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ief Outline of the Strike, its Causes and End---A-F. of L. Official Scabbery and Treason to Workers.

By W. E. Trautmans.

A union of ear builders was organized in East Hammond, Ind., immediately after my return to Chiego from the Pittaburg district. Organization grew rapidly. Company district, Organization grew rapidly. Company district with the men decided to build up the organization and bide their time.

On January 14 the riveters found that discrimination in the "pay envelope" bair reached a dangerous aspect. Petty saloon teachers, backed up by Chicago breweries, served as employment agents, secreetly colluding with the straw bosses in their practices.

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Committee waited on the general manager January 14, asking for a conference.

They were virtually kicked out of the office. Strike in the erection department

office. Strike in the erection department. followed at once.

"Make it an industrial union strike" became the slogan. Circulars were print
to the control of the strike language, in which all workers were appealed to to make it a fight of all.

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In the Leorning of Januage 10th the workers of all departments quift with the exception of the A. F. of L. electricians and machinists. The machinists sent a committee to the company, asking for an increase in wages, as compensation for the pelege that they would not to on strike. But foreible personation prompted the machinists to nutl also.

increase in wages, as compensation for the pledge that they would not go on strike. But foreible persuasion prompted the machinists to quit also. So January 17th finds the plant completely paralyzed. In the evening was held a big meeting of American and German workers. A. F. of L. fakirs and company tools butted in, but andid applause and enthinsism they were worsted by the I. W. W. speakers and exposed as company tools. January 18, Hammond newspapers have it that the I. W. W. is a "socialistic" organization; that all union workers are opposed to the pitche. Labor fakirs appear in East Hammond (their names will be given in the next report) urging the workers to repudiate the organization and accept signed agreement which the A. F. of L. sharks claiming that a certain Frankel of Chicago, well-known socialist, and engaged as organizer for the A. F. of L., would come to take care of the strike. He was turned down and left the hall. He admitted that the "socialistic prostitutes, bought for an organizer's 85.00 e. day job," could not drilver the goods.

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organizer :

deliver the goods.

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Jinuary 10, the workers of each depart-ment formulated their demands. There was no break in the ranks.
On January 20, the chief of police wore in special police, recruiting them from the "redlight" districts of West Hammond. Three A. F. of L. members, whose names will be given in my next report, joined the special police, and were the first to start riot and violence against

January 21 and 22, continues with the mt tied up. The general manager of int refuses-to-confer with representatives the strikers.

January 25, big mass meeting. The ompany sends 130 of their agents among he men with promises of immediate in-reases if they would desert the strike. No

January 24, the workers are clubbed and hicked by police; arrests are made; com-

pany houses invaded by the Hessians and men taken out to the lockup.

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January 25, the company again refuses to deal with a committee of the workers. In the evening a letter of protest is mailed to the mayor of the town, and retaliation against the Hessians is proclaimed if outrages against the workers would continue.

January 26, the atthe commissioner of labor, Slough, a union man, "top," is esses a declaration that the L. W. W. is an organisation that preaches the overthrow of expitalism. In the morning of the same day about 20 workers are clubbed, women are abused and insulted by the special police, the most 'brutal of them being a member of the "United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners." The sheriff of the country is appealed to to send deputy sheriffs. He is unable to find anyone willing to serve among Hammond citizens. He swears in 60 deputies in Hobert, Ind., but 50 of them, homorable workers, throw down their rifles when they ascertain that they are to, use them against workers.

January 26, women' organize for reshts-nece because one of their sex had been.

January 20, women' organize for resistance because one of their sex had been clubbed, kicked and rolled about the street by a drunken special policeman, a former 'West Hammond' habitue of the redlight district.

mer were rammon manuse of the redlight district. January 27, about 300 women drive back the police and prevent the strike-breakers to enter the plant; 12 of them are arrested, but released the same night, At 10 o'clock p. m. the company sends emissary for conditions of settlement. January 28; in the morning all officers of the 1. W. W. union are arrested for lottering and locked up in a fithy sid. At 10 o'clock the company sends word that all terms proposed by the strikers would be accepted except immediate increase in wages. The strikers insist on conference with the employers. In the evening the wages. wages. The strikers insist on conference with the employers. In the evening the mayor of the city asks for a committee and urges termination of the conflict, as the company would be willing to settle all affairs with committees of the workers at any

January 29 the committee met the general manager of the company. Slight misunderstanding on one point. Mayor of the city agrees to accompany committee and a basis of settlement is arrivell at. Terms of settlement will be given next week.

reck.
Organization is compact and 1,584
nembers will be solidified within a few

weeks.

A committee of the Hungarian Socialist
Labor Federation has done great service in
this fight, forgetting all sectional questions
of differences. This should be creditably
mentioned.

More at the state of the service of the

The Gary, Ind.. and South Chicago, Ill., steel workers are waking up, but \$1 A. F. of L. organisers are busy giving names of the L. W. W. supporters to the Steel Trust for

Steel Trust for
"IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE.". That's how they are "organizing the dime war against the billion dollar combination."

W. E. TRAUTMANN,

### Strike on Rock Pile.

Nothing can break the spirit of solidarity among the fellow workers who are fighting for the right of free speech in Spokane. One week ago Monday last, three of the fellow workers, John Kling, Rudolph Heintz and Charles Howard, who are serving a 50-day sentence for speaking on the streets, refused to break rock. The notorious Officer Bill Shannon immediately

handeuffed them all to a telegraph pole. Instead of being in any way intimidated, three others of the 1 W. W., who were breaking rock, immediately went on a sympathetic strke, declaring that they would not work as long as the others, were being punished. They were then marched back to the city jail and placed in the dangeons, leaving the first mentioned sellow workers still flastened to the thegraph pole. When Shamon returned all the rest of the boys on the road gang announced that they, too, were on a symmathetic strike and threw down their tools. For this they were all marched to the polles station to heat a lecture and a reprimand, which, of course, didn't hurt any, and to which they instened with scoru. A spirit of working class solidarity like this is unconquerable and must win.

### Fight to be Renewed.

Chicago, H', Jan. 29, 1910. To all Revolutionists and defenders of

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To all Revolutionists and defenders of Free Speech.

Fellow Workers:

The struggle for Still on. The active fight to regain the use of the streets for educational purposes by the working class is to be reinewed.

The members of she working class who since November last have been the victims of the expitalists slugging committee are again going on the streets to speakInthis fight they will need all the assistance they can get the fight they
will need all the assistance they can get. By assistance we do not mean the passage of resolutions or east continuition—both of which are all right in their way—but we mean MEN and WOMEN who will be there when the fight opens and who will take an active part in the struggle.

The fight opens March 1st. At least 500 who will speak on the streets are needed, and as many more as possible.

Remember, that the greater the number in the fight the shorter it will be.

Every one should start for Spokane at once:! Hold meetings and gather recruits along the way. Get in Spokane with as many as you can.

Those who cannot get to the front can also do something to below the fine fight in the fight in the sand with as many as you can.

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Those who cannot get to the front can also do something to help win the fight.

As soon as the struggle starts call protest meetings in every city and town of the Pacific coast and the Northwest. Get all to agree to cut Spokane off the map. Get a bundle order of the Industrial Worker and circulate the same with the latest news of the fight.

This fight must be won. The right to educate the workers for industrial freedom must be maintained. The right to organize as a class must be protected.

All together and the battle will be won! VINCENT ST. JOHN,

General Secretary-Treasurer.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE!

The address of the Pittsburg dist gamizer of the I. W. W. is Joseph organizer or the 1. w. w. is Joseph J. Ettor, 5356 Massachusetts Avenue, Allegheny, Pa. Those wishing informa-tion regarding the organization, or speak-ers in English or Foreign languages, will please communicate with the organizer at the above address.

the above address.

Sentiment is all right wheel it can be reduced to organization. Entil it can, it is only a rope of sand. We could easily enough have three-fourths of the wage carners shouting themselves boars egainst the evils of capitalism and for lack of proper organization on their part the capitalist claus could.still sit securely in the saddle and sweetly dividely the workers' product among them secording to the laws of Rent, Interest and Profits.

How easy it is for a "labor leader" to tell the workers on strike to "stick" when he is getting his good salary of, say, 8325 every quarter. Amalgamated Journal

### CONVENTION Harrich Charles Company Compan

Industrial unionists may watch with in-terest the annual convention of the United Mine Workers. It is not what is actually being done there that interests us most, but what it indicates in the not far off

not want it indicates in the not far off future.

There were 1,700 delegates present, including over 165,000 members. As the writer (who has been an active member in the United Mine Workers for several years) stated some time ago, dissension has began in the coal miners' organization. It is taking on the character of a personal conflict, for the most part, between lead-ors, but underneath all there is an unusual distrast and discontent among the rank and file. They feel that their union has been a juicy oyster for "labor leaders," with big punches and a mania for telling funny stories and prissing the "good operators" who favored the "check-off" system and "are not really hostile to our organization."

For several days the convention (which costs \$10,000 a day) was kept debating questions of little importance. The vast sumber of delegates sat and listened while she leaders 'tcheved' the rag" and called each other names. -Oaz day last week for several hours the whole convention was a "hawling mob." A large number of delegates the the hall and got up and bollowed to the chairman that he was going out to call the police to preserve order.

The fact of the whole matter is that the rank and file of the United Mine Workers are getting sick and tired of their organization's conservative attitude and in seeing it do practically nothing for them. The "leaders" out of power, or the ones in leser positions, see this, and are 'thking advantage of it.

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It was shown at the convention that over \$5,000,000 were spent since 1800 in an attempt to organize Maryland, West Virginia, Kentacky, Tennessée, Alabama and Colorado, which failed. The organization is but a dues collecting 'and office sustaining institution. Through the 'check-off' system dues are collected by the coal companies and the individual who kicks is 'Chopped off' by the companies. It is all fixed up between the officials and the operators.

### President Lewis' Report.

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As an instance of the reactionary character of the United Mine Workers' leaders, take, for instance, the annual report of the president, T. L. Lewis. It is the rawest thing that has come to light yet. Even Sam Gompers would not be guilty of such a thing—he is too shrewd.

(Editor's note—Here followed several quotations from Lewis' report with comment. But as the quotations and comment. covered practically the same ground as that taken in our article on same which had been already written we cut them out here to save space.)

The report throughout smacks with just that kind of slop. We see that the rank and file of the coal miners are not considered in the least. All that Lewis wants to see is the organization grow in numbers

ered in the least. All that Lewis wants to see is the organization grow in numbers and efficiency as a disce solecting and office sustaining organization, and one more and more favorable in the minds of the operators. He would make time agreements more binding, increase the penalty for their violation, prohibit "sympathetic" strikes, make state arbitration compulsory, win the boases' love and oc-operation in keeping the coal mining slaves subdued and in every way conceisable throw obstacles in the way of the workers in order to sidetrack their revolutionary aims. It is needless for me to compared upon these extracts. Let their revolutionary aims.

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the reader study them carefully and he will

the tremendous treachery to the

working class.

Moyer and Mahoney Imitating Levia.
But this is not enough. We see President Moyer and Vice President Mahoney, of the Western Federation of Miners, at the coal miners' convention, clubbing their efforts toward the same end. In order to defeat the final aims of the workers of the mining industry of this country, the heads of the two unions are going together and are furming a mining department of the A. F. of L. The whole scheme is to crush the growing revolutionary spirit of the miners of this country. The plan outlined in the extracts quoted from President Levis' annual report are the plans that these "labor leaders" will attempt to carry out.

that these "labor leaders" will attempt to carry out.

Is it any wonder that Mayer and Mahoney are so opposed to the I. W. W.? Is it any wonder that they have fought tooth and toe nail the revolutionary element that fought so hard for the principles of working class solidarity in the Western Federation in its carry days."

But the situation is by no means hopeless. The rank and file have not yet had their say. They are more revolutionary than ever. Gompers and his traitorous clique may form their proposed "independent labor party" in order to prevent the revolutionary working class from exercising its, power and the alleged socialists may go with it, but the miners of both the metal and coal industries will not be kept down. The 'serm "floating population" may be applied to these workers more than to any other. Their suppressed revolutionary energy will only burst forth all the stronger when it does start. Fellow workers, let us keep up our propaganda. Vietory is ours and that zoon.

LOUIS DUCHEZ.

### Mental Arithmetic.

If the working class and the employing class have anything in common, and an injury to one is the concern of all, into how many unions ought the working class how many unio to be divided?

to be divided?

The capitalist is interested in long hours and low wages. The worker is interested in short hours and high wages. Find the identity of interests between capital and

If labor produces all wealth and wealth belongs to the producer thereof, find the amount to which the capitalist is entitled as compensation for risk.

If a "labor leader" can draw \$15,000 a year as president of the American Railroad Employes' and Investors' Association, how long will it take the craft unions to evolve into an industrial organization of the whole working class?

If a cailco dress, worn by a wage ear's wife, costs \$1.50 and a ball ro gown, made in Paris, costs \$10,000, fi the amount due the capitalist as the ward of abstinence.

If the A. A. has been on strike for six months in the Shenango valley and no set-tlement in sight, how long will it take the A. F. of L. to whip the Steel Trust?

If X equals 's time, contract with the bosses, and one craft union remains at work while another in the same industry is on strike, find the difference between craft unionism and organized scabbery.

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### A WILD GOOSE CHASE.

P. J. McArdle, president of the A. A., now on strike against the Steel Trust in Western Pennsylvania, where do you think he is? Why, to be sure, you say, on the firing line recruiting his forces, infusing courage, seeing that strike benefits are paid and doing what he can to keep the

paid and doing what he can to keep the A. A. from going to pieces. Well, he isn't. He is in Chicago trying to homswoggle the steel workers there into the belief that the A. A. would be a good thing for them.

Forget it, Peter. The A. A. has nothing to effer anybody, and the Chicago-wockers have long starte got size to that fact. They weren't born yesterday. With the struck mills in the continuing at weven't born yesterday. With the struck mills in the continuing at working capacity, some of the men going back and otherg going to neighboring towns to look for work, the Vandegrift and Monessen mills left unorganized by special understanding with the Trust and running at full clip all the while, what do you take the Chicago steel workers for, annwa?

what do you take the Chicago steer work-ers for, anywa?

Aren't you afraid they'll tell you to go home and organize the mills in Monessen and Vandergrift first? Aren't you airaid they'll ask troublesome questions about why the so-called independent mills were allowed to run and keep the market

supplied?
It is, of course, eminently proper that
the Chicago and the Pennsylvania workers
should be brought into the same union;
buy this is a fine time of day to begin to
think about it. Isn't there some danger
that the Chicago workers may ask why
they weren't approached on this subject
before?

before?

To levy ten cents a month on onch member of the A. F. of L. for the purpose of extending the organization is all right in its way. But wouldn't it have been easier to levy more and push work of organization while the men were at work? If the A. A. would be a good thing for the steel workers in Chicago, why was it allowed to run down in Pennsylvania till to only embraced about 17. me eras of the it only embraced about 17 per cent of the workers in the Trust mills when the tin

workers in the Trust mills when the tin mill strike began?

No doubt the steel workers in Chicago ought to be in the same union with the steel workers in Pennsylvania and all over the country, but wouldn't it also be å good ides to include all the wage, carners in the steel industries and not part of them? What is the logicy of looking for recruits in Chicago and seeking only those who are rollers, heaters, doublers or openers, in the very mills which you are supposed to have under your jurisdiction in Pennsylvania?

very mills shich you are supposed to have under your jurisdiction in Pennsylvania? You, yourself, P. J. McArdle, saids some very good things before the vanismal convention of the U. M. W. of A. if the papers are the behelved. In particular, you are credited with this; "The policy of the steel corporation is to be absolute dictator of the situation from the mines of Minnesota and Michigan to to mines of Alabama, through all of their mills, their transportation facilities, both railboad and ships, and all other industries that come within their province. They

are even a dominant influence in the non-ministing of the building trades."

That's not so bad, and we expect that the steel workers in Chicago will see it in the same way, and, seeing it so, they will have no use for the A. A. A. or any other form of craft unionism, or for anything or anybody that has, even a colvebe connec-tion with the A. F. of L. They will see plainly that the only form of unionism that is worth a tinemith's by-word in fighting the ensormous power of the Steel Trust is a unionism that organizes all the wage carners in any one industry into one de-partment of a still larger union of the whole working class.

Pack your grip, Peter, and come back to Pennsylvania. They know the record of the A. A. in Chicago.

### PRESIDENT LEWIS' REPORT.

Any one who expected anything radical or progressive in the report of President Lewis to the United Mine Workers' na-tional convention was horribly disappoint-ed. In fact, it was the rawest yet. Mitchell, in his palmiest days, was never so conservative.

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The impression that one gathers on reading Lewis' report is that, while nominally addressed to the assembled delegates, and through them to the United Mine Workers, it is reality quite as much addressed to the operators and is a plea for peace at any proce—to the rank and file of the United Mine Workers. Space forbids an extended review, for the document is lengthy, but here are a few of the most important points. ortant points:

important points:
Levis begins by a very lamb-like de-fense of the "right to organize," which, he finds, not in the fact that there is a class struggle is society or that the inter-cats of labor and capital are opposed, but that the operators are doing the same thing As if he should say to the opera-tors: "See here. Don't look sour at us. We are only doing what we see you do-ing."

It is further claimed in the report that It is further claimed in the report that "we have a right tot only to organize Tay to accomplish the purpose for which we are united," but all sting by taken away from that utterance by the repeated complication in the body of the report that the main "purpose for which we are united" is "to make strikes unnecessary." The bosses can't much fault with that, and, no doubt, the "check-off" system will continue.

tinue.
"Strikes," declares President Lewis,
"should be the very last resort and every
other means exhausted before a suspension
of work is ordered to take place." And to
make good his position, she cites repeated
instances where he has been a good boy

and prevented them.

The organization of the non-union miners in West Virginia and to the Southeast The organization of the non-union mi-mers in West Virginia and to the Southeast was one of the topics taken, up in the re-port. According to Lewis, this is to be accomplished by a better understanding with the operators and "especially be giv-ing them the assurance that the organizing of the non-union, ininers in these States will not be undertaken with a view to pre-vent the shipment of coal West in the in-terests of giving more work to the miners in the middle West. Srikes, he assures us, and money spent on organizers, have been in vain. We must get the good will and consent of the operators. "Many of the operators are really not opposed to the organization, but are skeptical of our object and fear the re-sult." Among the disadvantages of strikes in these regions he mentions the expense to the operators as well as to the men. Another identification of the audience to whom the report is really addressed.

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In the opinion of many the real reason why the miners in West Virginia and to the Southeast are not organized is because they are controlled by a different interest than the mines in the middle west, and the operators in the latter know that the union, as now managed, is a good thing for them and want to keep it for themselves. Hence they will not grant the cheek-off system in the middle west only on condition that the mines in West Virginia and to the southeast are left unorganized. So, also, it is and to the south-east are left unorganized. So, also, it is said, the reason that Baer will not grant the check-off system in the anthracite re-gions is that he recognizes that the United Mine Workers are controlled by his com-petitors, and that this accounts for the failure of the United Mine Workers to or-

failure of the United Mine workers to or-ganize the anthracite regions.

This failure of the United Mine Work-ers to organize-the anthracite regions is evidently a sore point with Lewis, for he devotes considerable space to it. He tells as that there are in round number 174, 000 miners there, of whom only 25,031 are organized, so far as the books of the o ganization show. He can only a

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this by charging it to the "indifference" of the anthractic miners themselves, but what the cause of this indifference to the rare benefits of the United Mine Workers may be, he does not say. On reading further in his report, however, when we come across the proud boast that the United Mine Workers so thoroughly up-holds the sacredness of contracts that they refused to strike with the anthractic miners in their struggle in 1902, but kept on working and kept up the facel supply, a ray of light comes to us as to what the cause of that indifference may be.

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A great splurge has been made in the
Socialist and labor press about Lewis refusing to have anything to do with the
Crive Federation. This has been held up
as a well nigh revolutionary move and a
sign that the United Mine Workers was sign that the United Mine Workers was now under a more radical management. Lis is totally uncalled for. Lewis, himself, gives the reason in his report that the Civic Federation is not delivering the goods—in the form of trade' agreements. He says: "If it can be shown me that the Civic Federation will no actuals use He says: "If it can be shown me that the Civic Federation will go actively to the Civic rederation will go actively it work to promote trade agreements between employer and employed, then I would have no objections to becoming a member of the Civic Federation.' No class struggle there!

gle there!

If there is one idea that dominates
Lewis' report more than another it is the
idea of the ascredness of contracts with
the boses. These must be upheld no
matter what happens. Instances are given
where the boses brought presure to bear
to have these modified in their interests
after they were entered into, but no matter
about that.

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And Lewis very clearly sees the relationship between time contracts and sympathetic strikes. To the latter he is un'alterably opposed and wants the constitution of the United Mine Workers so altered that the bosses need have no fear that one district well go out on sympathetic strike with another? He says: "Operators in certain districts would not then haved fear that we would order a strike in one district would not the navel fear that we would order a strike in one district would not be says the members on strike in another district."

So one district is to seab on another in order to keep peace with the operators and maintain the check-off system, which guarantees the salaries of the union officials! If this isn't bloody treason to the miners and a red-handed betrayal of labor what would be.

In the s onnection he says, con cerning sympathetic strikes: "If we com-ply with the terms of our contracts we cannot consistently have sympathetic strikes."

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There is one redeeming feature about the report of President Lewis that, grained the premisers of an identity of interests between capital and labor, there is no escaping its conclusions. Granted the check-off system, time contracts, boards of concillation, or any similar understanding-with the bosses on the part of any labor union, whatever, and craft or district seablery follows as surely as the night follows the day. ws the day.

Any such union is struck with econ-Any such union is struck with economic leprosy and must follow the line of degeneracy and dissolution foreshadowed in President Lewis report, though its bank account runs into the millions and its membership into the hundreds of thousands. It must go the route.

The I. W. W. signs no time contracts, wants no check-off system, and doesn't ask the bosses whether or not they are willing that the men should organize.

### NEW POLISH PAPER.

NEW FOLISH PAPER.

Beginning with the first of March the Polish Local I, W. W. 317 of Buffalo, N. Y., will begin to publish a new paper, Solidarmose (Solidarty) in the Polish lagguage, devoted exclusively to propaganda. Semi-monthly, 50 cents a year.

Not only ought all Polish members to subscribe, but all good I. W. W. members who have Polish neighbors or work with Poles should send for bundles of Solidarmose and hand them out to their Polish mose and hand them out to their Polish. and hand them out to their Polish

mose and hand them out to their robust fellow wage slaves.

Their bundle rates have not been quoted to us, but write them or send a dollar and see what you get. Cash in now and help them start. Address the secretary of their

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### W. F. M. EVOLVING BACKWARD.

Plans are under way at the Natio convention of the United Mine Worker America looking toward closer affiliat and eventual amalgamation with the We ern Federation of Miners.

Joint committee meetings had held and resolutions looking towards adopted by the convention.

By many who are not informed this will be looked upon as a step forward and will be hersided abroad by labor fakirs as an-other indication that the A. F. of L. is evolving into an industrial organization. In reality, if these plans are adopted, it is means the damnation of the Western Federation of Miners.

lines the U. M. W. of A. is Itself disin-tregating. The engineers have been sep-arated for a long time and the electricians recently. Logically so from a craft union standpoint. Much is made of the fact that other workers in the soft coal mines are all in one union. The fact is that the nature of the work makes it more difficult to sep-arate coal miners into craft unions than almost any other body of workers, else, no doubt, this would long ago have been done, as in the case of the recently sepa-rated electricians.

What the labor fakirs fail to do to the coal miners in separating them completely into craft unions, they do succeed, howev-er, in accomplishing through the system of district organizations, each of which has a separate contract with the bosses expiring at different dates. This is a system which

separate contract with the bosses expiring at different dates. This is a system which President Lewis, upholds, and which he would like to see extended still forther.

By means of this system it is possible to betray the workers and deliver them to the bosses quite as well as by the eraft form of organization. When the miners are on strike, say in Illinois, those in Ohio may keep on working and keep the market supplied, for have they not a separate contract with the bosses which has not yet expired? And are not such contracts sacred and must they not be sacredly kept? Then, too, when one district is on strike it is very easy for the bosses to flood another district with men, and make good whatever shortage is occasioned by the strike. Often enough men on strike in one district zo to another, agd, unconsciously to themselves, scale on their own strike. This is not mentioned with a view to east discredit on the men, but simply to wonte for the feet let.

strike. This is not mentioned with a view to cast discredit on the men, but simply to point out how far, the U. M. W. of A. is from an industrial organization. What is the essential difference between one craft scabbing on another craft and one

one craft scabbing on another district?

district scabbing on another district?

A cardinal principle with the officials of the U. M. W. of A. is to maintain the 'check off' and 'contract' relations with the mine owners, to both of which the Western Federation of Miners has been stoutly opposed.

It has long been the proud boast of those in the W. F. M. who favored amalgamation with the U. M. w of A. that they would never consider the proposition until the latter withdraw from the Civic Federationized A. F. of L. The recommendations of the joint committee, however, were not that the U. M. W. of A. should withdraw from the A. F. of L. ever, were not that the U. M. W. of A. should withdraw from 'the A. F. of L., but that the W. F. M. should join. What a come-down from the days of Goldfield, Cripple Creek and the Coeur of Alene that the old fighting W. F. M. should find itself even asked to join that medley of job trusts with time contracts with the bosses known as the A. F. of L.

If the W. F. M. goes into the A. F. of L., or even allows a cobweb connection to be spun, it is doomed; its glorious history is repudiated and it will go the regular route of degeneracy into a craft organical care of the contract of the contr

tory is repudiated and it will go the required are to the dependency into a craft organization having the "check-off" system and time contracts with bosses, fat sharlers for officials, Cvic Federation affiliations, a theory of identity of interests between capital and labor, and all the other hall marks of treason that distinguish the A. F. of L. as the betrayer of the working class:

Government ownership may not be for the benefit of the workers. The State of ancient Athens owned and worked the silver mines at Laurium. The mines were worked by slave labor and men and women were driven naked to work under the slave driver's whip. When the slaves died under the lash other slaves were brought in. Slaves were cheap then, as they are now. So when you hear some wise-looking guy telling you that government ownership is the cure-all you can, be safe in giving him the "merry has ha."—Cotton's Weekly.

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When the workers are industrially or-ganized they'll just go shead and dictate terms to the corporations themselves.

### The Check-Off System.

For the benefit of those of our readers who may not understand the meaning of the above term, we would explain that it is an avrangement entered into between the offi-cials of the United Mine Worken and some smaller unions with the employers, where-by the latter collect the does for the union.

by the latter collect the dues for the unions.

In the case of the unions it works something in this way. The miner receives his pay slip, on which he is credited with the number of tons mined and the amount due him, and deblated with the supplies he has bought at the company stores, powder, candles, oil, etc., and also his union dues. The balance is then handed him and the union dues forwarded from the company's office to the treasurer of the union. This makes the company the dues collector for the union.

The advantages which are claimed for this arrangement are that it forces men The advantages which are claimed for this arrangement are that it forces men into the union and that it keeps the treasury foll. This is true. The miner can't get out of paying his dues or letting his membership lapse, for the company itself sees to that. So, also, the paid officials of the union are relieved of all worry conceening their salary. The miners can't get out of contributing. Naturally, the officials are cantuisated advocates of the check-off system.

The check-off system is a very good thing for the officials have to death to the ment. The bones realize that it has high value in the eyes of the union officials, and they don't propose to concede it for nothing. They don't have to, either. For granting the check-off system they get time contracts, which expire in different districts on different datas, and a general understanding with the union officials that the inen must be good or they will be homely to how off soul to work of the work of the prompt to how off soul to well force the visit of the prompt to how off soul to well seed to the prompt to how off soul to well seed to the prompt to how off soul to well.

understanding with the union officials that the men must be good or they will be brought to book and fined by the union st-self. Read the article on the Cherry, III., disaster by Vincent St. John in the Janu-ary number of the International Socialist Review and see for yourself.

#### STRAY BULLETS

Допо "Hitch you wagor to nerson. We've done ars to the whole unive e. En Emerson. We've non-ours to the whole universe. The forces or evolution are all in line with the rise and progress of the I. W. W. The tides of the same are not more super to eith and flows. progress of the 1. w. W. The tides of the sea are not more supe to ebb and flow, the sun to rise and set, than that the in-dustrial organization of the working elass must follow and overthrow the trust organi-zation of the bosses. We've hitched our wagon to a star, all right enough. Get in and ride to the Co-operative Common-wealth. wealth.

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Tart has forbidden the postal clerks to petition Congress fing, a rise in wages. Those who think that labor's troubles would be ended by a political government "taking over" the industries please sit up and take notice.

The bosses dictate terms to the workers for one ression, and that is because they are better organized. When the workers are as well organized as the bosses they will have the whole situation in their own hands.

Craft unionism suffers from the fact that with the advance of the machine the un-skilled worker takes away the job of the skilled worker. Industrial unionism or-ganizes all workers, skilled and unskilled, to fight the common enemy together on the economic field.

"Industrial Unionism is the thing, and we must all come to it some day." Well, why not, in the name of all that's reason-able, come to it now? You want better conditions and a better civilization while you are alive and active to enjoy them, and not after the undertaker has thanked the friends for their kind attendance and the friends for their kind attendance and informed them that they need not remain, as the sexton would do the rest.

Haven't noticed Taft doing snything very desperate to the Steel Trust lately, have you, as a result of the visit of Gompers, O'Connell and other magnates of the A. F. of L?

The fight isn't over in Spokane by a manner of means. The boys are just rest-ing up for a breathing spell; just loosening up a bit to get a better hold. In the meantime contributions are as necessar? as ever. Send all of them to Fred W. Heslewood, Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Ida.

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### Swedish Strike Ended in Victory for Labor

By John Sandyrea.

Due to the deplorable lack of an international labor press burean there has been
practically no news about the Swedish labor
situation since it lost some of its most senutional features.

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In a way, it may be said that the strug-gle has been won. The issue about which this magnificent battle of about as being fought is, as is now well known, the life or death of organifed labor in Sweden; in fact, in all northern Europe. So far the struggle has been a signal victory of fabor. On the one side the employers' association has become so weakened that its officers are in some cases "repudiating the obliga-tions enieged into with the members and have sent out circulars to the membership saking for leniency in fulfilling these obli-gations. On the other hand, the Swedish national organization, has come out of the battle with 47000 new members. True, they nominally lost about 50,000 in the battle, but their membership upon the ad-vice of the national organization and against their own will. It was a tactleal more on the part of the national organization to case its burdens and to insure victory along the main lines of battle. Still, even so, there is an increase of 10,000 men.

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sacrince some of its troops on certain weak points. Takingit as a whoic, the Swedish workers have won a glorious victory. Still the struggle is by no means over. According to the latest news/received by malf from Stockholm there are still 2,000 men in the fight of the original \$50,000, But besides, there are now between 13,000 and 14,000 men who are "discharged," which is only another word for. "black-listed." These men have actually no chance of ever securing employment in Sweden or any other country where their language is spoken, as the employers are quite solidly organized throughout Scandinavia. With or against will they have practically no choice but to emigrate. At present they are with their families, being supported by the national organization, but he will be the structure of the stru before them, they are now scattering all over the world, facing an unknown desti-

The president of the Sweduh national organization of workers writes that support is still urgently needed and that any and all help would be exceedingly welcome.

Those that hoped that this gigantic fight would crush the spirit of the Swedish workers and the "the beginning of the end." of hoke 3 efforts in northern Europe are sorely disappointed.

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The national organization met in convention Nov. 22. It lasted nine days, was visited by 580 delegates and a large number of representatives of labor from foreign countries, who paid a glowing tribute to their Swediab brothers. The spirit prevailing in the convention, in the midst of the great battle, was one off exemplary self control and moderation, and the convention stands as one of the most creditable pages in labor's history.

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Among the innumerable important sub-jects up for discussion there are two that are especially worthy of international sit-tention, namely, the question of a com-plete reorganization and the question of the relations between the economic organ-ization and the Social Democratic party of Sweden.

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The debate on the question of reorganization lasted two days and 180 delegates spoke on the question, showing the seriounces of the matter.

As a result of this discussion a committer was elected to the first plan of reorganization to be submitted to subordinate organizations its months before the convention of 1911, and, significantly enough, upon the motion of President Herman-Lindquist the committee was instructed by the convention to bring in a report based upon a gradual transformation from craft unions to industrial unionism.

In regard to the question of relations between the economic organization and the Social Democratic party of Sweden there was a clause in the presmible prescribing that the economic organizations of the Social Democratic party of Sweden there and metal workers supported by other organizations of the Social Democratic party of Sweden. On motion of the iron and metal workers supported by other organizations, these words were stricken from the presmible by a vote of 282 to 284. This action of the convention is very inversetting in time of the fact that the Social mocratic party in the next election is

very likely to become the dominant politi-cal party, due to the "universal suffrage" that has recently been forced on the Swe-dish workers.

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At the same time the convention, to
avoid misinterpretation, adopted a resolution by a considerable majority, "that by
this decision it was not intended to break
up the unity and solidarity of labor's
forces, but that the convention considers
the Social Democratic party as the natural
expression of the political ambitions of the
Swedish wockers."

Put together, these, measures mean that
the anti-parliamentary tendencies in the
Swedish labor movement were strong
enough to force a complete cutting loose
from the political party, which previously
had been one of its constituent parts, in order to avoid a rupture in the ranks of the
economic movement.

Large bodies of the Swedish workers
places a good deal of faith in the brilliant
political prospects lying at their feet, and
in view of this fact the solution must be
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Another of the interesting features of the convention was the motion to instruct the executive board to make a full report of the methods and efforts of a syndicalist movement. The motion was lost, but the large minority vouches for that hereafter French methods of fighting the capitalist will play quite an important part in the struggles of the Swedish workers.

They are evidently preparing for the next grand fight.

### Magnificent, But Not War!

(Written before Hanford's death.)

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We have been reading with a great deal of sympathy and interest Ben Hanford's articles on "Solidarity" in the New York Sunday Call. They are descriptive of the indomitable commedship displayed by the minors in the anthracite strike of seven years ago. The Irishman who'd rather eat dirt than give in, and his good old wife who'd cook it for him, the ignorant Italian'laborer who, though taken aboard, a train under false pretenses and bentully intimidated, refused to help defeat the strikers, crying out, "Me no seable damine!"—these are the type of heroes depicted by Hanford. They stood together by the thousands, refusing to be beaten, though suffering privation and physical torture. It was sublime!"

The same tale is told of every great labor conflict. Homestead, the Chicagoralway strike and the Colorado labor wars

ture. It was sublime?

The same tale is told of every great labor conflict. Homestead, the Chicago railway strike and the Colorado labor wars show the staff of which the workers are made. Under the stress of battle the men of labor are transformed. Personal weaknessed disappear; petty meanness gives way to sacrifice for the common cause. National, religious and political differences are forgotten. All stand shoulder to shoulder in the lofty determination to win, come what may? Yet the workers lose. Despite their sublime comradeship and sense of duty to each other the workingment of the same of duty to each other the workingment of the same of the

Sometimes, when seeking for an answer to this question, we are reminded of the "Charge of the Light Brigade." Who has not read Tennyson's spirited poem, so descriptive of this historic event? "Cannon to the left of them, Cannon to the left of them, Voilled and thundered; But into the valley-of death Rode the noble six hundred, The they knew some one had blunger to the property of the state of

Tho' they knew some one had blun-dered."

dered."

There is couradeahip and sacrifice to duty, however mistaken, for you. "It is magnificent; but it is not war." So with labor's solidarity, as described by Hanford; it is magnificent, because it calls forth the best in man. But it is not war. It is magnificent, because it calls forth the best in man. But it is not war, because it is a solidarity based on false principles and lines, which renders it both incomplete and ineffective. Labor has blundered in not being correctly based and organized. While the ignorant Italian laborer in Hanford's narrative fight so valiantly against enforced scabbiam, the intelligent union engineers, who pull trainloads of them perform a voluntary eachem without them. against enforced scabbiam, the intelligent union engineers, who pull trainloads of them, perform a voluntary scabbam without companetion, and without a reprimand from Hanford, the historian of solidarity. These union engineers believe in their own selfish craft interests and the mutaal interests of capital and labor. So believing, they sacrifice the miners and contribute to their defeat, despite the latter's magniferent struggle to-gether. So it was also at Homestrad. There, a

gether.

So it was also at Homestead. There a lip power of the small section of steel and from workers went out to do battle. They, too, believed this end.

ed in their own cmft interests of capital and labor. In this belief, they had neglected the general organization of the working class. When the time came they found themselves without the backing of such an organization. As a result, steamboat engineers could be found to transport Princertons and cashs pit the Monongahela river without doing famage to union seraples, but to the defeat of this small section of workingmen, who fought so nobly and so well, despite their own self-imposed limitations. It was magnificent, but it was not war.

limitations. It was magnificent, but it was not war.

In the Chicago railway strike the same erroneous principles and organization prevailed. These, and not Cleveland and the Federal troops, defeated Debs and the American Railway Union. This union sought to unite all the railway workers into one body instead of dividing them into five warring brotherhoods, as before. It was successful to a great extent. It thus incurred the opposition of the Brotherhood chiefs and Gompers and his A. F. of L., which had previously destroyed the Knights of Labor, an organization of induptical union tendencies, by openly scaabiling upon it. Therefore, when Debs was winning and Cleveland was burning the forces of the Federal government at the American Bailway Union, the Arthurs, Gompers et al., with their craft organization and false conomic principles at stake, remained passive, refused to fall a general

Gompers et al., with their craft organization and false economic principles at stake, remained passive, refused to sell a general strike, and thereby aided Cleveland to crush Debs and the American Railway Union, despite their well formed organization and well fought-girth. It was maganificent, but it was not war.

In the Colorado labor troubles, we again have correct principles of industrial organization and capitalist principles, combined with a too sectional field of application. Gompers and the railroad chiefs either openly opposed the Western Federation of Minersor else supported the eapitalist class in ways passive and devious, but none the less detrimental to labor's complete trimph. Again, the industrialism of the W. F. of M., operated on too small and sectional a scale to prove more than pārtly-aiccessful. It did not embrace the entire working class of the country, or the world, an exrow which the Western Federation of Mineror acknowledged whos it took part in forming the Industrial Workers of the World. The Colorado episode was magnificent, but it was not war.

What the solidarity and war are may be inferred from the mighty demonstration against the attempted judicial murder of Moyer. Haywood and Pettilone, which aroused the nation some three years ago. Then a united working class, undivided by craft organization and false economic principles, and alive only to the dangers threatening their own class, interest, awept aside their misleaders and faced the ceptilalist class in solid array, in a manner that permitted in ortrilling. It was magnificent but used to manner at to include every man in the industrial plant involved in one solid organization. The example set won the support of steamboat engineers and Makees Rocks, Pa. There labor organized industrially; that is, not according to craft, but in such a manner at to include every man in the industrial plant involved in one solid organization. The example set won the support of steamboat engineers and Makees Rocks, Pa. There labor organized industriall

into the Industrial Workers of the and help along the good work to ad. THE COMMENTATOR.

### THE I. W. W. PREAMBLE

There can be no pasce so long as hunger and want are found among filling the can be no pasce so long as hunger and want are found among filling the can be no pasce so long as hunger and want are found among filling the can be not passed and the few, who make up the employing class, have all of the carbon and continuous and all of the carbon and the carbon and the carbon and all of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions of the workers at the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in state of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class uphel only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof; thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Knowing, therefore, that such an organization is absolutely necessary four emanagements.

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### How to Organize

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carefully.

Ten dollars is the cost of charter sup-Ten dollars is the cost of charter sup-plies, and this will have to be collected among the signers and forwarded with the application either to the District Organizer or to the General Secretary, so you and your fellow workers will have to fix the fee for signers accordingly. It is not well, either, to begin with an empty treasury and, in general, a good idea would be to fix the fee at about a dollar. However, this is a detail that must be settled locally. Now, forward your list of signess, with the 'charter fee to the General Secretarycharter fee to the General Secretary— AND KEEP ON WORKING.

Possibly an organizer can be sent you to help you get started right. If not; on re-ceipt of the charter supplies, call a meet-ing at once, elect officers, and there you

ing at once, elect officers, and there you are.

Often: it is advisable to hold public meetings and engage a speaker for segiral evenings. In other places it is as well to more quirtly until the Local is well under way, so that the boases do not get next. Be governed by local conditions and consult your fellow workers, the District Organizer and the General-Secretary.

Well, talking about it won't do it. Still less will dreaming about it and patting it off. You know you ought to be in the organization. You know yone of your fellow wage slaves who are-in the same boat. Youghnow the address of the Geny

organization.

fellow wage slaves who are in the boat. Youknow the address of the General Secretary, and you know how to ad-

Get busy and report results to SOLI-DARITY.

### Another Miner Speaks.

By A. Peshta.

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The U. M. W. of A. is one of the strong-est organizations and anybody not versed in this our form of unionism, might blink such an organization would be a perfect pro-tection and benefit to its members. But this

such an organization would be a perfect pro-tection and benefit to its members. But this opinion would be quite wrong.

The agreements are violated and the wage scale is broker every day and the union is not able to prevent it and does not even show much eagerness to protect the inter-ests of the miners. The miners depend en-tirely on the mercy of the bosies and super-intendents.

endents.

If they're not satisfied with what the

boss sees fit to give them then they had bet-ter take their tools out. If they refer to the union for protection the persecution from the side of the boss will make it im-possible for them to stay any longer in

fee and union dues has no compensation at all except this, that the miners have to pay

all except this, that the miners have to pay their own weighmain.

That's another sore point in the union. That local elects and pays a check weighman, whose duty it is to see whether the company's weighman weighs the coal correctly. Now if there happens to be a man elected who sees sharply after the interest of the miners, the superintendent is pretty quick and ready with him. He forbids him to enter the property of the company, as it happened, for example, in Jug Run mine, where the check weighman was arrested and fined for trespassing because he entered the scales against the will of the superintendent. And the union? It paid the fine and expenses and elected another in his place.

the fine and expenses and electen another in his place.

Such examples of our misery I could narrate for 14 days and would not yet be through.

What we need is an organization which

What we need is an organization which would educate its members to take their affairs in their own hands and not depend on leaders who, when election day comes round, are overflowing with fuminant phrases and fair promises, but after they are elected not only do nothing for the interests of their constituents, but even between these the later substitutents. terests of their constitue...
tray them to their exploiters.
Dillonvale, O.

## Coal Miners Endorse Spokane Fight and I. W. W.

Belt, Mont., Dec. 21, 1909.
At a regular meeting of Local Union No. 370, U. M. W. of A., the following reso-

370, U. M. W. ot A., ...
lation was adopted:
Whereas, Fhe I. W. W. of Spokane,
Wash, is fighting for free speech and press
and the interest of the working class, we
declare that it is the only organization that jury to one is an injury to all.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we condemn all labor papers that are silent and do not uphold the principle influstrial unionism; and, be it

financial support to the principle of indusn; be it furth

trial unionism; be it further
Resolved, That Local Union No. 370,
U. M. W. of A., on this date, donate \$50
for the henefit of the down-trodden slaves
in Spokane; and, be it further
Resolved, That a copy of these resolu-

tions be sent to the Appeal to Reason, Mon-tana News and Great Falls Labor News for

JOHN DEGNAN, Pres JOHN LANDERS, Sec M. J. MORRIS, M. J. SULLIVAN, JOHN DEGNAN,

Committee.

(Copied from the Montana News.)

- Local Union 2886, U. M. W. of A., of Rojndup, Mont., at a regular meeting on December 27, also passed stirring resolutions exploiting the free speech fight in Spokane, the last paragraph of which reads as follows: follow

lved, That we pledge a further n al and financial support to our comrades in Spokane whenever called upon and wish them every success in their battle for final them every success in their battle for final conomic emancipation, recognizing the old adage that "we must hang together or we may hang separately."

Respectfully submitted by ALEX PAIRGRIEVE, NATHAN SMITHURST, WILL IRVING, Committee.

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The Eleven Blind Leaders treated of are two prominent sociologists of Chicago, Prof. Kennedy of the university and A. M. Simons, Socialist celitor, who lectured before the I. W. W. Propaganda Club in the apring of 1900, to which is added a symposium of nine leading Socialists invited by the Saturday Evening Post to answer the question, "How Will the Co-Operative Commonwealth Be Brought About?" These nine, in addition to Simons, include Debs, Berger, Wilshire, Sinclair, Berlyny Chase, Mailly, Hunter and National Secretary Barnes.

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The book, we might add, is written in a style free from offense and adapted the draw workers toward the I. W. W. and not drive them away, no matter what their political Jeanings may be. Also it is ex-

style free mover toward the l. W. w. and drive them away, no matter what their political leanings may be. Also it is exceedingly readable, being full of a rich subtle humor, and the considerable array of facts, ransacked from labor's experience. of facts, ransacked from labor's experience in every quarter of the globe, are presented in a bright and attractive manner that readily faces them in the memory. Valuable foot notes abound and appendices from Lissaganay's "History of the Parja-Vangumer" and the Manifesto of his first convention of the I. W. W.

Commune" and the Manifesto of phe first convertion of the I. W. W. —
Our author is not content, I.o. treat—the subject possely, i.m. Registive manner as showing what can not be done. He grapples with the question, "How the Co-operative Commonwealth is to be Breught About" in a masterly say, showing that the industrial organization of the wage carriers as outlined in the I. W. is the means not only for securing immediate betterments but for organizing the wage earners no sooil production when

mentate betterments but for organizing the wage camers for social production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. There is no need of my writing further, when the price of the book is so extreme-ly low that every reader can get a copy for himself. Every fellow worker and every Local union should send for a jumply, and push their sale and distribution at once. This book is adapted to make clear, sound headed possibles of the 1. W.

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