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THE RISING TIDE OF THE REVOLUTION

Events in France are exciting the interest of working people all over the world, and especially wherever the Industrial Union is organized. Every one knows that a widespread uprising of the workers can no longer be ignored by the class of the employing class, though the workers' side is never printed or at best misrepresented. But when the Industrial Union becomes such a power as to shake the class rule of the employers, it is referred to as "dangerous," "lawless" and generally bad. Dangerous, it certainly is from the employers' standpoint, but not lawless from the workers' side. In France especially, the lines between the two classes of society are becoming more clearly drawn and more plainly seen every day by the workers. Only a few days ago the papers were bewailing the fact that the union in France had tied up the postal service and the telegraph; that business had been damaged to the extent of millions of dollars; that France was almost cut off from communication from the outside world; that the government was threatened, etc.

The Employers Are Scared.

When the officials of one of the most powerful and richest nations of the globe are forced to back down before a labor union, and to "parade" the strikers, it gives us a glimpse of the resistless power of working class union in the industrial field. France has ever been the hotbed of rebellion, but the previous upheavals in that land have been either struggles between the capitalists and the nobility; or between the warring groups of capitalists, either at home or abroad, or revolts of the workers, such as that of 1848 or the tragedy of the Paris Commune. These revolts of the workers were put down under the iron heel of military power.

These changes of the form of the government: From a kingdom to a republic; from a republic to an empire; to a kingdom again and after change and change to a republic, have taught the workers the everlasting lesson that as long as the employing or ruling class is in power, it matters little, in itself, what the outward form or name of the government is. One of the first acts of the revolutionary convention in the 18th century was to pass laws to prevent unions of workmen to fight for better conditions. Men had yet to learn that the glittering words, Liberty, Fraternity, Equality, meant nothing without economic or industrial power.

Instructive Experience.

For a century the workers of France were mostly carried away with the delusion of political liberty and equality, well called by Pougnet, "that great hoax," and it remained till the teaching and the drill of the workers forced them to rely on themselves and not on politicians and theorists. Instead of the street fights, the barricades; the attempts of the worker to fight on the military plan, we have as the outcome of awful experience, the Industrial Union, known in French as the Confederation Generale du Travail or General Union of Labor. As always, the employers of France like those of America have tried to suppress the union by using the soldiers. This move of the employers, too often so effective in America against separated unions and small groups of workmen, is rapidly becoming powerless as against a general union—a union which can cripple the transport of troops, cut off military supplies; stop communication and paralyze production.

The Ruling Class No Better, But Helpless

We can not suppose that the same class— even the same men—who mowed down the workers, men, women and children by the thousands in 1871 have become suddenly kinder and more tender hearted. No! They! Gladly would they destroy the powerful union of the workers in France if conditions would permit. But aside from the strength and invention of the Industrial Union itself, the teaching of the anti-militarist truths has made even the army an unsteady prop for the shaking class rule of the French capitalists. No longer is it possible to butcher workers by wholesale at the word of command. The soldiers are workmen themselves and are remembering the fact though clothed in the livery of war.

An Inspiring Example.

The French movement is in a state of

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We've Got No Friend Like The Politician—No, Not One!—No, Not One!

PORTLAND "REDS" CAN NOW TALK AGAIN

The I. W. W. in Portland was continually waging war against the employment sharks and on the instigation of the latter our organizer was haled before the kangaroo court on the charge of refusing to move off the street while denouncing the fraudulent and criminal practices of the employment sharks selling fictitious jobs to workmen and beating them out of their money. The trial lasted half a day, in the course of which it came out that the police had no authority to put our speaker in jail, and that the city ordinance of the statute books prohibiting public assemblage is unconstitutional, the judge himself admitting this to be a fact.

Law Is a Joke.

But there is no justice for workmen and our organizer was fined \$2. As it costs money to have such a case appealed to a higher court, the I. W. W. chose to drop the case for the present, and when having large street meetings appoints a few members to keep the sidewalks clear. The agitation against the employment sharks was also taken up by the Daily News and Labor Press, and the employment sharks, having been shown up to be crooks, many of them were fined and one sent to the penitentiary. The city council, not willing to revoke their licenses for the reason that they are a good source of revenue to the city, opened up a municipal Free Employment Office, where a wage-slave may occasionally get a short job free of charge.

Portland Crowded.

Hundreds of men are flocking into this city from California. There are few jobs, the scale of wages ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.25 for common labor for a 10-hour day. At the new Swift packing plant being erected four miles out of town, carpenters' wages were cut from \$2.50 and board and nine hours to \$3, no board and 10 hours being a day's work. Laborers are getting 20 cents an hour, farm hands are getting from \$20 to \$25 a month, land clearing is paid at 20 cents an hour, concrete men, \$2 for nine hours in the city. Outside work on railroads is mostly monopolized by the employment sharks.

ADOLPH REBNER.

FREE SPEECH, LAW, ETC. IT IS TO LAUGH! WHAT?

Judge Kennan tried J. H. Walsh in the Superior Court on Tuesday, April 6, and made short work of it. The whole show took less than an hour. Kennan was able to get up into his seat without help and seemed to know all that was going on around him. The prosecuting attorney was a star of the "steenth" magnitude. He knew enough to say "I 'bjeck" every few minutes and would have made a good manager for the cloak room of the Y. M. C. A. Walsh was convicted by a jury of cockroaches of having talked on the street. The attorney for the defense called the judge's attention to the fact that a man has a right to talk in America, but the judge merely blinked like a toad and said that the Spokane street speaking law was the real thing. The jury had the nerve to go out of the court room to arrive at a verdict. They were gone six minutes. Even the judge had to laugh! The trial was short and sweet—like a skunk. The jury might have taken longer to "arrive" at a verdict but it seems the cow belonging to the jury foreman was sick and the juror had to go home.

The best part of the whole skit, was the fact that the workmen in the court room all laughed, too! When a bunch of union men have developed far enough to know that their employers' law is only to be laughed at, they are getting nearer the pork chop.

This teaches us that the law is a farce. Get organized and then there will be less monkey work of this kind! Cut off the judge's ham and eggs and he will "review" his decision—and not before.

TOO RADICAL.

It is being talked by some of the law-abiding A. F. of L. divisions that the I. W. W. is too radical for their "principles." No doubt porterhouse steak is also too radical for their stomachs. They don't like it! Sow-belly and spuds are healthier, anyway!

ALL GRAFTERS LOOK THE SAME TO US

It is hardly worth wasting space to consider such a subject, but it is a fact that there will be an election in Spokane soon to put in a new man for mayor. All working people should understand where the I. W. W. stands as to these different political parties. No man is forced to support any political party or any church as far as the I. W. W. is concerned. We hold that the working class has nothing in common with the employing class. The employing class make up and run the city government of Spokane as elsewhere. For those who have property and therefore legal rights, it may seem worth while to ask which particular bunch of grafters will get control of the city hall—which police judge shall collect the fines from the red light district; who shall collect and steal the city money; how high the taxes are, etc., but what has this to do with workmen—who have nothing?

Prices will be just as high; work will be as scarce and as hard; the police will be just as brutal; the employment sharks will rob just as many men and the I. W. W. will be persecuted all the same whoever is in the city hall. And what difference would it make what political party a man might belong to, if the Union was strong enough to force the city officials to do as the union wanted? Of course all politicians are honest but it would cut no figure whether they were or not. They are forced at present to act on the side of those who have the industrial power—in Spokane the Washington Water Power Co., etc. The I. W. W. does not support any political party—they all claim to be friendly to workmen—but the I. W. W. depends on having such a strong class-conscious union that it can force the hand of the government, and then what difference will it make what the name of the official or officials may be. As for "voting," let's get able to elect our own boss and our own job, and our own pay, and our own hours and then voting will mean something for us besides grafters and hot air!

The Spokane no-free-speech law is to keep the sidewalks clear! Joke! There is always a crowd of scissor-bills in front of the employment offices which take up the sidewalk. Consistency, thou art a jewel!

Why should a workman care what the name of the Mayor is? All politicians are good. Anyhow, maybe!

I W W NOTICE

Lumberjacks, River Drivers and Sawmill Workers

Those of you who are not organized now, do so before the 10th of April, as the following Wage Scale has been submitted to the Flathead Lumber Association by the Lumberjacks and River Drivers, and an answer is asked for by April 10th. If the answer is not satisfactory to the Workers in the Lumber Industry of Flathead Valley, you will be notified by more notices immediately after the 10th of April, and you are expected to act.

RIVER DRIVERS

All River Drivers, except Boatmen \$3.50 for 10 Hours
50c an hour for overtime
Boatmen \$4 for 10 Hours, 50c an hour overtime
Cooks \$5 per Day, no question as to hours
Contractors to pay the Scale for River Drivers while breaking roll-ways.

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The following Scale to be for a 10-Hour Work Day:

Per Month		Per Month	
1-Horse Teamsters	\$55.00	Wood Butchers, Handy Men	\$5.00
2-Horse Teamsters	45.00	Scaler	75.00
Loaders and Deckers	55.00	Camp Tender, Calendar Month	45.00
Sawyers and Chain Tender	50.00	Barn Boss, Calendar Month	50.00
Saw Filers in Woods	55.00	Landing Men	45.00
Blacksmith, Calendar Month	80.00	Common Labor	30.00
		Cooks	90.00

SAW MILLS

Common Labor \$2.50 for 10 Hours

FELLOW WORKERS:

Your interests are not the interests of those who live for profits alone. If you wish better conditions, you will have to assist in getting them. Don't be a traitor to your own class. Prices are going up every day and wages are going down. Organize right. Organize your might. Organize to win.

THIS IS THE UNION SCALE. Keep this for future reference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LOCAL 421, I. W. W.

Kalispell, April 3rd, 1909

Do not recognize any reports, unless signed by Executive Committee and bearing seal of Local 421.

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growth as elsewhere, but already have the results of the sublime one union been such as to encourage the workers, not only in France and elsewhere where the "Syndicalist" or Industrial Union movement has strength, but also in America where the revolutionary union—the I. W. W.—is fighting against the power of the employers and the ignorance of the workers. No longer is it enough to point out Industrial Union as a thing to be desired, but it has become a real and mighty power for good to the workers all over.

The union in France has already a record of having won eighty-five per cent of its many strikes and its growing power is a wonder and a dread to the master class. The old revolution of the eighteenth century acted as a firebrand to Europe. Will not history repeat itself again, with the added experience and training of the workers which will enable them to escape the pitfalls of former days?

It is to be regretted that the official organ of our French Fellow Workers can not be read by all of us, or that there is not an English edition. The "Industrial Worker" will soon have a regular bulletin of the developments abroad and we hope to keep ourselves closer in touch with the movement elsewhere. True, the utterances of the men prominent in the Industrial Union in "foreign" lands might shock the patriotic and law-abiding—and down and out American workingmen, but it will be a stimulant to those who have not folded their hands and made their last prayer to Giant Despair. In the meantime here is a characteristic utterance of Gustave Herve whom the French Government would gladly treat as Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone would have been handled—but for what? Ah! the Union!

Part of One of Herve's Speeches.

This is from a speech by Herve, made at the close of his "trial" before the jury of La Seine, December, 1905. He was tried for his activity against militarism: "But you must permit us, Mr. Advocate-General, you must permit us workingmen, manual and intellectual, to entertain entirely different sentiments toward your nations. The nation for you, is a kindly mother, for us, a step-mother, a shrew, who detests us. Patriotism is for you a sentiment natural and profitable; for us it is a fool's trap; for us, the world contains but two nations: that of the favored few of fortune, and that of the dispossessed, whatever may be the language which they speak, whatever the land that gave them birth. Our compatriots are not the capitalists of this country, who would massacre us if they could, as they massacred the fathers of the Commune; they are the class-conscious workingmen, the revolutionists, the socialists of all the earth, who are everywhere waging the same battle as we for the inauguration of a new society. In common with them, we wait but the opportunity, when in this Europe where the railroads, the telegraph, the penny newspaper, and the uniformity of the capitalist rule have annihilated distance and reduced life to a dead level, we shall establish the free European federation, the first step toward that grand federation of humanity, in which the principalities of today will lose themselves, as the petty provinces of old lost themselves in the formation of the France, the England, the Germany of modern times."

Let the "respectable" also remember the words of Tennyson—and he was no "wild-eyed agitator"—

Till the war-drum beats no longer,
And the battle-flags are furled,
In the Parliament of Man—
The Federation of the world!

Let no one despair! Events move rapidly in these days. It is for us to work, to strive, to fight through thick and thin, come good or come bad, and to remember "that our doubts are enemies, and make us lose the good we oft might win by trying!"

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