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funds to Grover H. Roy,
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Chicago.

M. D. HAYWOOD,
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BUTTE SURE OF VICTORY

Efforts of Mining Companies to Break Strike Prove Futile

Butte, Montana, Sept. 20th. The metal miners of Butte are still on strike in spite of all efforts of the M. M. Companies to bring about their return by means of stool pigeons, gun-ning and the like. This 'law-abiding' bunch has been unable to run things as they used to or to put anything at all on us, and their chances of doing so are getting smaller every day. We are putting up a stronger fight every day. More men are lining up in wobbles and the more tricks we get. Members of the New Union are lining up a more determined fight along, and they are getting more of the real fighting spirit. We are all sure of victory.

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UNTIL WE WIN

Twelfth Week of the Great Copper Strike finds I. W. W. Miners Holding Out for Full Demands



IF THEY ONLY HADN'T OPENED UP THE JAR-

This is the twelfth week of the strike called July 1st by this union against the mining companies of the Miami-Globe district. Our men are still standing solidly for their demands. The companies have refused to accept the services of Federal Mediators, Hunt and McBride, who have left the district. Thus the fight will go to a finish. The companies are raking the entire West and Southwest with a fine-toothed comb for competent miners, and cannot get them. Good miners are doing well elsewhere, and will refuse to come to a scab camp. At Miami-The companies are attempt-

ing to make a showing as to operating their properties. The Miami Copper Company has on its pay roll at present about one-fifth its regular complement of 900 men. The Inspiration Copper Company has less than 20 per cent of its full force of about 1500 men. The nonde-script aggregation of seals, gunmen and boys employed by these companies can not get out the ore. Fifteen of our members have been arrested for "vagrancy" because they wouldn't scab. Eight are still in jail. All cases are appealed to Superior Court. At Globe-The Old Dominion Copper Company has about 400 men at work of

a normal force of about 1650 in mine and smelter. Less than 50 real miners are working. The physical condition of the mine is deteriorating very badly, and the hospital is full of seals who failed to use "safety first" precautions. The Loyalty League of Globe has established a feature and wonderful "rustling card" system. All seals are now compelled to swear allegiance to the league as well as the companies. No real man will do it. Members of craft unions-Engineers, Carpenters, Structural Iron Workers and Electrical Workers-are scabbing both at

Exiles in Mexico

Refugees Treated Royally in Southern Republic

MORE NEWS FROM BISBEE

Pelona, Mexico, Sept. 13th. This is to inform the readers of Solidarity that the Mexican Fellow Workers who left the civilian camp at Columbus, N. M. have safely crossed the line into Old Mexico and are now in Palomas at the invitation of the Mexican Government. A few American Fellow Workers are with them. We are all being treated fine.

The camp in Columbus was broken up on account of the cutting off of rations. Several of the boys returned to Bisbee for their clothes and others have scattered all over the country. Those returning to Bisbee have entered town in bunches of from three to a half dozen. They have all been rounded up in the Warren Hall Park, the same place we were taken on the day of the deportation, where each one is examined and given his "orders." Those who are subject to the draft are placed under a guard of soldiers, and if their registration stamps are overruled they are permitted to don yellow uniforms and fight for "democracy," otherwise they are run out of town. Imagine how it feels, under the circumstances, to be arrested for not answering the draft call! Each man who returns to get his personal effect is placed under a guard of two "deputies" whose business it is to see that they leave town immediately.

Governor Makes Statement

That members of the I. W. W. who were deported from Bisbee have no chance whatever of returning to Bisbee to make their homes of even for a temporary stay, was made plain here today in a statement by Governor Thomas E. Campbell when he was informed that thirty-four men returning from Columbus had been arrested upon their arrival at Douglas.

"The Cochise county authorities are proceeding regularly and according to law," stated Governor Campbell. "The 'kangaroo court' was abolished last month, and as long as the course of procedure is such as I found it to be on the occasion of a visit to Bisbee last week, there is no ground for any interference on my part.

Those Warrants

"The sheriff of the county has a warrant for each man who was deported from Bisbee, charging vagrancy, inciting to riot and other offenses. As fast as these men return within the jurisdiction of the sheriff, they are arrested and taken before a justice of the peace. They are given two days in which to 'secure counsel' and are haled on their own recognizance. They usually utilize the two days in arranging whatever affairs they may have in Bisbee and then departing.

"In a few instances the men have chosen to remain and stand trial, and in these instances they have been fined and sentenced to work on the county roads.

"I presume the same course will be taken with these men. The procedure conforms to the law and at the same time has the effect desired by the law abiding people of Cochise county. As long as this form of procedure is carrying on (Continued on Page 3)

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Entered as second class matter March 10, 1917, at the post office at Chicago, Illinois, under the act of March 3, 1879.

After all, the I. W. W. has only been "frisked" for its card.
The press is certainly giving the One Big Union an awful black eye, these days—with the boss.

I. W. W. tactics are simply the efficiency system applied to the class struggle.
Evidently sabotage, like other forms of direct action, is only within the law when it is used against the working class.

Since the I. W. W. has learned that it cannot fight booze and the boss at the same time it will be pretty hard to prove that even Budweiser is that much-looked-for "German influence."

Barbarous Mexico has put the fabled "land of Liberty" to shame by killing the fattest calf for the deported miners from the Columbus camp.

The master class in America is a bad loser. What a squawk they do put up whenever they feel their grip slipping.

The A. F. of L. has more strikes on its hands than ever before in spite of Sammy's assurances that such things would not happen.

Many, many thousands of American workers have lost confidence in the ability of reformers and politicians to better their conditions. This means that they are coming more and more to rely upon DIRECT action.

German Gold! If the loud mouthed liars who are wasting their wind yipping about the I. W. W. being backed by the Kaiser's coin only know how much Wilhelm hates us they would lay off of that stuff for a while.

The rank and file of the A. F. of L. are seriously asking themselves whether or not Sammy Gompers has outlived his usefulness. As far as Big Business is concerned—not yet.

The "labor commission" to Russia will certainly have a lot of things to explain away. If they told the whole truth and nothing but the truth about the industrial America they would be hanged for "treason."

The history of the human race is largely the story of how the biped known as man has acquired his food, clothing and shelter.

written and unwritten history have been the product of human ingenuity matched against the blind forces of nature.

The struggle against nature is practically over and the human race has triumphed over all obstacles and over all foes.

From the dim beginning of time man has been using all his strength and cunning to learn how to live in this beautiful world.

The means used by man to reach his present state were dictated by sternest necessity. He had to use the weapons and social groupings that would give him the greatest advantage over his enemies.

In order to continue the unbroken line of human progress the capitalist class will have to be displaced by the working class and the capitalist state by the industrial administration of the future.

Originally man armed himself individually in order to protect and feed himself as an individual. Later on the clan armed itself in order to fight more effectively than the less perfectly organized units with which it was disputing the right to hunt in favored hunting grounds.

Since the early days of tribal organization, when matters of state were decided in the camp-fire council attended by all members there has never been a really democratic or popular war.

The gigantic weapons of modern warfare are only the highly sophisticated and perfected "meat tickets" of our prehistoric forbears.

It was SOLIDARITY that kept the first crude forms of human society together and made of them a nation.

Just as the State became the most powerful and perfect form of political administration so the One Big Union will become the most powerful and perfect form of industrial administration.

The I. W. W. is a fighting organization. All of the urge and push of human progress is behind it. Its members are unwaveringly true to their convictions and loyal to the Cause they believe in.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF LABOR'S MIGHT
(Tune: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name")
By J. Steven Dodd.

All hail the power of Labor's might,
Ye workers, heed the call,
Come join our One Big Union strong
And triumph over all.

THE SPIDERS AND THE FLIES

Once upon a time it happened in a certain land that all living creatures had disappeared and perished, save only the Spiders and the Flies.

Now many of the Flies, when they heard the dulcet words of the Webbers, listened willingly until they saw the Spiders take their fill of the fattest of the Flies before returning to the "Spiders Association" to report.

"Fellow philanthropists," said one fat Spider to the hairy-backed assemblage, "we must keep our Flies in our Webs so that we may feed upon them at will for all time to come."

"How are we to live without the Webs and what could we do without the Webs? Do you wish to see sacred 'Law and Order' trampled in the dust and Civilized Society overthrown?"

"Beloved Flies," they said, "it is true that we are Spiders and that you are Flies, but our Interests are identical. Our Webs represent the principle of 'Law and Order' which is the foundation of all civilized society."

"And so it happened that the wordiest of the Flies were forth to dazzle the Flies with the eloquence of their pincher-bristling mouths and with the fine words that were flashing from the Flies Papers."

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How many subscribers for \$1.50 take last week's issue?

NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Uniformed ruffians invaded the hall of the Recruiting Union in Los Angeles and smashed everything in sight.

There is something more behind this raid than the excesses that were given out would imply. The boys in Los Angeles have been carrying on a persistent and aggressive campaign for some time in and around Los Angeles, especially in the Beet fields and were rapidly developing that economic power on the job so reared by the boss and investigation will disclose the fact, that the drunken soldiers who raided the hall and destroyed everything in it, were egged on to their dastardly deeds by the Labor-Press and W. & M. officials in order to destroy the growing power of the I. W. W. in Seably old Los.

Fellow-worker Chris Luber informs us that he is in receipt of a letter from the Warden of the Reppressa State Prison, in which the Warden asks him "as a favor to the boys in that Prison and especially so to Fellow-worker Suhr" not to write any more letters to any of the members of the I. W. W. in the Reppressa Prison, altho he says that money can still be sent in to them, and will be credited to them, as the prison rules allow.

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and not wait for the Warden to do so. We are sure that no one will pay any attention to this request of the Warden, but will continue as usual to write to the boys who are behind the bars from the outside world, which we know they will appreciate.

Fellow-worker Severino Oberdan has been arrested at Nokomis, Ill. he is charged with being an I. W. W. organizer, and being against the Government and looking like the Kaiser. He is now being held under \$5000 bail in the Springfield County Jail. It is all a "frame up" upon the part of the Coal Companies who have watched with apprehension the activities of this Fellow-worker amongst the Coal Miners.

Fellow-worker John Panener who was sent to Waukegan to deliver upon request an educational lecture upon "Industrial Unionism" has been arrested on a charge "conspiracy to interfere with the proper administration of justice." In this case, these zealous officials of law and order have overstepped their own law, and have laid themselves open to damage suits, as the lawyer for the defence showed them were Panener and the others who were arrested with him, were arrested contrary to the law of this State.

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News from Construction Workers Industrial Union No. 573

There no longer remains a doubt concerning the extent to which capital will go to wipe out organized labor. The events of the past six months should prove to all thinking wage-workers that the fight to exterminate union labor is on in earnest.

The delegate who turned in cards numbered 314725-28 to W. Crowley at Great Falls, Mont., should send his report to this office so we can properly credit him with same.

The Industrial Worker has been completely cleaned out. Contrary to hopes however, this has not affected the strike of the lumber workers. There is more than one way to skin a cat and the pole cat's skinning is sure over-due.

Members of C. W. I. U. No. 573 have sent in \$106.55 for the lumber workers and \$74.25 for the miners since the last bulletin. This is a manifestation of the right spirit but still more is needed. Do it some more.

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All the above jobs can be shipped to from Minneapolis.

Men are wanted to work in the Glacier National Park at 41¢ per hour. Board is \$100 per day. A trailer being built there.

Work on a \$10,000 hotel in the park will start Sept. 15th. The work of building roads and trails will be carried on all winter.

Porter Bros. have three jobs opened between Shelby and Cut Bank on which they pay \$325. Bord which is charged at the rate of \$100 a day is rotten. The Camps are short handed.

Thos. J. Cross delegate No. 150 has reported to this office and has straightened his account. Although nothing was lost in the main office, the C. W. I. U. No. 573 has sustained heavy loss due to the recent raids.

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THE RED PARASITES

Children, before Mammy puts you to bed, Grandpa will tell you a little story about the great events which happened long years ago in the dark, dark days of the Revolution, before the One Big Union became the Nation of all the world.

This broad and beautiful country of ours was then called the "United States of Capitalism," and a few odd appearing men with enormous bellies, who lived in the palaces of gold, were the absolute rulers—dictators and tyrants—of all the land.

In those days we of the I. W. W. were hard working men and not much skilled in the trades. Our skill had to serve the rich men and the machinery which the workers had invented and used, but which only served to make the rich men richer and richer.

These skilled workers were then organized into an organization known as the A. F. of M. Some of these men were a little better off than the unskilled workers, but they too were short handed and their skill was being made valueless by the development of machinery.

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PREPAID SUB CARDS.

You want Solidarity to continue. The powers that be want Solidarity to discontinue. What you want and what we want will prevail.

How many of these prepaid sub cards have you got? You know we have them in the following denominations: 3 months sub, 40¢, 6 months sub, 75¢; yearly subs, \$1.50. If you havn't any you had better get a supply. Pay for them now and then sell them to your fellow slaves. That will help US and it will help YOU because Solidarity will help the slave to think.

Every little sub added to the subs we've got, Makes just another sub more. That's the lesson we've all got to learn.

Always Allen. The Australian papers, seeking to give the I. W. W. a black eye, have sent us articles in the "Australasian" and "Melbourne Herald" by Austin Lewis, second, "Playing the Game" by Chas. Edward Russell; third, "Those Who Work and Those Who Own" by South Nearing. Every member should read it.

JOB NEWS.

Laborers are wanted at Mason City. All winters work. Wages are \$32.25.

Bound house and machine shops going up around Cedar Rapids and Atkins. Wages are \$2.75.

What is claimed to be a \$6,000,000 tie ditching job has started at Fenton. It is reported that the wages are 45¢ and 50¢ an hour.

MINNESOTA: Building work at St. Paul pays \$2 7/8 per hour. Same contractors go good for board.

The Bay City Dredge Co., near Anoka is short handed. The pay is \$3.00 per day and board is \$5.00. This is dry work.

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NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES

Nominations for delegates to the Eleventh Convention are now open. The best interests of organization will be served if the General Recruiting Union delegates are representative of the entire General Recruiting Union membership.

Nominations must be in this office not later than September 20th, 1917.

Only members now in good standing in the General Recruiting Union can be nominated as delegates or vote for nomination or election of same.

W. M. D. HAYWOOD.

NOTICE

Boston, Mass., Aug. 29th 1917. Ben Warshawsky, Card No. 204987, a member of M. T. W. No. 109, transmitting to the General Recruiting Union a copy of a letter from Everett trustee is hereby notified by Boston Branch to report in person or by mail to the Secretary within one week to explain same, or else Branch will act on the charges pending and which will mean expulsion from the Organization.

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NOTICE

All unions and members having Ford and Sub relief fund tickets will please make a report of all funds collected. Send in all money on hand and all unpaid tickets so that a complete financial statement can be made.

THE COMMITTEE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO CLOSE THE RELIEF FUND AND EXTENDS THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED.

NOTICE. Funds are urgently needed for the support of the families of the dependent miners and to help carry on the work of the government to fire with the workers.

Wake Up, America! Great news from England. The I. W. W. of England now has a party of good news—"Solidarity" has a circulation of 50,000 copies a week. "America's" is right.

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ARTICLES

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News from Agricultural Workers Industrial Union No. 400

The raid on the I. W. W. has failed in its purpose, instead of stopping our work of organization and education, it has had the opposite effect. From all sections, reports come in of increased activity and more and more people are becoming interested in our propaganda and taking out the Little-Red-Card.

STRIKE BULLETIN

LUMBER WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION NO. 500, I. W. W. Spokane District.

Reports from Montana are that some of the contractors are wanting to grant the eight-hour day and start up. On with the fight, we have beaten!

The Copper Trust

WATCH US LAND THE LAST PUNCH!

On the 12th of last June, we stripped to do battle with the management of the A. C. M. Co. Since then they have used all of their paid hirelings from Butte to Washington. Now they are using their very lowest grade prostitute; their last possible card is now being played. The deal which is being pulled off in the name of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelters of Moyer's last stand. The business is being done in Anaconda at the secret meetings of the Moyer organization by the A. C. M. Co. chosen a few left in that organization, under the protection and direction of the A. C. M. gunmen; no self-respecting member of that organization is allowed to enter.

STRIKE SITUATION IN ARIZONA

Miners' Ranks Unbroken Agitators Everywhere

In spite of extreme repressive measures taken by the powers that be in Arizona the strike situation still looks good for the I. W. W.

NOTE FROM SAN JOSE

Noting to the fact that Fresno has been closed up, we will handle all business for the A. O. from this office and will go direct to Minneapolis. Delegates secure supplies title with spring funds. We get up early. Some San Jose until a time as Fresno resumes business.

Wake Up, America!

Wake Up, America! The I. W. W. of England now has a paper with a good name—"Solidarity"—and a circulation of 50,000 copies. It is a "no amendments, no inductees" class, we look for J. P. Morone to government to firm with peace before the workers of all nations sack another "no war" class in the phrase of "no war" class.

ATTENTION EMPLOYMENT SHARPS.

Seattle Wash. Aug. 21, 1917. To Whom It May Concern: At a special business meeting of the joint unions of the Seattle District of the Industrial Workers of the World the following motion was carried: Regularly moved and seconded, that after August 31, 1917, all employment offices shall be closed to workers and all business in the building in which the employment office is located will be placed on the unfair list and our membership patronage withdrawn unless the employment office disposes with the charging of fees.

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Left-Handed Lie.

The organ of the Australian craft unions has it all doped out. As it sees it, all that the I. W. W. exists for is to break up the craft unions. The capitalists, they say, know that if the I. W. W. is "suppressed" it will be stronger and more able to back the trade unions, which are the real foes of capitalism. That's why the capitalists suppress the I. W. W. This stuff is fetched clear from Australia and it's far-fetched, believe me.

How far has the price that the farmers must sell wheat for?

Hoover has fixed the price that the farmers must sell wheat for. He has not, Hoover, fixed a price for bread. Our man, our apple, our butter, our anything vital to existence that the worker must buy. Whose, therefore, I made a mistake, he is going to fix the price of sugar. He is going to fix it to suit the trust. These are great days for trusts. Why not a labor trust in One Big Union!

ORGANIZATION Metal and Machinery Workers

From Revolution to Revolution

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By J. STEPHEN DODD

I was deeply interested in reading the recent articles by Fellow workers Hamilton and Lever on the metal and machinery industry. In my belief, they have set their fingers on the most vital spot in the scheme of industrial unionism. They have commenced a discussion of a project and an industry which, I hope, will not die down until it has developed into some tangible result.

The great fight for the West which has consumed all the resources of the I. W. W. for the last two years will soon be won. The great strikes, which are now taxing all of our energies and finances, are on the threshold of a successful termination. When that time comes, the great tide of organization is bound to sweep east. And when it does, it will find one great unorganized industry towering above all the others—the metal and machinery industry.

While all the nations of the earth are at war in a life and death struggle, events have happened in all the principal countries that go to show that the established autocracies and the commercial class have something more to face than the enemy across the frontier.

The Russian Revolution came as a surprise even to the student of history.

Part Two.

In only one way may workmen's ideals be translated into visible realities—by thoroughgoing workmanlike organization; by a unification and control of the labor power of that class which has, under an advanced stage of capitalism, no function but to produce a surplus it is not permitted to consume and enjoy.

Our broad I. W. W. conception of this industry groups into one single union all workers who work on metal products. This includes half a million of steel and tin plate workers; it includes an equal number of foundry workers of the allied molding trades; it includes, finally, over 2,000,000 machine shop workers, skilled or unskilled, who work in automobile, electrical, ammunition, machinery and a hundred other varieties of metal product producing plants. Such is the scope and the field of Industrial Union No. 300.

Much has been said and written about this uprising against the autocrats. The prevailing idea with some members of the working class is that the Russian proletarian has emancipated himself. Such, however, is not the case. They have merely in the last analysis brought about a change of masters. Thus, they now have what they call a Provisional Government. The franchise has been granted, the Red flag has flown. The soldiers have revolted against their domineering "superiors." Political prisoners have been liberated. But does this mean EMANCIPATION? The members of the new Government can, and in all probability will, prove themselves just as autocratic as their predecessors, the Romanoffs. If the Russian Revolution has not gained freedom from wage slavery, it should, at least, prove to the working class what can be gained by sudden concerted action.

It is obvious that in order to build and perfect an organization fitted to take possession of, and operate the industries and necessary social activities just as the capitalist control, that such workmanlike organization must conform to the prevailing economic social structure in its alignment and operation. Otherwise a social revolution would lead only to chaos—anarchy and confusion.

Here is an industry about which whole cities have grown up and developed. Just to mention a few, the machine shop branch of this industry furnishes employment to practically all the wage workers in such mammoth industrial localities as Detroit, Cleveland, Newark, Schenectady, Bridgeport, Flint, Erie, Canton, Toledo and others too numerous to name. Cities like Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Birmingham, Newcastle, Sharon, Bethlehem, Gary, etc., are supplied almost exclusively by steel workers.

A few hundred lives have been lost in this struggle, but a revolution can be bloodless, as witness the revolution in Portugal a few years ago.

France, England, America, China have all bled through the throes of revolution, but are the workers in these countries any better off? Ireland has been losing her life's blood for centuries in the struggle against outside oppression, and what is the condition of the Irish worker today?

Our present economic and social structure is extremely complicated. Because of the fact that there still exists among the capitalist class divergent and conflicting economic interests, the capitalist system works badly, even for its beneficiaries, when the new order of possibilities of modern machinery production. Conflict of capitalist interests leads to war—both military and commercial—and tends to destroy and waste accumulated wealth. But the tendency is ever towards greater centralization, such in ownership and control, of the wealth producing processes.

As to the foundry branch of the industry, there is not a manufacturing city of any size in the U. S. which does not support a foundry industry.

Can the I. W. W. weld all these millions of workers into a class conscious, organic whole? Other unions have failed to do so and are ceased to try. Not one of these great one-industry cities which have named is a closed shop city. Nay, not even one large factory in all these cities has been completely unionized by the A. F. of L.

Australia for years has had a government elected by, and from, the PEOPLE, yet we are subservient to the Privy Council of Britain. The power and vaunted holiness of kings may be declining, but a rose by any other name smells just as sweet, and call them Presidents or Governors, the fundamental truth remains, they are but the mouthpiece and official heads of the powers that be.

The working class can gain, or retain, no lasting economic freedom while King Capital holds the reins of power. The revolutions in England, France, America, and, in fact, all revolutions, prove this.

Capitalist government (I refer now to the principal Allied Powers) which was intended to fit capitalist production in its elementary stages, operates with considerable friction under an advanced stage of capitalism. It is notorious among students of social science that government in its purely social phases never keeps pace with the changes constantly taking place in economic relationships viewed from the standpoint of wealth production and distribution. The swarms of small capitalists who overthrow the old feudalistic scheme were jealous of their individual liberties, and evolved a political system which has proved a constant irritant to the forces working toward centralization of wealth.

This is largely owing to the unions themselves. The foundry workers fell under the jurisdiction of the less than eighty autonomous unions. The steel workers have only the nominally corruptly amalgamated to turn to, a union which excludes all the unskilled laborers in the steel industry, although they are the very backbone of the mills. And, if we go to the machine shop, there we find the machinists with one union, the blacksmiths with another, and the makers with a third. Moreover, in such factories as automobile factories where painters, carpenters, electricians, engineers and other allied trades are mingled among the working force, each of these classes of workers are isolated into unions which have no bearing at all on the automobile industry in which they work.

Therein lies the fatal flaw which has blocked every past attempt to organize the metal and machinery industry. Never has there been the co-operation of all the component groups. Never has there been the industrial whole which has been even glimpsed. The metal and machinery worker slaves under the industrial feudalism a universal open shop because no union has arisen which can take him for the fight to change it. He is waiting for a union with wide-view to solve the immensity of his problem. That union is here.

While rejoicing at the overthrow of czarism, the world's workers are clinging tenaciously to life, per medium of producing profits for the employer. Their position remains unchanged. They still remain the lower stratum of society. Kropotkin says: "We have all been studying the dramatic side of the revolution too much, and the practical side of the revolution too little, that we are apt to see only the stage effects; so to speak, of these great movements; the fight of the first days; the barricades. But this fight, this skirmish, is soon ended, and it is only after the overthrow of the old constitution, that the real work of revolution can be said to begin."

Revolution that shook France in 1848 certainly hurled the King from power. Yet in 1871 the Government that displaced the Capets was itself displaced in short time. Monarchical government disappears and its supporters scurry to safety, there to plot and plan to retrieve their temporary loss. The people remain unorganized and helpless.

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Entering this field the accusation of dual unionism can hardly be leveled at the I. W. W. The A. F. of L. itself is still only in the starting stage of development in this industry. And it is a recognized fact among metal workers that, bar one conspicuous cause, every attempt of organization and strikes in the larger factories of the A. F. of L. has ended in a disastrous defeat. The A. F. of L. leadership has failed and failed miserably. With their usual dog-in-the-manger policy, the A. F. of L. leaders would now try to prevent other unions from attempting what they have failed at. And their closed, books and high initiation fees make it impossible for them to do so.

They have hurled the figurehead from its pedestal! What is their next move? Ambitious individuals push to the front. Committees are formed with high sounding titles, Provisional Government, Guardians of the Common Weal, Committees of Public Safety. They take the seats of government, hurriedly vacated by the Royalists. They begin to operate the national industries, discuss things absolutely irrelevant to the case in hand, draw their salaries, and tell the people to wait and all will be well. Meanwhile the workers are living on the verge of starvation. In France in 1848 the officials, from the highest to the lowest, drew their salaries, while relief works were started, at the workers' toll for one and eight-pence per day. In the power of kings has also been vested in parliament. The name has changed, but the administration is the same. In spite of the fatuous flatterments and mendacious mouthings of the Governmental heads, the workers have realized too late that what they fought for to wrest from their former oppressors, has in turn been snatched by their so-called representatives.

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Take the largest of the A. F. of L. unions in this industry, the A. of M. Although they have 100,000 members, and great financial resources, there is not one great trust size industry which they have been able to unionize. In Cleveland, with its 150,000 skilled steel workers, their membership is less than 1,000. In Detroit, with its 300,000 automobile workers, where the I. A. of M. has spent thousands of dollars in great bally-ho campaigns of organization, the latest word I received was that their membership was only 100. In Bridgeport, where the I. A. of M. made its most strenuous effort, their job control is practically nil. It is only in small shops and in the employment of railroad shops and in highly skilled occupations such as tool making in the big shops that they have been able to recruit their strength. Certainly, the I. W. W. will be able to do dual unionism when it enters a field which the richest metal trades unions has so inadequately covered.

All the machinery of the former Government is put into operation by their successful competitors. Any attempt on the part of the people to better their conditions of living is just as ruthlessly suppressed as on former occasions. These things must be. These things will be as long as capitalism holds sway. The workers have not to look to some other form of government to ameliorate their suffering. They have got to realize that the overthrow of some particular king does not mean economic freedom. The machinations of capitalism are INTERNATIONAL, and the workers must make their organization INDUSTRIALLY INTERNATIONAL, before any lasting benefit can accrue.

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Not even the Socialistic I. A. of M. could organize an up-to-date industrial plant even if it wished to. The I. A. of M. has recently changed its constitution and broadened the field of those eligible to membership so as to include the unskilled. But even this partial acceptance of the I. W. W. form of unionism would not make it possible for them to organize, let us say, an automobile factory and remain in the A. F. of L. The I. A. of M. would immediately have with the jurisdiction of other A. F. of L. crafts and would be split its union up into autonomous divisions.

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It is the duty of the working class to realize these things. There is only one revolution they should participate in, and that is, not to depose some despot in one particular country, but to organize industrially, and prepare for the final struggle, the aim of which shall be the ECONOMIC DEATH of the capitalist system, and this can only come about as the result of SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY

I. W. W. Is the Only Organization in Field in Which All Workers Can Unite!

I observed something of this nature last April. A strike had broken out in a small steam shovel factory in Lorain, O. I reached there on the third day of the strike and found the A. F. of L. as the agent of the union on the platform when I arrived. He already induced the workers to take out cards in the I. A. of M. He happened that among these strikers were a number of blacksmiths, carpenters and painters. These workers had also received the A. F. of L. cards. When I got the platform I questioned the union men about how it was possible for the I. A. of M. to thus violate the rules of the A. F. of L. He brushed the matter aside with a simple denial of my claim and, as he had already gained the confidence of the workers, I withdrew.

The strike was soon settled. When next I came to Lorain, I was in the rain for the victorious. I was brought out in my own car by the workers up into separate craft unions, leaving only the blacksmiths in the I. A. of M.

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Active members of the I. W. W. are often approached with the question. Why don't the I. W. W., A. F. of L., S. P., S. L. P. and Anarchists unite into one organization and fight the capitalist.

The only possible, hope for unity, and the most practical step is to take the lead and get active in the I. W. W.

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The I. A. of M. may sometimes accept members who are eligible to other craft unions, but that this action is dominated by economic rather than industrial union motives is proved by the vigor with which it protests when another A. F. of L. body endeavors to initiate machinists.

And what is true of the I. A. of M. is even more strikingly true of the other craft unions in the metal trades, for the I. A. of M. is reactionary as it is, is more advanced than any of the others. There is a smaller group named the Brotherhood of Metal Workers which claims to be an industrial union and is independent of the A. F. of L. Its membership is German and it aims to be a replica of the Metal Workers' Union in Germany. Of late years, however, it has become merely an adjunct of the Socialist Party machine in New York where it has its headquarters. Its strength lies in what little hope it once held out of being the embryo of one big union of metal workers has gone glimmering with the exit of the revolutionary element which once controlled it.

The I. W. W. constitution is broad enough to include all wage workers. The wage worker that joins the I. W. W. retains the freedom to belong to any other organization, as long as the organization does not force him to back or fight against the working class.

You can belong to the Socialist Party, Socialist Labor Party, American Federation of Labor, Independent Union, anarchist groups, or even go to church and no I. W. W. union can expel you.

You may be criticized, but never expelled.

The Socialist party at one time expelled members for advocating sabotage, the same as A. F. of L. unions expelled members for belonging to the I. W. W. but the I. W. W. never has expelled any one because they were believed in political action or belonged to the A. F. of L.

No, there is only one union big enough and bold enough to undertake this gigantic task. The hope of the metal and machinery worker is tied up in the future of the I. W. W. We can create an industrial union which will break down the industrial union which has ever been the monuments of labor's defeats, craft barriers which have ever been the monuments of labor's defeats, the cry of the revolutionary element which once controlled it.

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There is room in the I. W. W. for the trade unionist that is sick of Gompers machine rule and sees the need of industrial unionism; there is room for the socialist that understands the need of an economic organization; there is a place for the anarchist that has come to the conclusion that organization is necessary to overthrow capitalism; and also for the unorganized worker that wants to better his economic condition. The I. W. W. is tolerant and not orthodox. It offers a common ground upon which all workers can unite.

Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains—you have a world to gain!

JOHN PANSNER,
Milwaukee, Wis.

What we need now is a plan which will be national in its scope, bold in its purpose and practical in its application. In my next article on this subject I will endeavor to hazard such a plan for the critical consideration of the many metal and machinery workers in the I. W. W.

H. L. VARNEY.

The powers that be can never break the backbone of the I. W. W.—it's all backbone.

Workers are discontented just to the extent they are intelligent. Only the most servile and slavish of men and women are content to accept conditions as they find them without trying to make them better. Progress is the child of Discontent.

