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## UNTIL THEN.

Law can and sometimes does jail innocent men. But even law cannot make them slaves. A slave is a surrenderer. A slave is a compromiser. A slave is a quitter.

Liberty lost can only be regained by reconquering the conqueror.

Organized gold has fastened its shackles on us. Organized man will set us free. We must not give up the fight. The only defeat that spells ruin is surrender.

Until on the ruins of the last tenement a happy home is built. Until the last slum colony gives way to a public playground. Until the last poor house has fallen in decay. Until the last poor house is a vacant curiosity. Until the last child slave is taken from the factory and shop and returned to school house and home. Until the last cry for bread is forgotten. Until the word charity is unknown. Until poverty is banished. Until the son of man is free—free—free—

Until then, the organized workers will not give up the fight.

Carl Person.

Shall the man who wrote this and many a stirring battle-call to his class go to the gallows or rot his life away in the prison-hells of capitalism? I do not believe the Rebels will allow it. His "trial" is near. Let every Rebel do his duty. Let us take the bloody hands of the Railroad Magnates off the throat of Person!—THE VOICE.

## FURUETH'S STAR SET.

New York City, June 30.—The second and last mass meeting of the I. S. U. of A. was a failure from its very beginning. Andrew Furuseth was interrupted during his speech by different sailors and names such as "grafter," "disrupter" and even "liar," were heard. He said although two years had passed since he was in New York, it would be a long time before he would come back. If he'd known, he said further, that the seafaring men of New York did not want him, he would not have come to New York. In his address he stated that if the seamen's bill was passed by the Congress that the seamen would be free men. He further stated the seamen were strong enuf to tend to their own affairs without the aid of the landsmen. (Craft union pure and simple). The sailors to organize in the sailores' union, firemen, cooks and stewards the same. Longshoremen not to be connected with these unions, they could not help the seamen. The seamen need laws.

The I. S. U. of A. can get no foothold in New York. The seamen are against their policy. There is a big hall kept by the I. S. U. A., all the expenses are paid by them. That is the glory of the so-called Sailors and Firemen's Union of the Atlantic, A. F. L. Now, Mr. Wage Slave, what are YOU going to do? Remain the way you are now? The "International" is dead, Bodine is gone, but the Marine Transport Workers, I. W. W., is alive. Let the dead ones bury their dead, and you join a live organization—the M. T. W. of the I. W. W. Be a man and not a fool.

Dan Reckert.

If we had physicians to prevent sickness, courts to reward virtue and policemen to discover merit we should not have to kill one-half the world to save the other half.

## OIL FIELD WORKERS, IF YOU ARE "SATISFIED" DON'T READ THIS

Fellow-Workers—In this brief lecture to the oil workers on the condition in the oil industry, I shall not tax your patience with a long list of statistics, which at best, can only add confusion to your already confused minds. Neither shall I attempt to cover the subject in a complete manner in so short a space of time, but shall content myself with the simple proposition of showing how helpless you are in your present unorganized condition, together with the advantages you can gain over the oil companies should you organize along the lines proposed by the I. W. W.

It does not require a college education for one to understand that the Standard Oil Company is the richest corporation in the world today, and, being the richest, is the most powerful because in its control of industry. The Standard Oil Company has, thru the appropriation of the surplus product of labor, accumulated a fortune of over ten billion dollars worth of wealth, so large that it is almost as hard for the average mind to conceive as is the Kingdom of Heaven to the mind of an Atheist.

This capital is invested in timber, railroad, mines, steel mills, and some of it is even being used to rob peons of their land in Mexico as well as to murder little babies in Colorado and elsewhere. But this vast accumulation of capital by the Standard Oil Company, which we read so much about, only gives us a faint idea of the degree of robbery to which the employees of that corporation have been subjected.

Then there are the fine mansions on Capital Hill, in Oyster Bay, Fifth Avenue, New York City, all of which reflect so much poverty, misery, suffering, humiliation and shame for the slaves employed by the owners of them. In the shadow of each of those mansions you will see the crowded tenement house district, because extravagance on one hand means want on the other; the more wealth showered upon kings, priests, parasites, of all description, in any country, the more poverty-stricken will the workers be found. It is the lot handed to them by the capitalists in appreciation for the long and arduous toil in the beaming sun.

In this district, Drumright, Oklahoma, teamsters are working from 10 to 20 hours for a day's wages of \$2.25. The teamster as well as the private team owners receive a day's pay for each trip, even though it should require 20 hours to make the trip. This is a sample of the "Freedom of the individual to work for whom he pleases and for what he pleases without being hampered by tyrannical labor unions," a condition that John D. Rockefeller said he would spend all the money he had to establish in every place where labor was employed.

The workers are unorganized and have been forced to accept such working conditions as a result of being unorganized. The Oil King is not interested in fixing up the roads so that the trip can be made in 8 hours instead of 20, neither do these "chosen people of God" (the oil kings) care how many horses are killed hauling unreasonably heavy loads, because the cost is all the same to them, \$2.00 for a single teamster, and \$5.00 for a man and team for each trip.

You say, "Well the company ought to fix the road," we say "why should they?" You teamsters and team-owners seem to be satisfied the way things are, so they should worry.

The Preamble of the I. W. W. says "These conditions can be changed and the interest of the Working Class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry or all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all."

That is to say that teamsters, riveters, carpenters, blacksmiths, linemen, boiler makers, all hands organized in the Union of Oil Workers, thus building a union in the ranks of the oil workers as broad as the industry.

If you are working in the oil industry, do you realize that you are doing yourself an injustice, as well as all other men working in that industry, by not affiliating yourself with the Oil Workers Union of this district?

Who, although few in number at present, have been fighting for better conditions for all men? They are trying to shorten the working day that those who are out of work may find employment; also to raise wages in the degree that we have power to do so. Now, do you think that you are doing right by staying out of the organization and fighting us? Do you realize that every day you stay out of the union that just that much longer you are fighting your own class? Do you realize that the power of the worker is his labor power, his power to produce wealth, and only by uniting that power for the common end of bettering conditions for all can we resist a reduction in wages, or a lengthening of the working day? By organizing as the I. W. W. proposes, a feeling of independence and self-reliance is developed in the individual, he is less timid when imposed upon by the boss; it overcomes the jealous feeling toward other working men and develops a feeling of brotherhood, which is the straight road to better working conditions, a better world and a better place to live. Your duty to yourself and to your family (if you have one) demands that you do your part to build up a Union in the industry in which you work. Moreover, your common sense approves it. Have you got the courage to do

it? If you have, the initiation fee is \$1.00, the dues are 50 cents per month. Join today.

Yours for better union among the workers.

Forrest Edwards, Secretary 586.  
Drumright, Oklahoma.

## THE MORMON BRAND OF JUSTICE.

By E. W. Vanderleith.

Joe Hill was convicted of murder in the first degree before a jury of his "peers," consisting of real estate sharks, contractors, farmers and one lone working man. In reality he was tried by the newspapers, and convicted also, long before, and during the trial.

Evidence of the flimsiest character, if put on by the prosecution was admitted, but if the defense tried to get in anything it was overruled by "his honor" as hearsay. One woman witness unblushingly admitted to a subpoena server that even if Joe Hill did not commit the crime he should be convicted as an undesirable citizen. The same witness swore at the trial that a man of Joe's description was in the neighborhood, while at the preliminary hearing she said that she could not say as to the man's height or general description. Her husband no doubt had been spirited out of town, because the defense wanted to use him as a witness. The eye-witness to the shooting, a boy of 14 years old, admitted under cross-examination that the prosecuting attorney told him during recess that a gray hat was worn by the taller man.

Witnesses, by whom the defense wanted to prove that the dead man had private enemies, who had sworn to kill him, and that he had been shot at many times, that he had told newspaper reporters that he expected to be killed any day, were overruled by the judge, and not admitted. Sensational newspaper articles were used to prejudice the public mind, such as "The I. W. W. will rescue Joe Hill if found guilty," "Sheriff increases guards at Hill trial," were published regularly.

The prosecuting attorney's speech was only abuse, appeals to the prejudices of the jury, and in his closing speech he admitted that he had no evidence, but that Hill should be convicted on general principles, etc.

Witnesses wanted by the defense could not be found by the State subpoena server, and when found were "seen" by the prosecution. At least two other men were shot the same night Morrison was shot, but none of them were held, tho they are still supposed to be under suspicion.

Now, Fellow-workers, this case must be appealed and an appeal takes money. So get busy and do the very best you can. We must show them that the I. W. W. has not started to fight yet.

Send all funds to Geo. Shields,  
Treas. Joe Hill Defense Committee,  
118 W. S. Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

## ABOLISH GUNMEN.

A year ago there appeared in The Industrial Worker an article by Fellow-worker Nilsson, entitled "The Mailed Fist Against the Revolution."

One sentence in it impressed me very much, and recent events prove the correctness of his contention. The sentence follows: "Only the ruling class can convince the workers that violence shall settle the question."

Colorado, West Virginia, Michigan, California, Louisiana, and other States where there has been industrial strife accompanied with great loss of life, prove that the ruling class will convince the workers that violence will settle the question.

Commenting on the Colorado situation the editor of "Solidarity" while approving of the direct action of the miners in arming themselves concludes, "That the question is an economic one and should be settled with economic weapons," or words to that effect. The only economic weapon is the One Big Union with its tactics.

But the function of "Government by Gunmen" is to prevent the creation of the One Big Union.

That which does not exist cannot be used to remove the stumbling block which prevents its prospect of existence.

Then, we conclude, if gunmen's function is to prevent the coming of the One Big Union, and as the One Big Union does not exist, what method will we pursue in order to remove this obstacle in our march to industrial freedom? The writer believes the action of the miners in arming themselves the correct one.

Had the United Miners of America been a real industrial union they would have all gone on strike with their brothers of Colorado. There would have been no Ludlow massacre. But they did not. We must meet conditions as they are, not as they should be.

Then to prevent the further murder of members of our class it is absolutely necessary that we arm ourselves, for our own protection against the anarchy that has overthrown popular government and has substituted in its place "Government by Gunmen."

"There can in what we do be no thought of aggression or of selfish aggrandizement. We seek to maintain the dignity" and lives of ourselves, wives and children.

The law of self-preservation is superior to man-made laws, and not all the fiends of hell can render it otherwise. Yours in the fight. W. H. Lewis.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINDEN OF SAN ANTONIO INFAMOUSLY INSULTS WORLD'S REBELS.

According to the San Antonio "Express" of June 25, 1914, District Attorney W. C. Linden of the Persecution against Cline and Rangel, is as pure-blooded a Santa Feian as can be found on earth, as witness the following courteous telegram and Linden's insulting reply thereto.

From St. Louis, Mo., Linden received the following wire signed by David N. O'Neill, Roger Baldwin and E. M. Grossman:

"Men and women here interested in justice and fair dealing are assisting in making up a defense fund for Rangel, Cline and associates, and respectfully urge that a continuance be granted the defendants to afford an opportunity to prepare and present in the manner to which all men placed on trial are, under the Constitution and spirit of our land, entitled. If these men are guilty, a postponement cannot defeat the ends of justice; if innocent, a continuance may help to prevent the disgrace to Texas and to the United States of a conviction, simply because of lack of time and means with which to present a defense."

Linden's answer was as follows:

"Please take a running jump into a country where there is no snow. When I need your advice or help I will call upon you. W. C. Linden, District Atty."

The "Express" further quotes this lowbrow as saying:

"There is no doubt but that this message was sent to me by officials or sympathizers of the Industrial Workers of the World organization," Mr. Linden declared. "The men who now seem to be solicitous about the welfare of the men now in jail have had ample opportunity to come to their defense, to raise funds and do anything they wanted to."

"I don't intend to have the Industrial Workers telling me what to do. When the time comes to try these cases they are going to be tried."

A more hideous insult was never hurled into the face of the World's Labor Movement. Rebels of the World, will you stand for it? Charlie Cline and J. M. Rangel have served well and truly on the battle-line of their class. For this reason alone the Landlords and Lumber Kings are seeking to accomplish their end. They will succeed if you, the REBEL CLANS OF TOIL, do not HURRY to the assistance of Cline, Rangel and their companions.

Their only real "crime" was in trying to get guns into Mexico. According to press dispatches of last week, the President of the United States and his CONFIDENTIAL AGENT, John Lind, are likewise GUILTY of this IDENTICAL "CRIME"—gun-running—yet neither of them, nor even William Jennings Bryan, have been even arrested for the "offense." In the first case, that of Cline and Rangel, only one beast, "deputy sheriff" Ortiz, was killed, in the second case, that of the Rulers of the United States thousands have and will lose their lives. But this is the REAL CRIME of Cline, Rangel and their companions—THEY fought for HUMAN LIBERTY—the others for STANDARD OIL.

Clear-cut is the issue—it is the INDUSTRIAL DESPOTISM against the INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, the BRUTALITARIANS against the LIBERTARIANS of the world. Where do YOU stand? The fight is on, and all FREEMEN are called to rally to the defense of Cline, Rangel and their companions in arms and against the gold-crazed, blood-mad tyranny that is laying Texas and all the Land of Dixie in ruins. Sons of the Southern Clansmen, the defense appeals to YOU to aid the man who served your cause so well at Lake Charles and at Merryville! Into the fight! ON TO THE RESCUE!

## BY AN' BY.

"By an' by I'll get my pole,  
By an' by.  
There'll be heaven in my soul  
By an' by.  
I will steal away from ma  
Down to where the fishes are.  
I will spit upon my hook,  
An' I'll drop it in the brook,  
By an' by.

"Ma will miss me from the yard  
By an' by.  
She will holler for me hard  
By an' by.  
But the gurgle uv the stream  
Like enough will drown her scream  
An' I'll fish an' fish away  
Where the speckled beauties lay  
By an' by.

"If I ketch a likely mess  
By an' by.  
Ma will smile with happiness,  
By an' by.  
But—  
If I have an empty creel,  
Somehow I kin sorter feel  
How that apple sprout will dance  
On the seat uv my ole pants  
By an' by.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE VOICE.