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THUGS MADE TO BACK UP

CALIFORNIA I. W. W. MEN PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST LAW AND ORDER THUGS—SHERIFF AND SLUGGERS FORCED TO BACK UP.

Brawley, Cal., Dec. 30, 1911.

On the 21st of this month three fellow workers, E. F. Lefferts, Pete Le Blanc, and W. Marshall, respectively were working in a corn field, 4 miles from Holtville and were arrested and accused of the nefarious crime of stealing a pig. They were promptly incarcerated in the county bastille. The under-sheriff of El Centro, and deputy sheriff of Holtville, with five assistants endeavored to search the Holtville hall for evidence with no favorable results. They then sought the advice of their able superior, Sheriff Mobley Meadows, the Arizona Bad Man, who on the following day sallied forth to Holtville to disperse the undesirable. The entire population following at the heels of their brave and imminent upholder of law and order. They then tried to enter the hall, identify and apprehend if possible any that may have been implicated, but were confronted by the muzzles of many drawn guns in the hands of trusty members who knew too well the justice that would be meted out to workers in that vicinity and thereby informed his ribs that they would not stack arms. The Sheriff then told them he was only there to protect the people and their interests, and one of the members retaliated with the remark that such as his type had protected the people at Cripple Creek, and assisted in the kidnapping of members across the Mexican border, for a paltry few dollars a head. The shot went home for there was no answer and he and his scissorbill assistants retreated to more healthy quarters. This hall was searched on the same day and the same tactics applied, but with no favorable results. Fellow Workers, it looks as if they want to rib up some petty charge and stamp out the progress of this organization in this valley. They will have an obstacle to remove far larger than they imagine. They had just as well remove the rock-bound coast of New England.

Brawley Local 439. Press Committee.

BUTTE MINERS HELP FIGHT ABERDEEN.

Butte Miners' Union No. 1, the largest single local of workers in America, has forwarded to the free speech defence committee in Tacoma \$250.00 to be used in the fight against Aberdeen for Freedom of Speech. There are 7,000 union miners in Butte and these fellow workers will not lay down with either men or money until Aberdeen is as free for free speech as the air is for the birds. Poor Patterson and the rest of the sluggers are going up against it.

MORE SLUGGERS.

"Business men" vigilantes, of the Aberdeen, Wash., ax handle and club brigade type, are driving all the striking foreigners from the New Jersey Zinc Company's private city at Franklin Furnace, N. J. Sad commentary on our "American" spirit of independence is that most of the Americans went back to work, deserting their Slavonian and Hun fellow workers.—Oakland World.

PROTEST AGAINST ABERDEEN THUGS

The Oakland locals of the I. W. W. are to hold a monster protest meeting at Rice's institute in the near future, to protest against the outrageous treatment given to the members of the I. W. W. and others of the working class in Aberdeen, Wash.

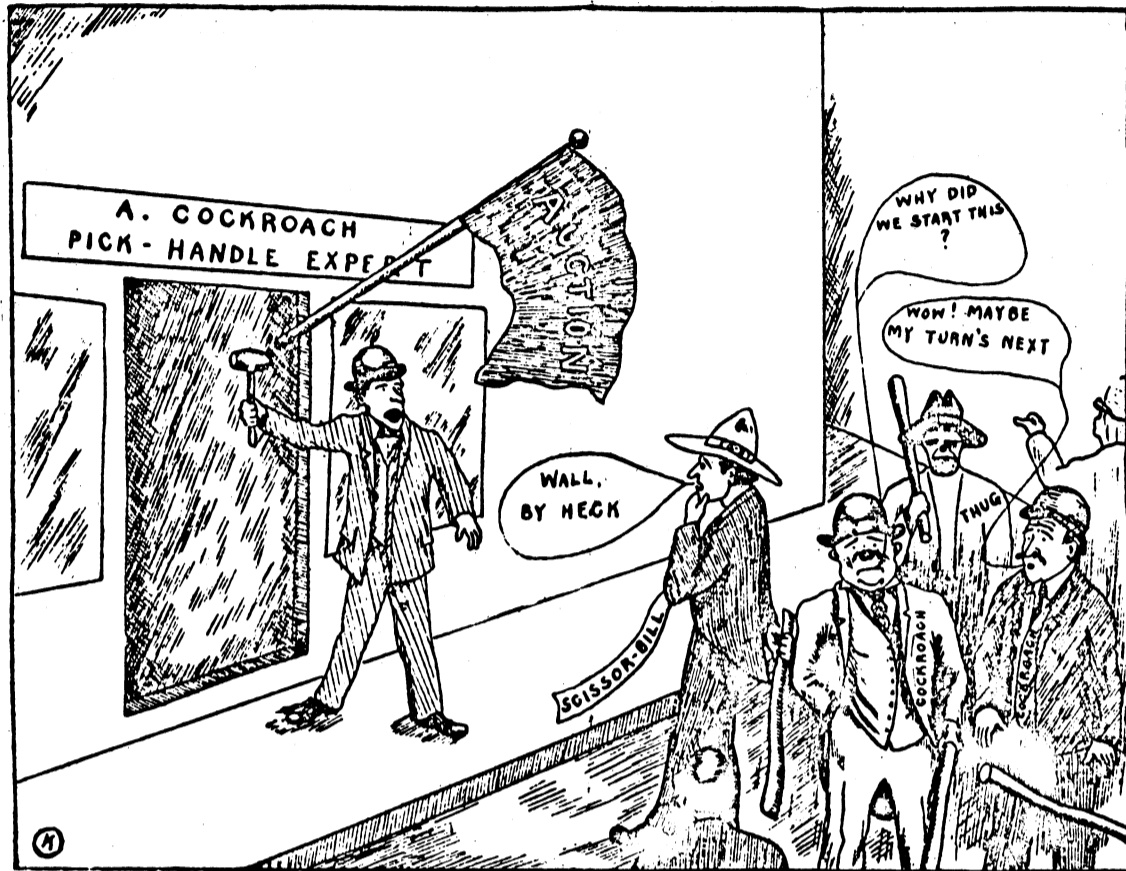
SLAVES FEAR FREE SPEECH.

The community that will not allow its humblest citizen to freely express his opinion, no matter how false or odious the opinion may be, is only a gang of slaves.—Wendell Phillips.

GET BUSY.

In the twentieth century war will be dead, the scaffold will be dead, royalty will be dead; but man will live. For all, there will be but one country—that country the whole earth; for all, there will be but one hope—that hope the whole heaven. All hail, then, to the noble twentieth century, which shall own our children, and which our children shall inherit.—Victor Hugo.

The union is the only organization that can raise your wages and shorten your hours; stand by it till the last foe expires.—Ez.



THE RED FLAG WILL WAVE IN ABERDEEN.

PREPARING THE GROUND IN ABERDEEN

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 27, 1911. To the "Worker":—A month ago the ax handle brigade of this slave pen loudly proclaimed that the I. W. W. was a thing of the past in Aberdeen. Two weeks later they sealed their boast with the blood of workingmen on a lonely road at midnight. But today the I. W. W. is the most alive topic of discussion on Grays Harbor, for "like Banquo's ghost, it will not down."

The latest scare they have experienced is from a handbill that has been generally distributed through Aberdeen and Hoquiam offering a reward of \$5,000 for the parties who slugged Pierod and Pederson on the night of December 7. This bill scared them so bad that they at once proceeded to pour whiskey into Jimmie Barton, the man who ran the auto that Peterson and Pierog were taken out in. After getting Mr. Barton gloriously drunk they gave him some hundreds of dollars and persuaded him that he needs a vacation in California this winter, and started him away at noon today. They need not, however, have gone to that expense and trouble to get him out of town as the evidence regarding the ones who did the slugging will soon be in the hands of the workers anyhow.

Crowding on the heels of their scare over the reward offered, there comes dispatches saying that 250 workers have started from St. Louis to help establish free speech in Aberdeen. The chief of police has telegraphed to St. Louis to find out if it is true, and the local papers say that the citizens' organization is intact and awaits the raid with calm determination.

They have as good a right to calm determination as a cur has to lice, but it will be no more benefit to them than lice to the cur. What they need is a little intelligence and horse sense.

In the meantime all is not smooth sailing in the city council. Cringea, a machinist, is accused of stealing sand from the city streets and selling it for moulding purposes. Elder, a transfer team owner, is accused of doing hauling for the city. Myles, a lumberman, is accused of selling lumber to the city. One member, an insurance solicitor, is accused of writing insurance on the city's buildings for his company. O'Hara, a saloon keeper faces a misdemeanor charge, with possible loss of his license for keeping his saloon open after closing hours. Hilts has been fired out of the council for getting his picture taken with three prostitutes while another member of the council is accused of going with Hilts to the red light district to make collections for the Catholic church of Aberdeen at the time that sanctimonious outfit was holding a fair to raise \$40,000 to glorify God with.

It looks as if they would have to take turn about trying each other on the charges. It is not likely, however, that anything will ever come of the charges, though there is pretty good proof that all the charges are true, for the lumber barons, with Banker Patterson at their head, need the services of just such men in their efforts to stifle free speech.

The boycott is beginning to work, and it don't feel good to the ax handle brigade. Allan Dougherty of the Rex Theatre is trying to

crawl back into the good graces of the working people by taking his printing to the New Era, which is the only paper on Grays Harbor that is disposed to give us fair treatment.

The proprietor of a large department store here was asked to carry a club on November 24, but he said, "Nothing doing, I make my living off the working people, and I won't help drive them out of town." A few days before Christmas a lady went into this department store for some goods, and found all the clerks jumping sideways to wait on customers, while the shelves had been stripped almost bare by the holiday shoppers. Presently she crossed the street to the store of George J. Wolf, one of the ax handle merchants, but there the clerks were standing with folded arms and the shelves were piled with goods as if they had hardly been touched.

May the U. S. bankruptcy courts soon have good reason to make Aberdeen their general headquarters!

As to what we are doing, there are five fellow workers in Aberdeen and Hoquiam who have distributed a few bills and sold some papers, but even that little has served to keep the agitation alive. We are just getting into shape to turn a broadside of literature and agitation loose on the masters here. That will prepare the way for the more active work of street speaking, which hundreds of workers are clamoring to have started. And when it is started the woods and mills and vessels and city streets on Grays Harbor will soon ring with the cry of victory for the workers!

STUMPY.

THE FIGHT IN ABERDEEN IS NOW ON!

Aberdeen, Wash., January 3, 1912.

To the "Worker":—Owing to the peculiar situation of Aberdeen, where there is practically but one road into the town, the task of working out the details of a winning fight has been necessarily very slow. It seems, however, that this preliminary task is now nearly accomplished, and before these lines can be published the fight will be in full swing. Five men came in from Tacoma on December 30 and at once began distributing literature, and have been able to do a great amount of agitating by getting the other fellows to talking.

The main topic of conversation is not "Can the I. W. W. come back," but "How soon will they be here." There are but few who believe the fight will not be renewed, and those few will have their eyes opened to facts very soon.

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eral loggers have the annoying habit of asking dealers, "WERE YOU ONE OF THE SLUGGERS?" And the dealers are confiding to each other that they are sorry they joined the clubbing gang.

The Socialist local at Aberdeen has appointed a committee to arrange for a public protest meeting here in Aberdeen and the committee is working hard to get the meeting held on the 7th inst, although the time is very short.

The mills and logging camps are resuming work, and many men are coming from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, and there may be a few I. W. W.'s mixed among them.

W. J. Patterson returned from San Francisco a few days ago, likely to superintend the repelling of the invasion that they believe imminent. He says he is very optimistic regarding the lumber outlook for the coming year, but added in reference to the I. W. W. situa-

tion: "If we live up to the reputation we have gained in this direction we will indeed be exceedingly fortunate."

Later—it has just come to my knowledge that one man was arrested yesterday and two more today for distributing literature.

The authorities have forced our hands, now let us play trump and see if they can follow suit.

All men coming here should report to Tacoma for instructions.

STUMPY.

What's the use of electing four hundred and thirty-three BERGERS to congress to make our laws when we have nine supreme judges setting them aside? Put on your glasses so you can see the joke.

E. Z. MARKS.

HOW DOES GOV. HAY STAND?

GOVERNOR HAY FAILS TO ACT AGAINST SLUGGERS IN ABERDEEN SAYS THINGS HAVE QUIETED DOWN—QUIET SLUGGERS ARE ALL RIGHT.

In response to letters and affidavits which have been forwarded to Governor Hay of the State of Washington, detailing how armed sluggers were deporting men from their homes and families in Aberdeen as well as manhandling them by knocking their teeth down their throat, the following letter has been received by the Free Speech committee in Tacoma from this upholder of "law and order?"

State of Washington, Office of Governor, Olympia.

December 28, 1911.

Mr. Ed Gilbert, Industrial Workers of the World, Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Sir:—I have just returned to the capitol and find on my desk a joint letter from you and two other gentlemen relative to alleged lawlessness in Aberdeen, Chehalia county. This is the first complaint I have had regarding the matter and I have had none from the citizens of Aberdeen or of that locality, other than the affidavits of Mr. Christian E. Pedersen and Mr. Troy Newell, which you enclose. These two gentlemen seem to have been invited to leave that locality by a body of three hundred men armed with guns and clubs, but as this happened some time ago and nothing more has been reported here, I suppose things have quieted down. Yours respectfully, (Signed) M. E. HAY.

The Governor seems to be able to smooth things over in his own mind by saying that these men who were deported, slugged, etc., were invited to leave Aberdeen by 300 men armed with guns and clubs, but as the crime was committed some time ago and has now quieted down, everything is lovely.

The invitation to leave Aberdeen was an invitation that few would care to have handed out to them. An invitation consisting of getting your teeth kicked out and otherwise maltreated is all right so long as it has quieted down. The victims are likely trying to earn enough money to get new teeth and after the wounds have healed up it is all right as far as this Hay is concerned. If he is concerned any further than merely commenting on it we fail to hear of it.

Things had quieted down after the Los Angeles Times was destroyed; Otis got a new plant, the widows of the victims dried their tears and all was well. Just why the master class should have interested themselves in spending thousands of dollars to hire detectives is a mystery to us, especially after reading the above letter from Governor Hay.

It's useless for Governor Hay to say that he knows nothing of this matter, except what he has heard from the affidavits of those who were slugged and deported from their homes. Every paper in the state and in the United States was loaded down with scare head accounts of the slugging in Aberdeen, in fact the matter was reported in the minutest details in every degree. It surely is not possible that the governor of the State does not read the papers.

Had this been Banker Patterson who was deported and slugged by 300 armed workingmen, the Governor would have known all about it in a few minutes and no effort would have been spared in bringing the guilty workers under the strong arm of his "law and order" brigade. Well Mr. Governor we are going back to Aberdeen as we can find no law to keep any one out of any town in the United States, and there is no part of the foundation of this great country known as the "constitution" to debar any man, woman or child from expressing opinions whether such opinions meet the approval of the lumber trust or not. The I. W. W. is clearly within the letter and the spirit of every law in America and we intend to FORCE our rights from a bunch of grafting upstarts if it takes ten years. If the governor is so true to his class (and we don't blame him) as to overlook in such a casual way, the crimes that have been committed by lumber trust agents in and about Aberdeen, then the workers will have to force their rights through at any cost and if more crimes are committed against the workers by this armed band of sluggers, the blood will be on the governor of the State of Washington and all other officials who have winked at these depredations, knowing that such winking was but

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