

# 'An Injury to One an INJURY to All.'



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## Defence Agitation.

### QUEENSLAND.

Since the appearance of Tom Barker into this city, the I.W.W. has gained great strength and increased in numbers. The local meetings have been very successful, large crowds taking in the dope and giving the various speakers a very attentive hearing. Besides open-air meetings we have started educational classes. The subject last week was entitled, "Political Action vs. Direct Action." It was very successful. We intend to go on with the classes. It seems that the workers here are beginning to realize that appealing to politicians to get them better conditions is obsolete, and are using untried direct action. All old ideas and institutions are gradually sinking into oblivion, and a consciousness is arising in the minds of the workers that the "isms, ideas and methods advocated by I.W.W. are scientific and must be used. If they were not economic freedom." The workers used direct action, and stopped work. They were successful in getting the demands they ceased work for. If, on the other hand, they had kept on working and used legal methods, they would have been in the booby-trap of oppression. Numerous other cases can be cited where the workers have applied the scientific methods of direct action and gained their demands. From Brisbane to Port Darwin the terms of industrial solidarity advocated by I.W.W. members, has spread, the slaves up there, seeing the necessity of the ONE BIG UNION. Our paper is doing wonderful work. One gets the holyache after reading some of the trips in the so-called Labor rag. Already we are getting together some good soap-box speakers who handle their subject with the greatest ease. The local agitators lecture on Sunday nights in the Trades Hall, and besides educating the workers, derive money for the upkeep of the movement. The Release Commission is doing splendid work. Large meetings in Brisbane. Last Friday we held a good meeting at Ipswich, and put the resolution of the 12 victims of the capitalist conspiracy. Next Wednesday Redbank is going to be visited, and other places of any importance. The being very large of Australia had imbued the mind of the workers with hate and prejudice against the imprisoned men, but Barker coming here has been the best thing that could have happened, because it has put a different construction on the case. Every union meeting addressed was convinced, and has given us moral and financial support. All of the rebels are doing all they can for the boys. Speaking at meetings, on the job, and anything that will hasten the release of 12 men in the Capitalist Bastille. The I.W.W. is getting great support, because it has set the alarm clock in the heads of the misguided workers going and made them do a little less thinking.

It is realized that our efforts to improve working class conditions are in vain, unless when the workers will stand together and bring about an unconditional surrender of the master class. Trusting all the boys inside and outside are alert and clear the class indignation when they speak to them, and every boy will be your untiring effort to live 12 good working class fighters from the shackles of the Powers that be.

GEORGE HENRY.

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**SOUTH COAST.**  
Good reports continue to come in from the miners along the South Coast. Most of the lodges have passed resolutions of protest against the continued imprisonment of the I.W.W. men and have made substantial donations to the Defence Fund.  
An interest in I.W.W. men has been aroused along the South Coast, and speakers from Sydney are continually asked for. Will the I.W.W. Bah?

## Trades' Union Conference Re-Affirms its Previous Decision Demanding Release of The 12 Imprisoned I. W. W. MEN.

## We are Now Awaiting Result of the Appeal before Determining What ACTION will be TAKEN.

### Mortlake Coal Lumpers Practice Go Slow.

Trouble appears to be brewing between the Coal-lumpers' Union and the Australian Gas-light Company's stevedore, Mr. E. K. Wild, who is responsible for the handling of the whole of the company's coal supplies. Alderman O'Connor, who is the secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, yesterday said that about 60 members of the union had until last Friday been employed in discharging coal at the Mortlake gas works by Mr. Wild. They ceased work that day, and were not invited to resume work on the following day, despite the fact that two large colliers containing a couple of thousand tons of coal were undischarged. No instruction, Alderman O'Connor said, was given by Mr. Wild as to why the men's services were not required to unload the remaining coal, and they had remained idle ever since. The union had applied for, and obtained permission from the Transport Group Board 22 to employ SIX MEN in a gang in place of FIVE, as hitherto on the Mortlake. The union has become seized with the determination to force the introduction of the SLOWING DOWN SYSTEM into the work of discharging the colliers, and recently made an application to Mr. Justice Edmunds for

permission to work six men in a gang instead of five. Mr. Justice Edmunds refused to entertain the request, and the union then went to the chairman of the Transport Group Board 22, with a result that permission was given to increase the number of men employed in each gang, provided a proportionate amount of coal was handled. This agreement, Mr. Wild said, "the union has failed to observe. In place of an honest attempt to follow out the natural courtesy of more men more work they have by deliberately adopting the GO-SLOW SYSTEM, attempted to impose the reverse. In other words, they want us to employ SIX MEN TO DO FIVE MEN'S WORK."  
Giving a striking illustration of what he declared to be the "studied system of slowing down," Mr. Wild said that until recently for 27 years five men had been able, without any complaint, to handle 25 TONS OF COAL PER HOUR per day, but now they had fixed their maximum effort at 10 TONS PER HOUR for each man. This meant that in place of a collier carrying 100 tons of coal being discharged in 8 hours, under the existing process—which appears to have become an institution with the union—it would take four days that it was determined to fight the union's new method to the bitter end.

—G. M. Herald.

**A POSER**  
"I am in favor of peace at any price," "Yes," replied the nationalist, "but suppose you wake up some morning and find you haven't got the price!"

## Defence Agitation.

### MELBOURNE.

If the kindly rays of the burning orb, with clear, delightful weather to match, are indications, then the I.W.W. is basking in the smiles of the fates that away in the translucent atmosphere yond are "determining the destinies of peoples." Sunday afternoon on the Yarra Bank have been so pleasant as to tempt the crowds in their thousands to hear the rebel brigades deliver the message of "better things and better times." Yet, despite the temptations so alluring to ordinary mortals the crowds were not there in their thousands, although those that were there had such an education in I.W.W. principles and tenets—as so beloved by the boss and his media—as that it is beyond doubt that the influence it has had among thousands who were subsequently enlightened by their more fortunate brethren. From all this the ex-militant reader will have by now realized what a good thing it is for some people to hear a "fair dinkin'" I.W.W. speakers propagating the gospel of the coming "New Jerusalem."  
The last two Sundays have seen the I.W.W. to the front on the Yarra Bank. Fellow Workers Wilson, Jeffrey, and Dunn vied at the first meeting. At the next, F. W. Hill killed F. W. Dunn's place, who, truth to tell, is still industrious for his benevolent master on the outskirts of the city environs. Friday night meetings have also been eminently successful. Fellow-Workers Wilson, Jeffrey and Dunn doing the proletarianizing to a large interested audience on both occasions. All "DAYS" were sold before the meetings were half over, and as the sale was increasing week by week an increase in the bundle order was the outcome, showing that Melbourne wage plugs are appreciating the lively readable matter in "D.A."  
Our hall meetings also reflect the growing interest in the I.W.W. The last two Sunday evenings witnessed Mr. E. Hanks on "Economics of the Working Class," and Fellow Worker Harry Grant on "Capitalism: Its Evils and their Cure," respectively. Both lectures were attentively listened to by the people present.  
Concurrent with the spreading influence of industrial union ideas also grows the necessity for a larger lecture hall and headquarters for local S.A. At the time of writing the local is negotiating for a hall that is much larger than the one we now occupy, and in every way it is an advantage—especially so in its central position, and larger seating capacity. Although finally has not been reached on the matter, one can say truthfully that no alone will be left unsecured in trying to secure the prospective new residence for Melbourne's new quota to the industrial rebel army.  
The press is very quiet on the coming appeal of our boys; indeed, it seems a miracle it must be that a "conspiracy of silence" is being attempted instead of the regular newspaper notices which daily address the people. Evidently, the comings of the "collusion" has shaded the "morose criminals" into insignificance, but it has been suggested by the people present that the real criminals are at present conspiring at their habitual rendezvous, Federal Parliament House, Melbourne. Before verification of this rumor, however, it is suggested that the people are advised to hold their noses in anticipation of some small discoveries being made.  
In the meantime let all who are interested concentrate their attention on the I.W.W. cases, as careful study will ultimately reveal the innocence of twelve soldiers of the revolution.

NOIRMAN JEFFERY.

**HE KNOWS.**  
"Who wrote that article about how to support a Family of Six on 25c a Week?" a friend asked the editor of "The Ladies' Home Journal." "Brighton, one of our best wakers," said the editor, "wrote it. His pay was only 25c a year."

## Direct Action



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## THE SEX WAR.

## A Coming Danger.

If recent happenings and ominous signs can be taken as any criterion, there is going to be a very big danger in the near future of the master class attempting to start a WAR BETWEEN THE SEXES. If successful, it will keep the working class divided a lot longer, and hold back the evil day which is RAPIDLY approaching all parasites.

Numerous schemes have been engineered by the master class from time to time to keep the workers from ORGANISING THEIR FORCES. The worst enemy the master class has is ORGANISED LABOR SOLIDARITY is the thing the boss most fears.

In order to disrupt this working class unity, every tactical means is used. In the attempt to stop the onward march of Organized Labor no stone will be left unturned.

If the capitalists can only be successful in starting a sex war amongst the workers, the organisation of the working class will be held in check for many long years, and the master class will get a longer lease of life.

It will rest with the INTELLIGENCE of the working class whether the masters of bread will be successful in their machinations or not.

Every day that rolls by, MORE AND MORE WOMEN are taking their places in the industrial arena. The changed conditions brought about by the war have opened up numerous avenues of employment for the female sex. Hundreds of thousands of men having been called away to the front, have had their places in the industries filled by women.

All the great factories, mills, and plants in Europe to-day are practically run by the "weaker sex."

According to expert evidence, the women workers in Europe have proved themselves just as efficient and competent mechanics, engineers, and general workers as the men.

In England, to-day, women are now doing work which heretofore was considered to have LAUGHED AT AS IMPUSSIBLE.

The master class has found out the benefits of female labor. The women workers are more docile, easily managed and work for a MUCH LOWER WAGE than male labor.

In the boss, who is always on the LOOK OUT FOR PROFITS, going to give up these labor conditions without a fight if he can avoid it. The changed TAGONISM BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE WORKERS, is safe for a few years longer.

For the time being, things are working smoothly in this direction, but the whole world will start when the war is over. Then the boss will find that he has a job. They can work and start looking up against MOST OF THE JOBS present. They will be at a very much lower wage. What are they going to do?

Many English labor leaders are looking towards the future with timid and lackadaisical eyes. They believe that George has dissolved the House of Commons and the terrible suffering that will follow the war.

But the working class need have no great fear of the future if they only understand ORGANISATION. The awful times of suffering can be averted if they only will organize up into a scientific organisation which will take in all who work for wages.

It is quite true that the master class has numerous economic reasons, which will be too tedious to DISMISS HIS FEMALE EMPLOYEES.

What is to be done? It will be all right, crying to Parliament. It will be no use calling the women "seals." It will be waste of time trying to boycott different establishments.

The solution of the whole difficulty lies in the ORGANISATION OF THE WORKING CLASS.

The women—and the men, too—must be taught the necessity of the One Big Union for all who toil in the industrial field. The women workers must be organized along with the men. THE IDENTITY OF INTEREST of all workers must be understood. All must unite under the one banner of INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY and demand "equal pay for equal work."

It is a well known fact that the boss wants the best fellers who can get for the lowest price. But if the fellers will only unite AT A UNION, they will sound the slogan of "equal pay for equal work," and "an injury to one is an injury to all," and the boss will find himself "up against it."

Women workers have been exploited and sweated simply because they were not organized. They can get what wages they want, and as good conditions as possible, if they only form a strong industrial organisation behind them.

Let us prove to the master class that we are not as simple as he thinks. Let us show him that he cannot set us fighting SIX AGAINST SIX, and the search for jobs. Let us demonstrate to the boss that we are going to fight him AS A CLASS, and not in sections. Once the working class realise the principal of class solidarity, the antics of the master class will have no effect.

THE I.W.W. IS THE ONLY WAY OUT. Unite into the One Big Union, and help to speed the day when strikes, seals, sweating, and parasites will be no more and all who work will get the full product of their toil.

—N.R.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRIALS.

It appears that the individuals responsible for the persecution and jailing of I.W.W. men in W.A. have been getting ahead of themselves, and now have some very ticklish questions to answer. Things have not turned out as the authorities expected and they are now asking that they never touched or heard of.

Mr. Collier, in the Legislative Assembly, asked the Attorney-General the following questions:

(1) At whose instigation was the recent prosecution of members of the I.W.W. commenced? (2) What part did the Crown Law Department take in the prosecution and conduct of the case? (3) The name of the firm of solicitors who conducted the case, and by whom were they retained for? (4) What was the cost involved through (a) the Police Department, (b) the Public Department, (c) the firm of solicitors employed, (d) the prosecuting counsel, (e) any other charges made by the Government.

The cleverness of the 12 months ago, were lying behind the jail walls, and I.W.W. are now rearing about again, on the hands of the Old Sign.

It is the wish of all live wires in the Labor Movement that the 12 men in Sydney should be let out again and carrying on the good work they so well started.

## MP SENT ALOFT.

Mr. David Edward Dobson, Labor member in the Legislative Assembly, for Franklin Division in Tasmania, had to appear before the "bank" last week to answer a charge of disloyalty.

The charge was that he "would just as soon be under German rule as Australia, and that he was in a hot to help her."

Mr. Wise, who preside, brought the law maker guilty and sent him along for three months.

Mr. Dobson, although one of Tasmania's legislators, is above the law, but the letters "M.P." play very little part in his life, things of this great Australian Commonwealth.

## International Unionism.

THE TRESCEA AGITATION

Some months ago there was a gigantic upheaval in the iron mines of Minnesota, U.S.A. Forty thousand mine workers struck against the terrible conditions prevailing upon them in the Steel Trust. The masters used the old familiar methods in attempting to break the strike. Four Montegrini workers, including a woman, and three organisers of the Industrial Workers of the World, Jas. Schmidt, Carlo Tresca, and Sam Scarlett were arrested and charged with first degree murder. Suffice to say, this is a similar plant to the one tried at Lawrence in 1912 on Alvin Karpavitch, Joseph J. Ettor and Joseph Curran. It is the usual tale of a pup getting killed, and organisers, who were admittedly miles away, are charged with the murder. Police methods in America are the most horrible in the world, and the administration of justice, or whatever you like to call it, in that country comes second only to the sunny State of New South Wales.

An international agitation has been organised all over North America, demanding the release of these men. The most active element in this fight for justice has been the Latin population. In other countries, it is more eloquently than words ever could, the growing of internationalism in the ranks of the workers. Once the proletariat begins to recognise its class interests, and to consider those interests of greater importance than national boundaries, then surely the final aim of the Industrialists, the One Big Union, is not a wild fantastic dream, but rather a way in the forging an ideal in the making.

We are indebted to "L'Avant," the official organ of the Socialist party of Italy for the following information on the agitation which ensued in Italy and Switzerland on the coming of Tresca and his brothers in revolt. "L'Avant," in a leader, calls upon the workers of Italy to use the general strike to free these men who are now lying in the goals of the Steel Trust. It is evident that in Italy there is no Unlawful Associations Bill, or if there is, it does not seem to be enforced.

The Italian Labor Federation, which comprises a membership of 600,000, has issued a call to all industrial federations and district councils to arrange protest meetings and parades. The Italian Socialist organisation immediately followed with monster mass meetings, which commenced on Sept. 26th, and which are being held daily and in increased intensity all over Italy.

At a meeting of the Socialist Party, the following members of Parliament, Signors Caroti, Lucei, Turati and Treves, were instructed to question the Minister for Internal Affairs on the floor of the Italian Parliament on the behalf of Tresca and his fellow workers. The Mayor's Associations and many municipal organisations, impressed by the proportions of the agitation, have sent a resolution to the Government demanding a fair trial or the release of the prisoners. Enormous demonstrations are being held all over Italy.

## FOOD RIOTS

It is reported from official quarters that riot 1917s are taking place in different parts of England. A riot took place at Pontypool market, and the police seized all food stuffs and sold them to the people. Many districts are without potatoes. The grocers' shops in Liverpool were raided by the people clamouring for "the bread" and "the food." Government "bona fide customers" now only selling to the people.

Things have just about reached the breaking point when men and women are being sent to the front.

It matters not what Government holds the reins of power so long as the present system of capitalism exists hunger and want will always be found.

The working class can lift this terrible state of bare existence, by organizing industrially and help to bring about the day when the fellers will get the full product of their labor.

"Truth is ever on the scaffold; wrong is ever on the throne."

Yet that scaffold awaits the future, and the high tide of the unknown.

Standish and the shadow, keeping watch above his eye.

J. R. LOWELL.

mass meetings were held at Naro, Gallone, Popolo, Milano, Parma, Firenze, Naples, Palermo, Girgenti, Turin, Genoa, Andria, Cosenza, Prato, Bari, Aviano, Monza, Ancona, Pistoria, Lecce, Varese, San Giovanni, Fossano, Pinerolo, Bologna, Perugia, Rome, Aquila, Chieti, Venice and Livorno, Lecce, Alessandria, Genova and many other cities. Meetings were followed by processions before the American Consulates, and there were frequent clashes with the police, and many demonstrators were arrested.

The big railroad unions are backing the agitation strenuously, having much interest in it. They have their secretary and organiser in 1903 and 1904. In Salina, the birthplace of Tresca, all citizens, headed by the Marquis Vincenzo Mazzari, Mayor, assembled in a mass meeting and passed a resolution to send a special delegation to America to interview the Italian Ambassador in Washington.

The agitation of the forces of labour has been the Premier, Signor Sonnino, and the American Ambassador on the matter. The workers of Italy are determined to continue the agitation until the workers are released, and if they are not, a general strike will be called to force their release.

In Switzerland the agitation has become a nation wide, through the effective work of the Italian Socialist Federation and the Federation of Building Trades of Switzerland who have organised a permanent defence committee, which called a conference of organisers at the city of Olten. The other cities working in conjunction and holding mass meetings are Berne, Zurich, Winterthur, San Gallo, Lucerne, and others. The American Ambassador, Herr Berran, Baden, and others.

From "London Solidarity" we learn that the agitation is taking root in France and England. Tom Mann, who is a friend of Tresca's, is very active in England, and the British Parliament has been compelled to take notice of the case.

In Australia so far little notice has been taken in this deliberate attempt to "deprive the workers of the North American continent of their most competent organisers upon trumped up charges. The master class are everywhere vindictive and hateful towards the advanced Labor movement. The goals are filled not alone in America, but in Australia with the fearless fighters for Better Days. The forces of industrialism must be smashed and equipped for the gigantic storm that is breaking.

And our comrades living in Duluth, Gaol in America, never die, as long as the magnificent movement of Labor endures the magnificent response of Italy and Switzerland.

Truly the days of International Unionism are with us, when the barriers of national prejudice will no longer divide and separate the workers.

"There is only one working class, there can only be one union."

TOM BARKER.

## BIG STRIKE AT KRUPPS.

It is reported that over 40,000 workers are now on strike at Krupp's munition works at Essen, Germany. It is stated that the paucity of food and excessive hours are the cause of the trouble.

Ever since the outbreak of the war there has been reports and rumors of industrializing workers.

As the war on the lot of the toilers becomes worse. Men and women cannot live long on poor food and excessive hours. It is about time that the workers demand and organize a losing game for forces and put an end to all this madness and atrocity.

## UNITY.

"The Constitutional Leader" a cheap Irishman publication, solemnly publishes the following in its issue of 12/17/17, with extreme regret that we announce the death of our member Ed. M. John Laidlaw, at the age of 82. The late Mr. Laidlaw was an enthusiastic and organ of the "British and Patriotic National Political League."

We wonder who Mr. Laidlaw retained.

If you believe in a heaven hereafter, it does not follow that you should help to maintain hell on earth.

# Unemployment.

It is the boast of the high-brow element that in this country has an insatiable right to life; but at present it is hard to discern the foundation for their assertions. With hunger and want stalking like a ghost into the homes of the workers, and the position becoming more acute every day, it is not hard to dispose such a statement. The ruling class give the workers a right to live only as a medium for the creation of surplus values; for, under the present social order, it is according to the factory, and not the worker, that the capitalist can dispose of the products stolen from the workers, that the workers are enabled to gain access to the tools of production, and thereby enabled to live. Other causes may operate in denying him the right to work, but they only emphasize the more complete domination of the master over the slave, and what slave has a right to live if his master will otherwise? It matters not whether the slave is the result of political intrigue, capitalist greed, or that nightmare of the workers, overproduction, it all amounts to the same. The unemployed members of the working class are denied the right to live when their right to work ceases.

The life of the worker and his "pursuit of happiness" (as the right to life implies) is full of tragic moments, but there are some widespread and deplorable ones. Those resulting from the capitalist's desire to wrangle in search of work, the hopeless outlook, the misery of the home, the starving wife and children, may all be the objects of his "pursuit of happiness"; and a manifestation of his right to life. From the other point, but to the worker they are real and terrible, and are more aptly described as the march of misery and death. And the workers must realize that the unemployed army is as necessary to the capitalist as air to man; that if for the demand for labor became greater than the supply, the workers could demand such a return for their labor that it would be unprofitable for the boss to carry on, and that the capitalist has no other recourse but to escape the misery and privation that unemployed entails, you are forced to sell your labor power at a great advantage to the boss, and become the lark that sings other workers into accepting less advantageous conditions.

Then what are you going to do about it? Does your "precious respectability" outweigh misery and hunger, and the monumental rubbish that is participating in demonstrations and organizations deemed critical by the ruling class? Does the "look of the thing" compensate for a life of ruthless exploitation? If it is so, then slave, you only get what you deserve; or if your mind is swayed by the standard of morals manufactured by the capitalist class, then you seek no more than they are willing to give, and are content with the crumbs that fall from the plums handed the workers, one cannot think too highly of your ideas of life. Surely, you can discern that from a working class point of view, unemployment comes with all grace and indeed a degradation, and misery are positively hideous, and all the while the great machine of exploitation is grinding more and more out of the straining underfed workers, tearing the flesh from their bones, extracting their life's blood and sipping their extreme poverty in the insatiable greed for profits. Does not the necessity for demonstrations strike you as utterly absurd? Do you not see that to prevent unemployment you must also prevent exploitation, and the only way to kill that monster is by organization. Let us then be up and doing. Now is the time for action, whether you are unemployed or not. Study the chains of misery that lays in the path of an unorganized working class. Join your fellow workers, be the vanguard of the movement, and taking the cry in the immortal words of Marx: "Workers of the world, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

EDIE.

"Frection, hand in hand with Labor,  
Walking strong and brave;  
On the forehead of his neighbor  
No-man written Slave."

—John G. Whittier.

"The old, who have been through the  
bosom of courts and stonemen, die, and leave  
no wisdom to their sons. They believe their  
own newspaper, as their fathers did at their  
age."

—H. W. Emerson.

Music Teacher: "You sing an improving  
tune when he gets to the scales I have to  
watch him very closely."

Mamma: "That's just like father. He made  
his money in the grocery business."

# Can the I.W.W. Be Strangled.

By Alex. George.

"All truth is safe and nothing else is safe, and in order to keep back the truth, or withhold it from men, from motives of expediency, is either a coward or a criminal, or both."—Max Müller.

The greatest economic and political force, menacing the despotic rule of the capitalist class in this country to-day, is, undoubtedly, the I.W.W.

Never before in this country's history has a movement had a more difficult struggle, and unending conflict against its own ideal, that is, in order to propagate its ideal.

It had to contend against every form of prejudice, ignorance and intolerance. Every institution, engaged either directly or indirectly, in upholding the existing state of society, had its misrepresentation, abuse, ridicule and slander, in an attempt to destroy the I.W.W.

Every method for killing an idea that they could invent, was, and is being used upon it, in order to prevent the working class from thinking; for they know that thought inspires action, which would be eventually the means of bringing about the overthrow of the ruling capitalist class and the gaining of industrial freedom for the workers.

The large number of revolts against Governments and the employing class engaged in recently by the toilers, prove that they are being aroused from their slumber. Clearly the interests of them are still being called by the cry of Patriotism, etc., instilled into their minds by the church, and so-called Labor leaders and intellectual flunkies of the master class. It is the duty of the working class on their part, but to the lack of the opportunity to study literature, that reveals the truth and arouses their passion to attain to a greater and nobler life. The I.W.W. is the only class of capitalists who have been to secure the services of able and intellectual men, to play the part of Judas, to the slave class. Though it was Christ who said, "The truth shall make us free," the I.W.W. is the only class of capitalists who have not discovered that learning is a dangerous thing for the lower or working classes, and they set to and seized the whole of the literature published by the I.W.W., along with its printing press.

These tried, intellectual, ultra-reformers of the brains of the working class, trading under the name of a Labor Government, even allied themselves with certain bloodsuckers of the boss, to prevent by force, freedom of speech and assembly by the workers, in the streets and parks of industrial centers.

That we still retain this grand right is mostly, if not wholly, due to the great fight of the workers, and the tremendous odds, put up by the I.W.W. at the commencement of the conscription campaign.

Therefore, then, that the big financiers, members of the Chamber of Commerce and their lackeys, go into fits of rage and anger, when they merely hear the name spoken.

These big rulers know, far better than the mass of the working class themselves, that their industrial unionism is coming. And in their desperation, they are using every possible combination and agency, in order to check and arrest its growth.

Some of their spokesmen of the Chamber of Commerce publicly stated, they would prefer to live under a regime with the I.W.W. than they would live and submit to the tyrant of the industrial unionism would impose upon them, and their class.

It is to be noted, further they have had a special Act of Parliament passed, called the Crimes Amendment Bill, and directed specially against our propagandists, which abolishes trial by jury, and reverts to that of the monarch's court.

Yet, despite all, the organization continues to grow, triples the circulation of its weekly paper, establishes itself in places where it has not been for a few years ago, and as a result of the force and brutal persecution meted out to its active adherents, gains the confidence of the toiling masses.

Misrepresentation, slander and abuse, not as yet new, nor does the fear of jail.

In spite of the whole organized powers of the ruling class, and the aid of the I.W.W., even in its infancy. We have met the prosecution that every new organization, preaching a new idea, meets. The I.W.W. has already won the stage that any force can strangle it.

It is a product of industrial evolution, is being driven onward by it, and the despotism of the ruling class studied parasites to choke it only aid to the onward march of the workers to their goal of a free society.

Acts of Parliament, called "Unlawful Associations Bill," declaring the movement to be an "illegal association" cannot kill us.

We always have been, and always will be, from the standpoint of social parasites and their governments, an "illegal association."

It is the greatest recommendation that we can possibly offer to the workers. Neither can the jailing of twelve of our most active propagandists throttle us. The capitalist class, though, were terribly afraid of those men. For they were among the first to expound the principles of the I.W.W. to the workers of this country. When in its infancy the great ignorant mob laughed at and called these men "I Won't Workers," and all the rest of the cowardly epithets, they struck to their guns, until in a few short years they were rewarded by seeing the organization firmly established in every State in the Commonwealth, and its principles and its industry were being copied, and explained to them the causes of their increasing misery, robbery and exploitation.

That is the crime those stalwarts of industrialism are guilty of. They went out into the streets and public parks, the mines, construction works and shearing sheds, into every part of the industry where workers were exploited, and explained to them the causes of their increasing misery, robbery and exploitation.

They explained to the workers the nature of the class struggle in society, the nature in which the exploited labor (about 15 per cent. of the people) appropriate to themselves about four-fifths of the total wealth created by labor, while they hand back as wages to the working class only one per cent. of the community total wealth, and a large substance was taken. They clearly proved to the toilers, as only class conscious industrialists can, that the quickest and most effective method to diminish this exploitation, and finally to cast the industrial class out altogether, is to organize into One Big Union, irrespective of trade, color or sex, and to use their own organized power in the industries where they work.

These true fighters for the working class, organized, is invincible, and far more powerful than the capitalist class, organized.

Conscription was then introduced, also the I.W.W. and other colored industrial workers. The "Herald" of 21st February, in its leading article, discussing the business to come before the Imperial Conference, lets the cat out of the bag thus: "The I.W.W. is a large substance wage. They clearly proved to the toilers, and the only source of supply within the Empire is British India. They explained to the people how the war would be the means by which the developing of a more scientific, capitalistic side, various parts of Africa, Asia, South America and other countries; explained how the capitalist class must find a foreign market for a part of the surplus commodities created by the toilers, but who are unable to purchase back this surplus out of their wages."

These true fighters for the working class are today serving what practically amounts to a life sentence, because they succeeded in arousing the mass of the hitherto dormant, meek and obedient workers to the masses, and to their own power, as a class. Because they defied the ruling class, and refused to be defined the intellectual prostitutes that they are, and sought to give them good positions to do so. And, further, more, because most of the leading conscriptionist politicians, as well as the whole of the capitalist press, publicly declared they were guilty before their trial came off.

Fellow workers, throughout the continent, these men have proved their worth to their class; we must not allow them to waste their lives in a prison cell.

They will remain here just as long as you allow them.

If you are content to allow the convictions to stand, then the worse it will be for yourselves; because the more active propagandists the employing class is able to put in the prison, the more confidence, the more it will keep putting in. Therefore, the time to act is NOW! Arouse your mates on the job, and show all about the I.W.W. and the great crime which the Government has been guilty of.

Anybody to sum up, the lesson of the I.W.W. is that persons of any tone, low, black, list and the jails have greatly hastened our development, and largely increased our prestige, power and numbers.

# The Individual and the Nation.

"Nations like individuals, die. Their birth presents an ethical dilemma, their death, which is the most solemn event that we can contemplate, may arise from interior or from external causes. Empires are only sand-bills in the hourglass of time; they crumble spontaneously away by the process of their own growth."

A nation, like a man, hides from itself the contemplation of its final day. It occupies itself with expedients for prolonging its present state. It frames laws and constitutions under the delusion that they will last, forgetting that the condition of life is change. Very able modern statesmen consider it to be the grand object of their art to keep things as they are, or rather as they were. But the human race is not at rest, and hands do not stay for a moment, it may be restrained, break all the more violently the longer they hold. No man can stop the march of destiny.—Murdant.

"Between that period during which a nation has been covered by its imagination, and that in which it submits to reason, there is a melancholy interval. The constitution of man is such that, for a long time he has discovered the incorrectness of the ideas prevailing around him, he shrinks from openly emancipating himself from the domination, and, constrained by the force of circumstances, he becomes a hypocrite, publicly applauding what his private judgment condemns. When a nation is making this passage, so universal do these practices become, that it may be truly said hypocritically is organized. If it is possible that whole communities might be found living in this deplorable state. Such a convulsive must have been the case in many parts of the Roman Empire just before the introduction of Christianity. Even after ideas have given way to public opinion, their political power may outlive their intellectual vigor, and produce the disagreeable effect here considered."

JOHN WILLIAM DRAFER.

# Hurl them Down!

When our rulers heed not the poplar wail,  
And Senators care but their pockets fill,  
When law-makers are but blind partisan lackeys  
Who care for a man just the sum of his taxes,  
Though nations suffer by their lordly renown,  
Their villainous sentence them—hurl them down!

Though palaces rise at the king's only nod,  
And ignorant millionaires think him a God;  
The time has come for you, such fortune-seekers,  
Henceforth, then work at some man's  
—blesting trade.  
A king is but an Ottoman's old crown,  
A clog to humanity—hurl him down!

Frend practices of the bloody faith, dealers in lies,  
You've blasted the green earth and darkened the skies,  
Created a devil, and made 'em eat hell.  
The people are crying, they're cast off your  
—suff.  
And Justice exclaims with an ominous frown,  
"Too long have ye bowed to them—hurl them down!"

Great God of battles, creed and grim,  
The Devil an angel, compared with him,  
The father of hell, as relentless as fate,  
Eternally cannot his cruelty cease.  
The Lord, old Mars of bloody renown,  
Humanity, cease, and hurl him down!

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