow-workers and for the freedom of their Class, just so long will they be forced to endure the insults and outrages that are being heaped upon them from one end of this Continent to the other to-day by the pimps and gunmen of the Capitalist Class. You men of Labor, you dare not stand much longer with folded arms and watch the annihilation of the Unions of your Class. You are not MEN if you do not accept the challenge—if you do not answer the TERROR WITH THE SOCIAL GENERAL STRIKE!

UP AND AT THEM, CLANS OF TOIL!

### WOODSMEN, ATTENTION.

Fellow-workers and all slaves, stay away from Sweet-Home, La., Front. Local 275 on strike. The strike was called to keep one of the Company's old tricks off, trying to break the Solidarity and driving the workers.

But, as always, the I. W. W. got wise and beat them to it. The job is tied up right, not a man working. So all workers help keep it so by staying away until we drive the boss into submission, and make another step toward the GOLD.

Yours for victory,

PRESS COMMITTEE, L. U. 275

### "THE SCARLET EMPIRE."

By Covington Hall.

In Pennsylvania's valleys, where Carnegie's Homestead stands,  
We have seen our brothers falling 'neath the Scarlet Empire's hands;  
We have seen its drunken gunmen over baby bodies go,  
In the dark streets of St. Louis the blood of women flow.

We have seen it in Louisiana in the cloak of justice hide  
To drink the blood of Emerson and the comrades at his side;  
In Calumet and Paterson we have felt its vip'rous breath,  
And on the plains of Texas seen our brothers done to death.

Over West Virginia's mountains we have seen its minions ride  
"Till the swollen streams were crimson with the rebel's red heart-tide;  
And where California spreads her smiling gardens to the sun,  
We behold the blood of workmen thru the streets in torrents run.

On the cliffs of Colorado, in the vales of Idaho,  
We have seen the blood of comrades running red across the snow;  
We have seen our best and bravest, North and South and West and East,  
Hunted down and murdered by a Serpent and a Beast.

We behold the hero, Ferrer, standing there beside his grave  
For the crime of urging freedom on the bondman and the slave—  
We have heard his ringing message—we are answering his calls—  
We have girded on our armor 'till the Scarlet Empire falls!

### NOTA BENE LOCALS.

If you do not get your bundle this week, and you owe THE VOICE, it is because we cannot pay for papers you don't pay for.

### MARK TWAIN ON REVOLUTION.

The ever memorable and blessed revolution which swept a thousand years of villainy away in one swift tidal wave of blood—one; a settlement of that hoary debt in the proportion of half drop of blood for each hoghead of it that had been pressed by slow tortures out of that people in the dark stretch of ten centuries of wrong and shame and misery, the like of which was not to be mated but in hell. There are two reigns of terror if we would but remember it and consider it; the one wrought murder in hot passion, the other in heartless cold blood; the one lasted mere months, the other lasted a thousand years; the one inflicted death on 1,000 persons, the other upon 100,000,000 but our shudders are all for the horrors of the minor terror, so to speak, whereas, what is the terror of swift death by the axe, compared with the lifelong death from hunger, cold, insult, cruelty and heartbreak? What is swift death by slow fire at the stake? A city cemetery would contain the coffins filled by that brief terror, which we have all been so diligently taught to shiver and mourn over but all France could hardly contain the coffins filled by that older and real terror which none of us has been taught to see in its vastness or pity it deserves.

### CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, ATTENTION

Fellow-workers: Local No. 334 Construction Workers of Sacramento, Cal., has begun to build up the organization again, and we ask ALL members or any construction worker who had any connection with this local, when it was working some time ago up in Colfax, to communicate with Andy Barber, Sec'y, 114 "I" St.

Here in Sacramento and vicinity is a good field for Action in this line of work—let all live construction workers take notice and transfer to the nearest local, if you are working anywhere around here. A good many live workers have begun to build up this local.

Here is a good hall with two big stoves in it; propaganda meetings are held every night, getting big crowds—five and six hundred.

Say, old "Sac" seems to be waking up and if we keep it up, we will soon have Job Control around here.

For Local 334.

James H. Vandevort, Nils H. Hansson, Jas. Boylen, Press Committee.

### W. O. W'S. CHAINGANG.

A few weeks ago the W. O. W. "dedicated" their new hall or temple, or whatinhel they call it, here in New Orleans. Under whose authority and by what right it was done we do not know, but that temple of "fraternity" was cleaned up and prepared for the self "elect" by victims on the City's Chaingang. When one considers that most of the W. O. W's. are working men, and then considers the fact that chaingang labor is one of the lowest forms of robbery perpetrated on the workers by the capitalist class, he no longer wonders why Jesus wept—he must have had a vision of Y. M. C. A-ized "charity" and W. O. W. "fraternalism." "Charity" thy name is Fraud. "Fraternalism" thy fame is Bunc.

## Defense Funds Notice.

**WHEATLAND:** Send all funds for the defense of the Wheatland Victims to, Andy Barber, Sec. I. W. W. Locals, 114 "I" Street, Sacramento, Cal.

**TEXAS VICTIMS:** Send all funds to Victor Cravello, Box 1891, Los Angeles, Cal., Secretary of the Rangel-Cline Defense Committee.

### PORTLAND MEETINGS.

The Portland, Oregon, locals will hold regular propaganda meetings twice per week in the hall at 309 Davis St., during this winter. New stereopticon installed. Good speakers needed for meetings in hall and on the street. Everybody welcome.

B. E. NILSSON,  
Sec'y Portland Locals, I. W. W.