

PROFIT-MAKING BUSSES VS. REBELS WHO WOULD GREEN

The Situation on the Pacific Coast, With Special Reference to Everett.

Everett is trying to quit advertising here. If one reads the papers of the town he would receive the impression that the most important thing the editors could find any trace of in the town is an ad club dinner, or the arrest of a boot-legger, or some other petty crime. There is no mention of the forthcoming trials of 74 men who are charged with murder, and who are held in a jail that is not large enough for half of them.

But we must take up the line of advertising that the Everett papers are purposely trying to cover up. And there is plenty to be advertised. Things are happening all the time that indicate why murder and injustice have been the regular order of things for nearly a year.

As a starter the bosses cut the shingle weaver's wages and precipitated a strike on May 1, last year. It seems to have been a deliberate attempt to establish the open shop in all the lumber camps and saw mills in Snohomish County as a preparation for cutting wages and defeating all attempts at organization on the part of the workers.

Even should an employer desire to make conditions fairly decent for his workers he is not permitted to do so. Only to cite one instance, a new ship building yard was recently started here, and the employers began working their men but eight hours per day. The Commercial Club gave them a hint that it would be better to work the men ten hours per day, as if an eight hour job established here it would make the saw mill workers become discontented and also want an eight hour day for themselves.

A few days later the ship yard men were informed that they did not begin making any money for their labor until they were not furnished with any lumber. Boycott? Oh, no, just good business principles.

A week ago some of the men piling lumber for the Weyerhaeuser mill here complained that they were not receiving enough money for the work required. A few men met and a few were fired for complaining, and the discontent spread to two other groups of men, but there was no concerted action except to present a petition for a raise in wages. Then the company brought in a bunch of professional scabs who were on the Seattle waterfront in the strike there last summer, and they were installed in their old men as some more quip. After the scabs were installed the manager gave all the old employees who were still on the job the following letter:

February 17, 1917. Employees Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Mill #1. Your petition has been presented to me by your committee. As manager of this company, my policy has been to give every man a square deal, promote and build up within our own organization and in general to promote the welfare of you men. I have established contract work, task work, efficiency system and in each instance have given the employees the big end of the savings.

During the nine years I have been building up this business, there has appeared among you an element of agitation and disloyalty. I am glad to say that I do not know, but will soon find out, for I am going to weed it out, and any man we may have in our employ who is dissatisfied with the treatment we are giving or preaching disloyalty to you men, I want him to get out for we are going to get him out as soon as he can be located.

After this is done, I will be very glad to consider your petition on its merits. W. H. BONER, Manager.

A perusal of the letter makes one think the writer was frothing at the mouth when it was written. The letter as well as the writer is a banner, according to baseball slang. Does he think that task work will not cause discontent? Or does he think that his kind of management will not breed agitators? The I. W. W. had nothing to do with the discontent in the Weyerhaeuser mill; it was conditions that caused that, but the men are turning to the One Big Union for a help for their fight for better.

And here is where the men in all parts of the country who are working for the Meyerhausers and ex-Governor Clough of Minnesota can help the men in the Everett jail in a very direct way. Don't quit their woods camps and mills, but see to it that they make constant profit of them until the men here are released unconditionally. The lumber trust and the Pacific Coast shipping companies are responsible directly for the murder of five men and the malicious persecution of more than a hundred others for the purpose of defeating all organizations of working men. It is up to us to see that they make no profit out of that program.

One of the maritine companies here known as the P. C. Shipping Co. has announced a profit of 83 per cent for the year 1916. The lumbering companies have not made any announcement of their profits for the past year, but they have no doubt done as well as it is any wonder that they object to parting with any part of such a fat thing? We must see that they do part with it, and by the same token we must see that we get that profit for ourselves. It is well worth fighting for, and by organizing we can take it. The 74 men in jail are in good spirits, and all are taking more interest in the fate of Tom Mooney in San Francisco than they are in their own forthcoming trials. To be sure they fully realize their position with relation to the working class fight that is being waged on the Pacific Coast, but their personal fate interests them but little. The slogan of all seems to be, "Damn the boss and fight to a finish."

N. D. LEGISLATORS KILL I. W. W. BILLS

CALL FOR CONFERENCE

To All Dock Workers, Seamen, Marine Firemen, Cooks, Stewards, and all others engaged in Marine Transportation: This conference will be held for the purpose of laying plans for perfecting our organization on the Great Lakes this coming season. Permanent officers will also be elected.

A conference of the workers on the Great Lakes engaged in the above occupations will be called in Cleveland, Ohio, at 226 Champlain Ave., March 25, 1917, at 9:00 A. M.

Wm. D. HAYWOOD, General Sec'y-Treas. C. H. EDWARDS, Sec'y.

ATTENTION DETROIT READERS: Propaganda meetings are being held in Detroit on Sunday at 2:30 P. M. in the I. W. Hall, room 20, 60 Monroe Ave., corner Library St. COME and see your friends and swell the crowd.

MINNEAPOLIS: Local 64 holds meetings every Sunday at 2:30 P. M. at the I. W. Hall, 11 1/2 Western Ave. Also a dance every Sunday night. Visiting members invited to attend both meetings and dances.

Mr. Lena Cole, Kalroka, Missouri, is anxious to hear from her husband. Write to her at the address of Cole and information to the above address.

among the workers. For themselves they are asking nothing, and more than that are refusing to accept even common necessities for themselves.

But this they are asking, and they have a right to demand it in the name of Labor. That every worker in the country get into the game, and that every man who is unjustly jailed for a beating that never again will any man be unjustly jailed for upholding the right of organization.

We are in a clear-cut fight. No longer is the issue obscure. It is slavery or freedom, and there is no hope of compromise on any middle ground. Drop your apathy. Get in the game. STUMPY.

To All Workers Who Were on the Verona or Calista, or Whose Presence is Required by the Defense in Seattle: This is a final and imperative call to all of you to appear in Seattle and report to the defense March 15th. Do not forget. Arrangements will be made for your accommodation as soon as you arrive. Write in immediately and let us know you are coming.

EVERETT PRISONERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE. DON'T FORGET. BE IN SEATTLE MARCH 15TH. FOR THE LIFE-LONG LIBERTY OF YOUR 74 FELLOW WORKERS. YOUR PRESENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

Murder in Phila. Strike

Continued From Page One spirit of the strikers, they began the head breaking. Strikers were clubbed and arrested. One fellow worker was picked up by the private detectives, taken to the office of the agency and from there to the Moyamensing prison. This fellow worker had never had a trial and was not even booked at a police station. The strikers and their friends were giving the missing picket from early in the morning until after 8 o'clock that night. When our fellow worker was taken up for trial next day, he was released by the magistrate. This is but one of the many cases of like character.

On Feb. 21st, in the morning, a meeting was held of women—the wives and daughters of the strikers. At this meeting the women decided to aid in the picketing and on the same evening a large number of them, many with babes in their arms, went to the strike zone to meet the scabs.

No sooner had they arrived than the police started to bully them, first by pushing them around and then by slapping their faces. The men on the picket line objected and the police and the men clubbed. For a time 2,000 pickets and strike sympathizers and what appeared to be all of Philadelphia's police force battled. The pickets fought bravely, but bare hands were no match for guns and clubs. When the slaughter was over—and it was a slaughter, for the police on foot and horseback charged the pickets from all sides clubbing and shooting—one of our best was dead, shot through the breast with the bullets of the police. Several of our fellow workers were wounded and sent to the hospitals. These police found out where the hospitals were located also.

Many strikers are being arrested. Many are under arrest. The police threaten to arrest more. Our fighters must be defended. It is for the workers to see to it that they are defended. Hold mass meetings. Collect funds. Take the matter up at your union meetings. Send all funds to W. T. Neff, Sec'y-Treas., Strike Finance and Publicity Committee, 800 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

LITERATURE IN STOCK

In its issue of Feb. 8, Solidarity announced that it would publish a list of pamphlets and other literature still in stock with the I. W. W. Publishing Bureau. Below is the list and quantity in stock Feb. 7. Secretaries and agents will please cut this out and keep it for reference. Do not order stuff not listed here, but notice of re-publication is given. This will save a lot of extra work, if agents will pay attention to this notice: Revolutionary I. W. W. (Perry)—7,850. Price 5c copy; \$2.50 per 100.

Sabotage (Flynn)—6,050. Price 10c copy; \$5 per 100. I. W. W. Song Books—2,850. Price 10c copy. \$5 per 100. Limited to 200 while they last.

Eleven Blind Leaders (Williams)—400. Price 5c copy; in quantities of ten or more, 3c each. New Unionism (Tridon)—20. Single copies only, at 25 cents. Advancing the Proletariat (Woodruff)—300. Single copies 10c; in quantities of 10 at 5c each.

One Big Union in the Textile Industry (Koestgen)—7,900. Single copies 5c; in order to close these out, textile unions and others in textile centers may obtain them in quantities of 500 or more for 1 cent each. High Cost of Living (Dougberty)—300. Single copies 2c; ten or more at 1 cent each.

Trial of a New Society (Ebert)—314. Single copies 50c. Six or more 25c each. What Every Girl Should Know (Sanger)—55. What Every Mother Should Know (Sanger)—20. Single copies, 30c. Both for 50c.

Industrial Relations Reports (Walsh)—350. Single copy 10c. Twenty or more at 5c each. Sheet Music—"Workers of the World, Awaken" (Joe Hill)—700. Single copies 25c; 5 for \$1.00; 10 for more at 15c each.

"The Rebel Girl" (Joe Hill)—400. Same prices. One Big Union Pennants—145. Each 25 cents. We can also supply the Revolutionary Pictures and Post Cards as heretofore, the pictures at 15c each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.00 per hundred. The post cards, 2c each; 15c per dozen; 70c per hundred.

Address I. W. W. Publishing Bureau, 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. BIG MILWAUKEE CONTRACTOR TIED UP

For the first time in their history the Rauff Construction Co., the largest contractors in Milwaukee, have been completely tied up, and horrors! they are tied up by the I. W. W. calling a strike of their building laborers, and worse still, every man walked off the job. A picket line was set up on the ground in front of the building and the chief of police furnished us with a guard of twenty big burly policemen to make sure we would not be hurt should any scabs show up.

The police tried every method known to them to break the strike and drive off the pickets, without success, and finally arrested fellow worker Stump, but this only angered the fellow workers to make their picketing all the stronger. So the police made a final effort to break the spirit of the boys by raiding our hall and arresting fellow workers Pasewalk, Bolton, Bailey, Orrick, Deckman, Ford and Morris, and the servile Judge Blewett.

The Rauff Company in the past has always used non-union labor, both skilled and unskilled, and has succeeded in breaking every strike called against them by the A. F. of L. But this time there is a different story to tell—the I. W. W. has had them tied up tight for several days. All the laborers are out, and the carpenters and bricklayers had to quit, not because they wanted to, but because they cannot get laborers to wait on them. The company has asked the strike committee to meet with them this afternoon.

Keep your eyes on the Construction-Workers of the I. W. W. of Milwaukee this summer; the opening gun has been fired for a strenuous campaign. G. J. BOURG.

JOBING A FELLOW WORKER

(Continued From Page Three) as she is an I. W. W. and a true rebel, no matter what other people say. I would not have been shamelessly calling her a prostitute, and everything else—you can get the names of those who have done this. There was a fellow worker in court when I had my preliminary hearing and I did not want to connect the organization with my case, as I figured that the capitalist class would give the papers headlines when they would have big headlines in the press about what the I. W. W. are made of, and it would be a blow to our movement.

Now, fellow workers, I started right away to smuggle out letters to the General Office and others telling them about my case, also sent a letter to the local here asking them to write me a denouncing letter stating that I was no I. W. W. that might have gotten me my freedom, as the authorities would have been convinced that I was not a member, and I would not be fighting one more at the front.

I have been in here now 40 days, and I am sure that every one of you from the local here seems to give a damn whether I am alive or dead. I am sure that every one of you knows that I know that the true blue rebels, who support for active labor action, are the I. W. W. were investigating my case, not only for my sake, but for others who would be in the same predicament. I am sure that if the amount of the largess is returned to the claimant and the I. W. W. are not allowed to find any indictment. The check that was supposed to be paid to him was not paid. I am sure that every one of you knows that I know that the true blue rebels, who support for active labor action, are the I. W. W. were investigating my case, not only for my sake, but for others who would be in the same predicament. I am sure that if the amount of the largess is returned to the claimant and the I. W. W. are not allowed to find any indictment. The check that was supposed to be paid to him was not paid. I am sure that every one of you knows that I know that the true blue rebels, who support for active labor action, are the I. W. W. were investigating my case, not only for my sake, but for others who would be in the same predicament. I am sure that if the amount of the largess is returned to the claimant and the I. W. W. are not allowed to find any indictment. The check that was supposed to be paid to him was not paid.

PROSECUTION MAKING FALSE TESTIMONY

Behind steel bars them, and with a sawing ever closer, they are going on trial for the first time. Witnesses "Gumbus" artists are to secure any "evidence" of jurymen or position. Behind trust and the labor coat are prepared these men. It is an attempt to establish the case against these union men of their war against profits and power.

Thomas Tracy, union man by the Commercial Club, is a spy and unfaithful to the court of Snobolistic vengeance on country can protect it in danger. Nothing is the immediate and the land. The following is the gravity of the situation.

Chicago, Ill. Bought and paid thousands dollars more legal expenses. Se dollar possible at merchants and man.

Send all donations to Gov. Liberty Defense Committee, 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. This is a final report to the March 15th. Get your money together and let us know you are coming.

Any fellow worker would apply is asked the necessity of immediate meetings and to Gov. Liberty Defense Committee, 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Baltimore, Md. Special to Solidarity: The Baltimore longshoremen are being held in the L. A., whose cost per hour for day they have different dock and out of the hands of their pay. Fellow Worker joined the One Big Union to stop going to stop the strike.

We are publishing twenty-two delegates of the "Wagon" as it is being held in the L. A., whose cost per hour for day they have different dock and out of the hands of their pay. Fellow Worker joined the One Big Union to stop going to stop the strike.

SPANISH LITERATURE: Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 14. Solidarity: I have announced in Solidarity that "El Bolehe" has just published a Spanish leaflet, "El Bolehe" will clear up the minds of a million Spanish workers, and all the rest of the world who are rotting away in the capitalist prisons. I am hoping to see it published in Spanish. If all the locals will help, we will be able to publish it in Spanish.

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