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### The Masters Want War-Let Them Have It!

Under the title. "Methods of Law and Order," (reproduced in this issue of Solidarity from The New Republic) Martha Gruening writes a most forcible exposure of some of the court methods used against the workers in the Colorado mine war. These methods are, however, but variations of similar methods employed against the labor movement throughout the United States. We need only instance the Rangel and Cline, the Ford and Suhr and the Joe Hill cases, as profs. In the first-named, the Texas authorities even went so far as to stage a moving picture in San Antonio just before the Cline trial, portraying him as a murdeere and conspirator, with a view of course to influence an adverse verdict in his case. Cline's conviction was apparently too raw, and the decision has been reversed by a higher court. Such may be the outcome in the cases of Lawson and Zancanelli, in Colorado; but, on the other hand, they may meet the same fate as Joe Hill, whose conviction has just been affirmed by the Utah Supreme Court.

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Western members as an aggressive fighter for the I. W. W., as well as for his songs, which are sung among rebel workers throughout the English-speaking world, furnishes another illustration of "Law and Order Methods." Not a scrap of evidence, other than conjectural, was adduced at Hill's trial to connect him with the murder of the Salt Lake merchant. The only circumstance that might theoretically connect Hill with the affair was the fact that he summoned a doctor on the night of the murder, to dress a wound he had received somewhere and which he refused to give any details about. The fact that Hill was at that time active in I. W. Organization work, which was regarded as a menace to the big employers of the Utah Construction and other corporations of that section would tend to place this case in the sace category with that of Lawson, for instance who had the same that the careful of a murder that occurred while he was 22 millions way. The particular setting in all of some the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same; the authorities everywhere are undered the same; the authorities everywhere are under the transfer of the same the authorities everywhere are under the same that the same that the same that the same that the understanded as a mere.

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From these facts and circumstances, we can only conclude that the time is, fast arriving when no redress is to be expected by the working class through the ordinary channels of "law and order." War has been declared upon the labor movement by the employing class and their lackeys in the state county and municipal governments; and, in opposition thereto, war measures must be adopted and perfected by the militant workers. This will prove upon the best of the state of the state of the property of the state of the interpretation of the state of the

### Our Wonderful Working Class

A well-known American novelist, Owen Wister, in a bitter attack upon "The Quack-Novel," portrays what he considers the typical American attitude in part, thusly: "We were born at a season of phrase-making, and our birthday was celebrated by a phrase: All men are created equal ... and thus phrases and falsehoods were made bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. They essayed to reconcile equality and slavery by explaining that negroes were not exactly men." "Our public oracles from Jefferson to Bryan have continued to build commonwealths with hot air." That is undoubtedly a one-sided view of the American spirit-such a view as a dissillusioned novelist would logically take after some bitter experiences with the American reading public. After observing the eagerness with which that public devours the "mildewed pap" ladled out to it by the "moulders of public opinion," the self-respecting writer might well exclaim, as Owen Wister does regarding a pertain type of novel he is depicting: "Stale, distorted, a sham, a puddle of words—and Democracy's laureate literature."

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fed us on phrases about "the land of opportunity," etc. We have brought into being steel trusts, Standard Oil corporations, and other like combinations to enable that instead to the like combinations to enable the country. The combinations to enable the country of employment. We have erected "no trespass" signs over highways and "private grounds" which our labor has transformed into gardens of Eden for our masters' enjoyment. We have have hearned how to make and to use clubs and guns wherewith to hold in restraint our rebellious fellow workers. We have not neglected to train our minds to invent the necessary "phrases" and to supply the required "pap" for the mental consumption of our "brothers in toil." In short, we, the American working class, have invented and perfected the most scientific system of labor-skinning ever imagined, and placed its control completely in the hands of our skinners. All that is an achievement worth noting, on the 139th anniversary of our national birthday. It suggests that the American working class is "there with the goods" when it comes to doing things—even if it has it done much of anything for its own benefit up to date.

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That's why we insist there is little room for pessimism; the fact that American labor has been quick to learn and to do, things pertaining to material progress, suggests that it may one of these days apply that faculty to its own affairs. It may, for instance, awake suddenly to the meaning of industrial organization in its up-to-date forms. It may develop the instinct for subolage, as a weapon of defense and of aggression against its masters. It may learn to execute and to beyoot the scale, the gumman as wallow in the weapon of the subolage of the subolage of the subolage of "American democracy." In short, it may decide that this wonderful country, which its labor of hand and brain has brought to the present state, should be dominated completely by itself and for itself. That may be. Who knows to the contrary? At least, what revolutionist, viewing the other achievements of the American working class, should doubt this latter possibility? Marvelous things have been done for American capitalism by the American working class; why have we not the right to believe that equally marvelous things will be done by that class for itself—and in less time? Let us hope—and work.

### Comical, Though Complimentary

A Western workingman wants the I. W. W. to discontinue on grounds which, though comical, are complimentary to the I. W. W. He says the I. W. W. never did anything for labor; that the A. F. of L. is doing something for labor; that the A. F. of L. is doing something for labor; that it is growing because all the best members of the I. W. W. are joining it, and he urges all of the rest of the I. W. W. to follow suit. He doesn't seem to realize that if the I. W. W. disbands by joining the A. F. of L. all the good that comes to labor from the I. W. W. men joining the craft movement will end. Were he a little more logical, and therefore not half so comical, he would realize that, since the I. W. W. is doing labor ALL the good by producing the men who cause the A. F. of L. to act in labor's interests, instead of wanting to destroy the I. W. W., he should work to cause it to grow in order that it may exert a still greater influence on the A. F. of L., and thereby do still more good for labor.

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Now our friend's logic is not only comical but so are his assentions. "The I. W. W. never-did anything for labor," "the A. F. of L. is doing something for labor." Let us see!

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ence. But there is more to be said—considerable more—concerning those amiable, though slightly inaccurate, assertions: "The I. W. w. never did anything for labor; the A. F. of L. is doing some thing for labor."

At Paterson, in 1913, the I. W. W. waged a strike of the silk workers. This strike, though a failure in so far as its immediate objective wave concerned, resulted in much good for the workers two twelved; 85 per cent of the ribbon mills in the city increased wages from 5 to 20 per cent. The broad silk mills reduced hours from 10 to 9 a week; while the dyé works slightly raised wages, also. The guill winders in the broad silk mills also got a raise. Thus the Paterson strike reduced hours, while also placing many tens of thousands of dollars annually into the pay envelopes of the workers. The Paterson strike also had a beneficial effect in the silk centers of Pennsylvania, where it simulated organization that led to strikes, increased wages and improved conditions.

Who said "The I. W. W. never did anything for labor; the A. F. of L. is doing something for labor?" But to proceed.



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for themselves, while tying the New York garment workers and the Chicago traction employes up in arbitration agreements that subject them to wage slavery of the worst kind. "The A. F. of L." is doing things for labor." Shouldn't that rather read, the A. F. of L. is doing things TO labor? We move the amendment. Of course, our Western friend won't second it; he's too serious a humorist. "But," some may ask, "What is the I. W. W. doing now?"

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In a recently issued bulletin. Wm. D. Haywood, general secretary-treasury of the l. W. W. swa:

"Every member of the l. W. W. realizes that last winter was the most serious that the organization has been compelled to meet. From many quarters we are now hearing that the reaction will mean success for the l. W. W.

"Since our last bulletin calls for organizers have been received from Minneapolis, Minn.; Elwood, Ind.; Detroit, Mich.; Omaha, Nebr.; Rockford, Ill.; Des Moines, lowa; Superior, Wis.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Greenville, S. C.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Portland, Mainė; Boston, Mass.; points in Oklahoma and Texas and many other places. At every one of these points there are many of the points of the places. At every one of these points there are mental to the properties of the points of the p

### Solidarity's Exposure Noted

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ACID BOMBS ARE NOT MADE IN CLEVELAND
Investigation Sbows Concern Manufactures Only Metal
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WASHINGTON, July 2—Investigation by the Department of
Commerce of an advertisement by the Cleveland Automatic Machine Company of Cleveland, Ohio, of a machine for making acid
bombs/has been brought to a close and Acting Secretary Sweet
announced that no further action was contemplated by the depart's
ment. Assistant Solicitor Edward T. Quigley, who conducted the
inquiry, found, according to Mr. Sweet, that the Cleveland company manufactures no bombs or shells, but merely turns out machines which not only are being exported now, but which were sold
before the war to European countries generally for use in the
drilling of meglals. Mr. Sweet said the report showed that the advertisement was furnished to a trade paper for publication by the
regular advertising agent of the company and that the advertisement was furnished to a trade paper for publication by the
regular advertising agent of the company and that the evidence
was quite strong that no one interested in any foreign country had
investigated the statements in the "advertisement. It was explained that similar advertisements would not be published hereafter.

So far as we know, Solidarity is the only paper, that accused the Cleveland concern of manufacturing these poisoned shells. That accusation was based upon the statements in their own advertisement in the American Machinist, as to what kind of shells could be produced with the aid of their machines. The shells and their disastrous effects, even from a scratch wound, upon the bodily tissues of their victims, were described with a cold-blooded minuteness which left no doubt of the willingness of this Cleveland Automatic Co. to turn wholesale murder into profit. The fact (Continued On Page Four Cols. 3 and 4)

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