

# THE BUTTE MINE WAR

### Shows Antics of "Law and Order", Crowd Against Workers.

(Special to Solidarity)  
Butte, Mont., Sept. 25.

Several things of importance have transpired since I wrote you last week. Sweed Murphy, whose record is known to you, was compelled to resign as assistant provost marshal, because Conley and the rest of the military bunch became so strong that he could no longer stand for their rough work. It is said that he told Conley a lot of things he did not care to hear before he quit.

Fred Mignardot, whom they arrested on a charge of having suggested to a plumber that he poison the water in the court house, known as the million dollar lodging house, where the 700 soldiers are stationed, was released on account of lack of evidence. This frame-up was so raw that even the summary court did not dare to try to convict him.

The evidence in the Mayor Duncan court proceedings is all in and Judge Ayers will hand down his decision next Tuesday.

Fellow Worker Hudson was taken to the train and told not to come back, but he did come back to town. His only offense was in telling the military authorities what he thought of their actions.

Fellow Worker Dan Gillis was railroaded by the kangaroo court for eleven months and fined \$500; this was given no opportunity to set up a defense. His case was appealed to the district court, but Mike Donlan the A. C. M.'s own judge held that he had no jurisdiction in such cases, and that the kangaroo court had the right to try such cases. Major Donohue took advantage of this decision and issued the statement to the effect that no appeal could not be convicted by a jury in Silver Bow county.

Ed Evans, the second victim, was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons, although at the time of his arrest he was twelve miles from Butte and the revolver was found packed in a case with a lot of supplies. They are going to try him on the charge of having assisted Bradley and McDonald to escape. The trial of Bradley and McDonald will begin tomorrow, and there isn't a doubt they will try to railroad them. A rebel member of the new union who has the misfortune to run foul of the bunch now in control here will not have to worry about his head will for some time to come. Maury, the attorney for the new union, has been denied the right to defend these cases. In fact he has not been admitted in the court house at all. He had the nerve to call the governor's attention to the fact that the militia were occupying that part of the court house that had been set aside for a school room and keeping 500 children out of school. He also demanded that they be removed to other quarters at once. The children of the Washington school are compelled to attend other schools in all parts of the city, although these schools have been overcrowded for several months.

The single men at the mine are being laid off as rapidly as possible and married men are being put in their places. The bosses realize they can't handle the floating element and naturally don't want them. The new union at its last meeting thanked the I. W. W. for its help and decided to go on.

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# THE THINKER!



MR. BLOCK: "It takes some hard thinking to understand how the European war is responsible for the high prices of food and other necessities in this country. Let me see—there's more produced this year than ever, and there's less demand for it, on account of Germany and other countries being cut off from the market. Wouldn't it be better for the respectable people to put the blame for the high prices on the I. W. W.? Let's hope it will be done. In the meantime, let's be cheerful and patriotic."

# PRESET DATA EVENTS

### A Review of Some Recent News Items From an I. W. W. Standpoint.

To one who reads them closely the newspapers make an interesting study nowadays. In the first place, all the English newspapers of this country are on trial. They are accused of coloring their war news in favor of the Allies. In brief, they are doing to the Germans what they have always done to the socialists, the anarchists and the I. W. W.—is about them. It is hoped that the treatment now accorded them will impress the Germans, for of all people, they have been the most easily duped by the falsehood that declares "if you see it in the papers it must be true." Occasionally, for the appearance of impartiality, the newspapers give the Germans a hearing. As a result, one sometimes finds in the newspapers a brutally frank letter like the following (which upsets, by its historical recital, the theory that militarism is responsible for the war):

**WHY GERMANY WENT TO WAR**  
Editor of The World:

In your issue of today you print an article written by Guglielmo Ferrero.

Now, I do not intend to dispute with Mr. Ferrero about the possible outcome of the war in Europe or to refute his conclusions. But in Mr. Ferrero's statements with reference to England's and France's motives you have a clear confirmation of what the Germans maintain have been the causes leading to this war being forced on them.

I lived until four weeks ago for twenty-five years in England, and I know what Mr. Ferrero says is perfectly correct as far as the English motives are concerned. England did not and does not like the German expansion, neither commercial, colonial, naval, colonial nor anything else. She expected the German government to tell her people to keep out of every field of commercial, industrial and colonial enterprises, but they were stealing it from the English, to whom it belonged by Divine right.

She expected Germany to be satisfied with remaining a vassal of England, and not to build ships, naval or otherwise, and to be content to see England, France, Russia and Japan rule the waves with their fleets.

She expected Germany to keep quiet and say nothing while England took Egypt, the Transvaal, Orange State, South Persia and other triffles, in addition to what she had "stolen" previously; while Russia took Morocco, Syria, &c.; while France took Manchuria, Tibet and North Persia, and America took the Philippines, &c. Everybody, in fact, had a right to steal something, even by force of arms, while Germany, with her fast-increasing population, was expected to remain quiet.

All these things were expected of the Germans, and because they refused, because they insisted on sharing in the good things of this world, in transacting their business, like all others, in the way they liked best, they are to be smashed at England's instigation by a coalition of five or, if possible, seven to one.

**A GERMAN REFUGEE.**  
New York, Sept. 30.

Of course such a letter as the above does not make pleasant reading. We all like to believe that it is some profound ideal that make men go to war, like "Republican France vs. Militaristic Germany," etc., etc. Now, it is admitted that the vast part of it is a great epopee and that what is known as "psychological determinism" is as great a factor as is "economic determinism." But after all the former is but the reflection and, too often, the handmaid of the latter. Just now the ultra-financiers are "playing up" an ideal that is not wholly uninteresting, that is, in fact, dictated by their own interests primarily. It is known as "saving the

country's credit." Many a patriotic soul, without a cent in his pocket, will be touched by this method of extortion called "saving the country's credit"; which is done by causing "tight money" and otherwise working the middle class, as already outlined by the writer in previous articles to Solidarity. Just now the newspapers are printing such items as the following, bearing on this subject:

**CHAIN OF STATE BANKS IN SOUTH STOPS LOANS**  
Such a Course Tends to Suffering and Disaster, Says Treasury Head.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today made public a circular letter issued by the President of a state bank in the South to a chain of other state banks controlled by the author of the circular.

"Absolutely shut down on any more loans," the circular reads. "Now is the time for collecting and not for putting out. This until money here becomes easier by reason of the selling of cotton and the consequent increase of deposits and paying of notes. Do not under any circumstances whatever make any further loans to our customers to pay notes and accounts of the wholesaler. Let the letter do their own talking."

The author of the circular then included to each of his correspondents a copy of a request he had received for an extension of a note amounting to \$150 in behalf of a tenant, and which he had refused, by saying: "If we were lending merely on our own funds doubtless we could readily do what you request. But in order to take care of our good customers we have brought in considerable money from the cities which we are under absolute necessity to pay back this fall. Hence, it is not in our power to do what you ask either in your case or the many others that are arising."

Secretary McAdoo thus comments on the case: "Nothing could be more reprehensible than the conduct of this bank nor more clearly show how credits are being restricted and money being hoarded by some banks. A similar policy pursued by all the banks in the United States would produce untold suffering and general disaster."

That the hoarding policy of the ultra-financiers is producing "untold suffering and general disaster" may be seen by the following (note the last sentence particularly): **FAILURES FOR NINE MONTHS**

"Again the report of commercial failures makes a very high record, the total for the nine months this year, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., is \$2,841,426,478 for the corresponding nine months of last year. An analysis of the statistics, according to the general classification, shows 3,221 failures for \$94,196,478 in manufacturing, against 3,022 amounting to \$84,168,194 in the same lines last year. Suspensions in trading occupations number 9,031, with \$150,289,268 of liabilities, as compared with 8,216 reverses for \$88,806,688 in 1913. This year's liabilities are especially large in trading because of the heavy dry goods failures at the close of the second quarter. Against 3,022 brokers and similar concerns there were 688 failures, totalling \$47,459,176, while in this class last year the reverses numbered 460 with \$22,811,404 of liabilities. FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1914 THE NUMBER OF FAILURES, 4,497, WITH LIABILITIES OF \$87,118,000 ARE IN EXCESS OF THE FIGURES FOR ANY CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF 1913." (Continued on Page Three)

(Special to Solidarity)  
Butte, Mont., Oct. 2.

The proposed big movement of the miners, mentioned in my last letter, died a sudden death. The proposition was that the Butte Mine Workers Union return in a body to the W. F. of M. and then seek admission to the United Mine Workers of America. It was presented by a committee of fifteen members, five of whom were called W. F. men, and was turned down cold.

Some days since, the executive committee of the B. M. W. U. got out a leaflet in which the statement was made that Pinkertons had been enlisted in different companies of the militia prior to their coming here. Major Donohue had the committee on the carpet and demanded a statement, which was prepared only after the boys had made an exhaustive investigation and proved to their entire satisfaction that they were in the wrong.

"His Royal Highness," the governor, was scheduled to address the new union on last Monday evening, but excused himself at the last moment on the plea of having contracted a severe cold. But it is our firm conviction that it was confined entirely to his feet. Some of the fellow workers were very much disappointed, as they were prepared to ask some questions which probably would make "His Lordship" squirm.

Fellow Worker Wallace was railroaded for a term of six days for pushing three teeth down the throat of a cheap dollar patriot by the name of Pufahl. It was charged that Wallace assaulted this scoundrel because he was buying drinks for three militiamen. No doubt Wallace knew just what these cheap murders are capable of doing, and couldn't clock his contempt for one who would curry favor with them. The freak of nature who is acting as judge advocate, Root by name, regretted very much that a gentleman should be dealt with so harshly for merely being polite to soldiers, and also expressed regret that the law did not permit him to give Wallace 15 or 20 years. This same Root was responsible for a two-column brainliner in today's "Miner" which could not have been excelled by the late lamented Butler Haggard in his palmy days. After reading it I wondered how a lino-type operator could have resisted the temptation to caption it "A Hop Head's Dream."

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# WANT TO HANG RANGEL AND CLINE

Charley Cline's trial started September 28th.

In a letter received today from Attorney Fred Moore, who is in Los Angeles turning heaven and earth and the other place for Rangel and Cline, he says:

"In each case tried District Attorney Linden has said: 'I don't want you to hang this man. I will ask and shall expect you to hang those ARCH CRIMINALS, those leaders, Cline and Rangel.'"

You see he is hard after his \$500 BLOOD MONEY and those several small sums on the side for implicating the others. He is a hard, relentless man and Charley Cline must go before him without the witnesses or expert testimony which is so necessary in this case, unless we, his fellow workers, can help him.

You know Fred Moore. We know that he has left his practice here in Los Angeles and gone to San Antonio to fight for Rangel and Cline, not knowing whether there will be a cent in the committee's treasury to pay him.

All that he is asking now is for money to pay the court costs. He is a fighter, an able lawyer, and he is wholly on the side of militant working class action.

Legal expenses in capitalist courts are outrageous, but we cannot help that. The tyrants in power dictate them and UNTIL WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT IN OUR OWN WAY WE MUST PAY THE ENEMY'S PRICE.

It will be fatal to have Moore's hands tied for lack of money to work with at this critical time. In his letter he says:

"Four or five hundred dollars right away may mean life to these men; the lack of it, death."

The Rangel-Cline Defense Committee has used the money sent in as carefully as it knows how. It has a hard struggle to get publicity for these cases and has appealed to all phases of the movement to get funds to carry the cases thus far.

**THE SWING HAS SET IN OUR FAVOR NOW**

Many papers are publishing our articles. This will mean money later on. But the CAPITALIST DEMONS OF TEXAS, GLOATING OVER THE PROSPECT OF TWO LABOR AGITATORS SWINGING AT A ROPE'S END, are not going to wait for us to gather money.

**ONE VICTORY HAS BEEN SCORED BY THE DEFENSE**

in the acquittal of D. R. Ross, September 4th. There are reversible errors in all the former convictions. It is only a question of money to put up the fight and we can beat their game.

Rangel and Cline and the other boys did not count the cost when they obeyed the call of their class. We must be as loyal as they.

We hate abominably to ask you for money—you who have the world's revolutionary burden to carry and only your bare hands with which to life it. But the experience teaches that it is to the militants we must look for help when the workers are in the tools. The sympathies of those who have money are on the oppressor's side.

Take up a collection, get up a meeting—anything to raise money. You know best what you can do. **BIT GET BUSY NOW AND HELP TO SAVE THESE FELLOW WORKERS.**

**RANGEL-CLINE DEFENSE COMMITTEE.**  
VICTOR CROVELLS, Sec'y,  
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**SOLIDARITY**

The first essential is a "commissary." By that we mean sufficient revenue to keep its different parts in running order, and shape a real organization, no matter how small, for the active work of expansion. We have no "commissary" at the present time, and as a result, every possible move is checked or made abortive for lack of funds. It is a truly distressing experience, which any organizer or general officer of the I. W. W. might easily relate in detail. How is a "commissary" to be established? By depending on the outbursts like McKee's Backs, Lawrence, or other possible revolts of the unskilled slaves? We think not. Such have proven practically fruitless in the past. We must have a commissary derived from more stable elements—that is, those which cannot for the time being, be so easily broken up after a revolt against unbearable conditions.

Paradoxical as it may seem, at first thought, we think that more stable element is to be found in the migratory workers of the West, and some sections of the East. These workers are, as a whole, more rebellious, more wise to the masters' maneuvers, more individualistic and self-reliant. They are therefore more amenable to I. W. W. propaganda than the others. What the migratory rebels need now to do, is to take a serious hold of their problem. That problem is primarily to supply a permanent "commissary" to the I. W. W.—an income that can be depended upon to meet the average requirements of the general organization at all times, and especially in times of industrial depression as well as in times of storm and stress, when opportunities for organization are plentiful. For instance, with funds available for organizers, when revolts break out in the great industries of the East, the I. W. W. will be in position to take charge of those revolts and make the most of them. To this end of supplying that "commissary" should the migratory workers proceed. We suggest that they start systematically to develop a means of communication between their locals and members on the job; that they establish at their local headquarters an information bureau regarding job conditions, collecting all possible data and keeping it available for floating workers as they come along, thus encouraging these workers to come to I. W. W. headquarters; join the organization, and keep their dues paid up. Efficient local secretaries should be secured and kept on the job by being paid a living wage to perfect this system. Perpetual laborers and chairmen should be discouraged at every turn; panhandlers of working members and outsiders should be "legislated against" by the local, and kicked out by those in charge of headquarters. In this way the virile element will be attracted to the organization and form its backbone for all emergencies. The master class will find its resources put to the test to reach and break up such an organization, whose fluid character, any way, will enable its elements to constantly re-form, thus defying all efforts at permanent dissolution.

With a "commissary" once established, the I. W. W. will quickly be enabled to form its machinery for offensive work against capitalism. It will be able to give revolutionary direction to the great revolts of the East, and to quickly rounding the militant organization of the workers into the revolutionary force suggested in the I. W. W. Preamble. We get busy!

**"Socialism And War"**

Writing in the New Review for October, on "Socialism and War," Isaac Hourwich makes the following interesting statement and comparison:

"What were the socialist parties to do in this crisis? The Russian Socialist Democratic and 'Laborite' members of the Duma set an example of uncompromising devotion to principle. On August 8, one week after the beginning of the hostilities, Representative Khautsov, in open session of the Duma, read a declaration protesting against the war, after which the Social Democrats and 'Laborites' withdrew from the session, thus refusing to vote for the military appropriations. It is remembered that 32 social democrat members of the second Duma were given life terms in Siberia upon trumped-up charges, the difference in the mental and moral make-up of the Russian socialists, on the one hand, and the socialist delegations in the parliaments of Germany, France and Belgium on the other, will be more clearly appreciated."

Not only that, but it will help to dispel the fear of Russia now prevailing. The country that contains such stalwart revolutionary elements is not to be feared, but welcomed. It possesses ground for hope. (If the reader would like to read the Russian statement, he will find it in the October International Socialist Review.)

The New Review for October seems to be war-minded. Especially does Wm. English Walling foam at the mouth over the conduct of the German socialists. How he does condemn them! But Wm. we say with confidence in condemnation of the Germans had better look to the domestic brand of socialism before lambasting that to be found elsewhere. This home product is not the simon-pure article that will do what the Russians have done, as described by Hourwich. If there is any reaction to join, especially in the line of labor-organization, it is most always to be found in the forefront. Ask Hourwich, who helped to suit him out of the Clockmakers' Union? And Wm. had better pay some attention to ultra-socialist dogmas in this country. All the "good things" Progressivism was doing for the organization, according to Wm., are now being undone by them; they are now more firmly entrenched than ever before, thanks to the war. Wm.,

**After The Harvest**

By J. Gabriel Solitis

Harvest time is now over; we can review our work of agitation of this year, and forecast our future, in the light of cold results attained.

The season opened up under the most gloomy and distressing circumstances. It seemed that there was no hope for the workers; that the farmers, encouraged viciously by the commercial clubs, which were under the lash of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, were preparing to pour their crops harvest for a "hand-out." They were making ready, as it was only natural for them to do, to make bloody capital out of the hideous social fact—the colossal army of unemployed. Their wires were planted, and like good, conscientious followers of the lowly Nazarene, they chuckled at the fine opportunities which the many millions of starvelings of the unemployed offered. It was a hellish glee, but well-founded.

However, the bosses fell into one factor from their reckoning, the I. W. W. Like the mystical black cat of tradition, the I. W. W. crossed their crooked path continuously. It was inevitable. Had it not been for this genuinely proletarian organization, conducting a more or less systematic campaign of agitation, at various points and particularly at Minneapolis, the great slave market of the West, the dream of the capitalists certainly would have been realized. The migratory workers would have been forced from stomach considerations to harvest the crops for a song.

For months previous to the awaited day of harvest, we poured streams of "violent literature" into the van but mighty hands of the workers. This was effectively supplemented by a vigorous street agitation, in the principal industrial and agricultural centers. Not only did the metropolitan press of the West take notice of this virile agitation, but the sheets there certainly would have been realized. The migratory workers would have been forced from stomach considerations to harvest the crops for a song.

Thus, the farmers, knowing that the workers were permeated with a propaganda of organization, did not as they intended to do, offer a starvation wage to the workers, this in reality, conceded by all harvesters. In the face of a numberless army of unemployed we were successful in preventing a fall of wages, as an indirect result of our work in the fields.

However, we have undisputedly shown that the situation we had job organizers on the spot, wages at such places exceeded those where the organizers were not found, from 60 cents to \$1 a day, with decent hours.

The appearance of an organizer on the job this year, contrary to former experiences, had a salutary effect upon the bunch. They felt a power, an inexpressible force, added unto them, in his advent. This is undoubtedly an unmistakable expression of a gripping solidarity now taking hold of the migratory workers. Hence, in so far as we were prepared, organization work among them resulted.

This brings before us a great question, which, pleasing to relate, the Ninth Annual Convention, by adopting the Minneapolis resolution on a Bureau of Organization, has taken the first step towards its practical solution—namely, the proper effort of the various locals, to meet scientifically, systematically, the great need of floating a strong organization among this class of workers.

Our attitude thus far in this work has been purely of an agitational nature, against which no criticism can be offered. But all indications now point to the glorious fact that our propaganda can now be crystallized into the solid expression of organization. Our chief shortcoming this year was in insufficiency of trained job agitators to cope with the situation, and also a deplorable lack of that thing called CO-OPERATION among locals conducting this particular kind of work, which is positively inexcusable and which must be remedied.

From now on, the sickly, death-dealing lament indulged by some, to the effect that the "stiff won't organize" will not pass current. It must be changed to sound: "LET US PREPARE TO ORGANIZE EFFECTIVELY."

On the whole, therefore, the future in this field has never appeared brighter. The results of this year, attained without any defined plan on the part of locals, portends wonderful things, when we swing in line, with all of our forces, making an irresistible attack upon the enemy. We now have a proud history and a precious experience, enabling us in this field to build up a lasting organization, functioning effectively in the overthrow of capitalism.

**Comrades**

By LAWRENCE TULLY.

I went into the Reichstag,  
My comrades there to see.  
They sat in all their pomp and power  
And broad humanity.

It was Comrade this and Comrade that  
And "Comrade, you are first."  
And "Comrade, let me help you,  
Ere with eloquence you burst."

Just then a man rose up in front  
And "Comrades," says, says he,  
"We're gathered here this blessed day,  
To consider our army."

"Our Comrades," 'cross the Channel,  
They're aiming to the teeth.  
We must grab them by their hairy throats,  
We must shake them off their feet."

It was Comrade this and Comrade that  
And "Comrade, let me shake."  
And "Comrade, you're a poitroom  
When the father's 'at attack."

I walked the streets of Paris  
And I had a walk so far,  
Ere the thought was born within me,  
The nation's going to war.

Beneath a spluttering torch-light,  
For the day was turning dark,  
A Red was loudly shouting,  
And I stepped to hear him bark.

It was Comrade this and Comrade that  
"But our German comrades,  
We must bayonet them and burn them  
We must put them 'neath the sod."

For, Comrades, you're my brother,  
No matter what your ally,

But you're a hissing, crawling serpent  
When it comes to boundary.

I stood upon the battle field  
And watched the spitting flow  
Of fire from the revolutionary Saxon  
And his stalwart Teuton foe.

And Comrade this and Comrade that  
Had drunched themselves again;  
They had done their masters'  
huddling

And were numbered 'mongst the slain.  
Now, many words could type this sheet  
Of what I saw across the sea.  
But, what is the use of wording  
When it comes to you and me.

For Comrade this and Comrade that,  
It sounded very fine.  
The bomb has burst beneath you,  
You are swallowed in a mine.  
And the cant that turned to  
And the ban,

"And the hand-clasp that was mailed,  
Will record unto ages  
The philosophy that failed.

There is mail at headquarters of  
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Frank Rice, Albert Kinnan, J. N.  
Strawn, Herb Edward Mayer,  
S. Berg.—Wm. Ford, Sec'y.

**A SERIOUS SITUATION**

What we said last week in this column needs to be repeated with added emphasis: **SOLIDARITY IS IN DANGER**. Every rebel in and out of the organization, who can realize the calamity that would befall the I. W. W. should this institution of communication and publicity go out of business at this critical period, **MUST WAKE UP AND GET IN ACTION AT ONCE**.

Our July income reached the total of \$900, without counting a \$100 loan to cover part of the cost of getting out the Song Book. Since then we have also printed 10,000 of the Advancing Proletariat, at an actual outlay for initial cost of over \$100. Half of the July income was from the sale of the Song Book and other literature. August receipts dropped to a little over \$600, thus eating up the surplus on hand from July. Then September receipts went down still lower, to \$450, putting us about \$200 in debt. We cannot cover this amount, through regular receipts, even if they soon go back to normal. The deficit is still increasing, as no recovery has set in. The old swing of income may not come back for a month. Then our credit will be impaired and perhaps shot to pieces. To save the institution we must have funds to meet our current bills within two weeks.

**MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!** Get the money and send it in at once. Complete the THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND, and the institution is saved. We can then continue to get out new pamphlets, and keep our supplies of those already in print from running out.

**SEND ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN RAISE AT ONCE, AND KEEP RAISING MORE.** Pay up bundle and literature bills, and rustle subs. All together, for Solidarity and the Publishing Bureau.

**I. W. W. Must Have A "Commissary"**

"A purely defensive fight may develop great cleverness and magnificent powers of resistance; but such a fight can never be won."

The source of the above observation we cannot just now recall; but it offers something to think upon, in reference to the present status of the labor movement generally, and of the I. W. W. in particular. The implication is, that an organization must at some time in the course of the fight be able to take the offensive, if it hopes eventually to vanquish its opponent. Not only must it be able to assume the offensive, but to sustain the offensive movement until the enemy is routed. That is the objective apparent on both sides of the great conflict now raging in Europe. In a nutshell, it likewise sums up the war-tactics of the labor movement. That is, in theory.

But in practice, we find the offensive movement today all proceeding from the side of the employing class. The workers appear completely on the defensive everywhere. In all directions, the masters are entrenching themselves economically, and perfecting their coercive machinery against the working class. The subtlety of newspaper lying; the brutality of gunmen; the terror of the blacklist; the hypocrisy of "welfare" schemes—these are some of the means for placing and keeping the labor movement on the defensive. All necessary variations of these methods are used most effectually to meet the different situations as they develop. No menacing movement of labor is allowed by the masters to assume any proportions. It is lied about by the masters' press, coerced from without by the masters' gunmen; disrupted from within by the masters' stoops; or turned aside from a possible revolutionary tendency by some promised "welfare" plan. Always the OFFENSIVE, by the masters! The live rebels, dubbed "dangerous agitators," are jailed or driven off the job; conservatism is played upon; the ranks of labor are cleverly divided; ruthlessly decimated, and thoroughly dissipated, through the offensive tactics of the employing class.

In no respect is this more clearly shown than in the numerous court cases which the I. W. W. has been and is now trying to fight in this country. The "psychological moment" had indeed developed into the greatest offensive movement against capitalist control of industry ever known in this country, was turned into a defensive movement in behalf of Ettor and Giovannitti. The textile barons and other capitalists had no ease against Ettor and Giovannitti; they knew that well enough. But they knew how to manufacture a case, and make necessary the prolonged use of the organization's resources in their defense. Their objective was plainly to keep the I. W. W. from organizing the textile industry when the "psychological moment" for organization was at hand; and they succeeded. While they had failed to break the strike by the regulation cunning and force, they succeeded in dissipating the strikers' victory. They had accomplished a similar feat in the steel industry, following the promising outbreak of McKee's Backs. They met every endeavoring resistance in the Paterson silk workers; still that, from the very start, was a defensive movement showing only "cleverness and powers of resistance" on the side of the workers. Everywhere, with the aid of their highly developed machinery, however, the masters surrounded the I. W. W. and kept it from becoming the menace it yet promises to become.

It is high time we of the I. W. W. were taking stock of these things, and asking ourselves the question: How can the I. W. W. gain a foothold as an organization, which will enable it to perfect its machinery for offensive action against the master class?

**Ebert Declines  
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Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 8.

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JUSTUS EBERT.

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# SOME BIG FACTS FOR LUMBER WORKERS

As the time is arriving when you will have to think over what I am about to suggest in this article, I will talk facts to you.

What I want to suggest to you, is from now on think more of organization than you have done in the past; of ORGANIZATION that will benefit you as workers and nobody else. The organization must embody in the camps and mills, under the same motto—"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."

There must be no dividing up among you in any shape, form or manner—all eyes of the lumber workers must be on one another when on the job, no matter how far apart the camps and mills may be. You are all wage workers and have interests in common one with the other. Any organization that says otherwise can be of no benefit to you, regardless of what they may promise. THAT IS FACT NO. 1.

The workers of the lumber industry produce wealth for the lumber barons at a pace that kills both you and your job, and when you are through piling up logs, lumber, shingles, they lay you off. They care not where you go, what you do, or how you live after they get done with you. If you have a family to support, they care not one bit for them, either. When your earnings are gone, and you are broke, hungry, and homeless, you must beware of the law which says you are a vag and an undesirable citizen. The employment shark is your business agent, if you have the price of a job. NO MONEY NO JOB; NO JOB NO MONEY. This winter will see thousands of laid-off lumber workers on the city sidewalks looking in vain for a job or the price of a bed, let alone something to eat. Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, San Francisco, and other cities on the coast are at this writing lined with thousands of workers, and more coming in as the season arrives for closing of camps, competing for jobs that don't exist. This winter, the reward of the lumber workers who have been so sincere and fast in their efforts to make a good showing for the lumber operators, will be the BREADLINE, with damn little bread—and don't you forget it. You may eat your blankets, and pick your teeth with your hob-nails, as far as the lumber operators are concerned, and you and the workers who have been so fair with them, and you are broke, hungry, and homeless, you have been too damned fair with them and they have taken full advantage of you at every stage of the game. THAT IS FACT NO. 2.

When you are working on the job, the conditions are not as they would be if you were organized and had power to change them. Instead, the bunks in the camps are overcrowded with two or three in a bunk, you furnishing your own bedding, which you carry around on your back from one season to another. The bunk houses in most cases have one lonely stove in the center of the floor, with a low ceiling, and wet, sweaty clothes hanging around it during the night, causing the fumes to mix with the air you breathe while asleep. In the morning you kick out with a headache, but there is no hospital in the camp even if you do pay ONE DOLLAR per month for the same, and if you lie around camp sick you get no pay, and quickly. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AS WELL.

There is only one remedy for changing the conditions among the lumber workers. That is, you must unite and act together in the camps as wage workers, against the company directly, and force them to comply with your LAW that you make right on the job. If you don't, the company will enforce their camp-made law, in their interest, which is against yours, and make you like it if you want to stay. All camps and mills acting together with that organized power will be in a position to back up each other's camp or mill, and gain the desired effect of which you will be proud.

In the state of Washington next November, they are going to try and get an eight hour law passed. Do you jacks think this law will be of any benefit to you? I should say not. Remember, when you are out in the camp in the woods, the boss will see that camp as he sees it, providing you let him get away with it, lay off no law. If he does abide by the law, he will pick out the fastest workers from among you, lay off the slow workers, and make you fast workers do the work of two for the same wages, if not for less. In this way he gets around the law, and forces the laid-off workers into the labor market to compete for jobs, which in the long run reduces wages. When there is no solidarity among you the boss will do as he pleases with you in the interest of the company. On the other hand, if all loggers and lumber workers act together you can make an eight hour law of your own and force the companies to abide by it with the power of your organization. That means that every wage worker in the lumber industry will refuse to work longer than eight hours, and in turn this will force the companies to hire more workers in order that they may fill their orders. It will take more lumber workers of the labor market and lessen competition for jobs, and in the long run force wages up. In other words, you will become more independent and be in a position to dictate to the boss instead of his dictating to you. You will refuse to be speeded up, because you stick by one another. THAT IS FACT NO. 3.

The I. W. W. has the above program, and will carry it out, if you will allow the organization to prove how it works out by getting into its ranks and making it a power. The I. W. W. must be stronger than the lumber operators and organized one. Here is simply a question of the power of the organization to make good, and in order to make good you workers must get in. If you knew how the lumber operators hate the I. W. W., you would fall all over yourself to join. It is a working class force against the capitalist class force, if that will make you see the point. An injury to one is an injury to all. Same as in the Lumber Operators' Association. The I. W. W. has lumber workers' locals in every nearly all industrial centers where lumber is made. If not in your locality you can get together and organize one. Hang your charter on the wall of the bunkhouse and build up your local so you can see it. After you build up the locals, you form a National Industrial Union of Forest and Lumber Workers by calling a convention of delegates from the various locals or camps. You may get any information desired from these lines from any local of the I. W. W., or from its General Headquarters at 164 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. THAT IS FACT NO. 4.

Finally, the lumber workers of the I. W. W. should get busy and build up their own camps and thereby you send out organizers into your various localities with the idea of getting into the camps and getting NON-MEMBERS into the union. We must form the national industrial union as soon as possible and be in a position to handle the work of organization for the future. Don't let anything stand in the way of your own future. It is. Get the locals and union together and the rest will take care of itself. LET US BUILD UP THE I. W. W. AND SEE HOW IT WORKS. JOHN M. FOSS.

## PRESENT DAY EVENTS

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SPONDING QUARTER SINCE THIS RECORD HAS BEEN KEPT, SURPASSING EVERY OTHER YEAR FOR THE PANIC YEAR OF 1898."

The hearing that has partly produced these results has enabled the big New York banks to form "The \$100,000,000 Gold Pool," to meet "foreign liquidation," that is, "save the country's credit" by shipping gold abroad, it being the banking theory that this country must starve and go bankrupt in order to meet the favor of countries who have gone to war, destroyed industries, suspended payment of debts, destroyed international commerce, and otherwise ruled themselves out of the court of civilization. The pool should the people of this country export food and kill their own industry for such a lot of bandits as control the economic and political destinies of Europe. The pool is to make stronger still "our" financial oligarchy, who are intent on getting prestige for "us," as "financial leaders." We, the millions of workers, who all put together, could not Rockefeller's billions if we tried, "financial leaders," ye gods, what a ghastly joke! But hear how well pleased Rockefeller's bank is over the recent gold exports: \$100,000,000 GOLD GIVES US PRESTIGE

National City Bank Argues That Financial Leadership of World May Be Won.

"Expenditures adopted in the financial markets to meet the war crisis are reviewed in the October circular of the National City Bank, issued yesterday. The circular also tells of the \$100,000,000 gold exports, and the bank's attitude concerning payments in gold in discharge of American obligations abroad.

"Obligations now pending were created before the present war developed," it says. "Individuals, corporations and municipalities desire to meet foreign obligations promptly and in the usual manner. Our credit as a people will be greatly strengthened by doing so in a time of stress, despite fair reasons for doing otherwise.

"At a time which some propounders for raising New York to a new rank as an international money market it is worth while to exert ourselves to keep it on a gold basis."

So much for the ultra-financiers and "our credit," etc. What of the working class? Say, if ever the working class needed an industrial union organization, like that propagated by the I. W. W., and a press like that promoted by SOLIDARITY, it is right here and now. For the working class is in for "one hell of a time." High prices and unemployment have already been announced as the prospect for the coming winter. But indications are multiplying that industry will not be so badly off as is being predicted. What is the A. F. of L. doing to prevent this? What can it do? But to return to the newspapers: here is an item that tells a tale indeed.

### MAY CUT STEEL WAGES

Carnegie Company to End Agreement With Metal Workers.

"Pittsburgh, Oct. 2.—The Carnegie Steel Company's real reason for posting bulletins in all its plants notifying its employees that the wage agreement in force for fifteen years past would be terminated Jan. 1, 1915, is alarm over the business outlook resulting from the war, according to a statement made tonight by A. C. Dinkey, President of the concern.

"He said the European struggle is having a depressing effect in all lines of trade in this country, and if it grows more pronounced, the Carnegie Steel Company will be better to handle the situation if not restricted by the present agreement. There is a possibility of lower wages, he added."

Now some may say, in view of the foregoing, "President Wilson will help us; he's the workman's friend." If ever anybody is doomed to disappointment, it is the believer in President Wilson as the friend of "small business" and the workers. Armour quietly adds flour to the food monopoly; the Pennsylvania R. R., headed by Henry Frick, its largest stockholder, takes greater hold of the New Haven R. R. system. Both push interlocking trusts; an extreme; who prostrate the non, pronounced enemy of "interlocking," looks on and says nothing. Further, President Wilson stands back at the time of the trust bill, which has been described by Senator Reed as "a toothless old baby." Senator Bristol intimates

that Wall Street controls Wilson. But read the news for yourself: SAYS WILSON IS PREY TO EVIL INFLUENCES

Senator Bristol Attacks President on Clayton Bill—Half-Hearted Defense by Clapp.

"Washington, Oct. 2.—Senator Culberson, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, failed today in an effort to fix a day for a vote on the Clayton Anti-Trust bill. He tried to name Saturday at 4 o'clock, then Monday. Senator Smith of Michigan objected, saying he would do everything within his power to defeat the measure.

"In the debate on the bill Senator Bristol of Kansas said that in his opinion the President had surrendered his administration to 'evil influences.' Senator Martine, who voted for the Clayton bill in the Senate, joined in the opposition to the conference report. Senator Vandenberg and other Democrats are unfriendly to the bill. It begins to look as if the Clayton bill report might be defeated.

"In discussing the conference report, Senator Clapp, of Minnesota said:

"The Senator from North Carolina, Mr. Overman, has stood up on the floor and, in response to the criticism that we do not give the man who is wronged by a trust the right to go into court and rely on the record of the conviction of the man who has blantly inquired, 'Well, we have not taken from him any of the rights he had before eighteen months of trust agitation.' 'The Senator is talking 'G' on your knees and thank a benign Providence that you have as many rights as you had when we entered on this legislative career.' 'Co-operatives' and 'Reformers.' 32 page pamphlet; 10c a copy; per hundred . \$3.50

"Mr. Bristol retorted: 'The President reports all about it contains, just what it does. He wants it passed because it does just what it does and he is not in favor of getting into law the things that he advocated in 'The New Freedom.' In other words, he has surrendered his administration to the sinister influences of the Republic and from now on there will not be and has not been an administration for half a century that is so abjectly subservient to the Wall Street influence as this one.'

"I cannot stand here and acquiesce in that statement in its fulness," said Mr. Clapp. "I do believe that the 'invisible government' has fastened upon this administration. I believe that 'invisible government' is tightening its hold day after day. But I cannot believe that any man possessing his ideals is conscious of that betrayal."

"Can any workman read the foregoing news (which may be multiplied to a great extent without realizing that it is the I. W. W. organization and propaganda? Now, more than ever before is the working class in need of organization and education such as only the I. W. W. can make possible. Now more than ever before, should both be encouraged and promoted to the limit. Give a hand; all together!

Join the I. W. W.; push its propaganda; help its system; organize your class saved from greater degradation and enslavement; and set on the high road to emancipation! J. E.

### Get Hops Picked For Nothing

(Special to Solidarity).

Bethel, Oregon, Oct. 2.

"As the hop industry in this part of the state is quite important, I believe every worker should know the conditions existing therein. The hope all relate here, and other employers of labor, took advantage of the great army of unemployed, and through the name of the Farmers' Union, which they cut the wages from \$1.00 a box to 90 cents. One fellow by the name of Rodgers contacted Oregon, as conditions were so bad, which they refused to pay them. So the hops were picked for practically nothing.

So, beware, fellow workers, about contacting Oregon, as conditions are rotten all around. Stay where you are and organize on the job as best you can. ORVEL TALLY.

All mail for I. W. W. Local 26, Denver, Colo. should be sent to Pat Noonan, Sec'y, 1181 19th St. It is important, as "Barnes," the former secretary, will have all mail sent to his room, contrary to the provisions of the Pennsylvania trust bill, which was discharged as secretary by the local, has refused to let mail come to the hall. Send all mail in name of Pat Noonan, Sec'y 26.

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