INUDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRACY!

The I.W.W., as an organization, stands for Industrial Democracy. That is to say, we stand squarely on the great economic truth that Labor produces all wealth and is therefore entitled to that wealth which it produces.

We say that since Labor produces all wealth and yet gets but a small share, it is plain that Labor is robbed of that portion which it does not get.

The place where Labor is robbed is in the Industries, or on the job. This is plainly true because it is only in the Industries where wealth is produced.

Therefore, since Labor is robbed in the Industries, it stands to reason that it is in the Industries that Labor must stop the robbery.

Now then, since Labor is exploited (robbed is a better word) as a CLASS in the Industries, it is clear that if the workers are going to stop the exploitation of themselves by a few exploiters, they must organize as a CLASS in the Industries. To organize in such a way is what the I.W.W. advocates. This is what is known as DIRECT ACTION, or REVOLUTIONARY IN-DUSTRIAL UNIONISM.

The wage system is the means by which the workers are held in slavery. The difference between the wages the workers get for their labor in the In-dustries and what they produce is the same as the difference betwe en the present poverty of the working class and the wasteful luxuries of the ex-ploiting class. To put it another way: the wasteful luxuries enjoyed by the parasites is that portion of the wealth which the working class produces but does not get. The parasites call this PROFITS.

The wage system being the means by which the workers are robbed, it is plain that any organization which is to function in behalf of the workers, must stand for the abolition of the Wages System.

LIVING WAGES

The cry for a living wage for the workers is sheer rot. A living wage for the workers and yet a profit for the exploiters is a mathematical impossibil-ity. Have we not seen that during the war when wages increased, the necessities of life and all other commodities were increased in proportion or even more, thus leaving the purchasing power of our increased wages the

same, or worse, than ever? Is'nt it plain to you, Fellow Worker that if the exploiters pay you more wages they will also increase the price of the things you must have in order to live? Can there exist such a condition as a decent living for the working class under the present system of Profits? NO! As long as the profit or wage system is here, there can be no such conditition as a living wage for the working class,

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The I.W.W. offers the solution to the whole problem. Our solution is this: That the workers must organize as a CLASS in the Industries with the end in view of abolishing the wages system-REVOLUTIONARY INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM.

Our plan is simple and will work. We are assured of this because we are the special object of hatred from the exploiting class.

We believe that the workers must emancipate themselves. The working class will never be led out of Industrial slavery by political emancipators. Proof of this lies in the fact that the histories of every country on the face of the earth, record so-called emancipators on every page. We have emancipators living to day who have plunged the working class into a horrible international butchery for the avowed purpose of establishing Democracy.

FELLOW WORKER, it should be evident to you that in order to help bring about Industrial Democracy you should at once join the I.W.W. If you belive that Labor is entitled to all it produces, you should be a member of the I.W.W. The I.W.W. does not want your sympathy; it wants your active support. Sympathy will never dump the parasites off our backs. Don't sit back and allow other members of the working-class to rot in the dungeons of Capitalism. Remember that the reason the jails are full of members of the I.W.W. is because you and others of the working class are withholding your support by not joining. The exploiters will not want you to join but to hell with them. Be a MAN, fellow worker, not a willing slave.