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THE REBEL GIRL

There are women of many descriptions
In this queer world, as everyone knows,
Some are living in beautiful mansions,
And are wearing the finest of clothes.
There are blue-blooded queens and princesses,
Who have chermes made of diamonds and pearl;
But the only and thoroughbred lady
Is the Rebel Girl.

Yes, her hands may be hardened from labor,
And her dress may not be very fine;
But a heart in her bosom is beating
That is true to her class and her kind.
And the gutters in terror are trembling
When her spite and defiance she'll hurl;
For the only and thoroughbred lady
Is the Rebel Girl. - Joe Hill

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Are You Looking For a Good Job?

Some employers are harder to work for than others. This fact has got about three-fourths of the working class living in hopes of sometime finding a good job. The good job is a myth just like Santa Claus and the Easter bunny that lays colored eggs.

There is work that is pleasant to do and, no doubt, the majority of workers prefer a reasonable amount of productive labor to idleness, even if it were not a bread and butter question. But there are no good jobs because on every job the worker has to produce more wealth than he can get out of it for himself.

Whenever a man accepts a job he at the same time accepts a master who exploits him. He is compelled to support idle stockholders and other useless parasites. There is nothing good about this situation. All jobs under capitalism are either bad or worse.

The thing for the workers to do is to take job control away from the employing class and exercise it themselves. When they get organized right that is just what they will do. Meanwhile any job is a good one to organize.

"Enlightened" Employers.

Some employers like to run their business with an iron hand, and without gloves. They are rough and tough and tell you to get the hell out if you don't like it. Others use a more subtle method to get the best out of their slaves. They have welfare benefits, recreation rooms, play grounds, and they furnish

paper towels for the lavatories. They take a drink with "their" boys occasionally and tell a story now and then, at which everybody laughs whether it is funny or not.

These pussy-footing exploiters build up a reputation for themselves as enlightened, progressive industrialists. But the workers on the job - except for an occasional Alice the Goon or Ike the Goof - soon get wise to the purpose of the hypocritical smile.

Organized labor can handle its own recreational activities without the help of any employer. As for health and sanitation arrangements in the factory, the best available of these ought to be demanded as a right and not regarded as a gift from a kind hearted boss.

Hail Prosperity

"In the last half of 1935", reports a competent authority, "profits of 120 large corporations increased 141 percent." During this time the hourly wage rate went down. The work week was increased by three hours and one million unemployed lost their chance at a job as a result.

The first three months in this year show continued increased in production and profits, also increases in average productivity, that is, in speed of production. All of which means industry is getting ready for another flop before most of us have had a chance to recover from the last one.

Hardly anything could be more certain than that the present pickup is but a prelude to another slump. But the future will not be a repetition of the past.

The industrial worker is still an unknown quantity. He has not as yet learned how to use his strength. His opportunities for action are getting better. He won't remain ignorant of his strength forever.

SHOP TALK

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REPUBLIC BRASS

Eight months ago Floyd Amnes heard Mussolini over the radio say that all Italiens should make Wopi, not Woppee, he took him at his word and last Tuesday the proof arrived in the form of a bouncing 7 pound baby Wop. More Wops to you, Floyd but don't forget the cigars on the next Woppies.

Pete Huber our long writer and impressario tried out on the amateur program the other day at the Metropolitan Theater playing his trumpet.

The crowd did not go for his playing and tried to clap him out but the louder they clapped the louder he played. Well, his noise overcame theirs and he won out. He got the booby prize and a hint that he get a joo as a fog horn.

Fellow Worker Martin Domanski has just undergone his third operation. He is at St Alexis Hospital. We hope he has a speedy recovery.

Charles Lesch is back with us again and feeling fine. He was laid up with a fractured pelvis bone. It's all healed now and Charley is looking for green pastures because, after all, seven weeks is a long time to be idle.

J. Walters died in the past month. We extend heart-felt sympathy to relatives and friends.

Plotting Room Briefs

The battle of spitballs continues between Emil Skrine and Belay Korch.

John Cardone says he will sic his mother in law on Joe (Dig In) Kohout if he continues to use John's brogans as a cuspidor. Watch out, Joe. (NEXT Column)

PERFECTION METAL CRACKS.

Sam knows a printer who specializes in printing men and women. "prints" men" on one door and "women" on the other.

Jan Kastelic is fond of apple pie. That's the second thing he asks for when he comes home from work.

Stanley's girl friend wont stand for anyone looking in her window. This happens to be the window close.

Konar tells of a genius who invented a really kiss-proof lipstick. It was made of garlic.

Benny knows a girl who had an affair with an iceman and he left her cold.

Keep The Good Old Red Card
Paid Up!

Bill Leo of the inspection dept. refuses to pay Emil his car fare money for one day last week. This is due to the fact that Joe Kohout sat on Bill's lap. Emil came back with, "what do you want for a dime Bill?"

Joe Kohout had the Essex overhauled recently. Now it takes about twenty gallons a week to get to the R. B. Looks as if Joe will have to install a gas station soon.

Joe Siefer, the Dutchman, is still clouting the boys with those hooks some people call hands

John the Dutchman and Eddie the Farmer in the chrome room had their weekly battle - and boy, what NOISE!

J. Cardone says if it don't warm up soon in the Republic he will retire to a warmer clime such as Ethiopia and do right by Il Duce.

Fellow Worker Clyde and Fellow Worker North have been called for jury service but Attorney Wolf asked that they be excused. Perhaps he wants to save them for the time when he will be facing the jury.

Frank Jak made up his mind that he needs a new car, so he went out to look for one. To make sure he would get the right one he took his wife along to help pick it out. They come home with a new cook stove. Next time, Fellow Worker, don't take the wife along, she needs a washing machine too.

Fellow Worker Russ' wife went to the insurance office to investigate why she pays more insurance for her home than her neighbors. They told her she is paying more, not for her house, but because of the rabbits her husband keeps.

Fellow Worker Volney is trying not to cheat his wife during Lent.

Fellow Worker "Goody's" wife is very much disappointed. He always refuses to go along with her because he can't take it.

Fellow Worker Billy Paul loves to drink tea with crackers, and smoke cigars.

Gophert's girl would like to be Cedervall's stenographer and travel with him. Gophert's only chance now is to become an organizer.



Fellow Worker John Bedmarik is sick and tired, not because his wife is sick but because he has to wash dishes and scrub floors and spend the evenings at home. You'll get used to it after while, John.

The Draper Fellow Workers extend their sincere sympathy to Joe Rolick and his dear family in the loss of their daughter.

Fellow Worker Frank Solotol is playing like a man. Then he works in cars he chews tobacco, but when he is on the sinner he

eats chocolate bars only.

Fellow Worker Demnik congratulated Dr. Orly when he learned that he had been one of the union officers.

J. Humphry would like to have an increase in wages because he always misses dances and parties.

Fellow Workers are glad that Frank Krel recovered. The boys have a chance to buy beer instead of flowers.

Fellow Worker Smithy is not dead but he wants flowers. (Nobody wants them after he is dead.)

Ignace Glihask had a barber shave off his mustache and when he came home his wife almost fell over. "No matter how much you try," said she, "to look better, you always look worse."

Fellow Worker Andy Janocki feels very blue because Cedervall called John L. Lewis a betrayer of the working man - and proved it.

Johnny Marinsic, after eight days on the point of production is enjoying a well-earned rest. Johnny says he will probably be completely recovered from his exertions in time to take on the fishing in Upper Michigan by summer.



ANONYMOUS FELLOW WORKER COMMENTS ON NEWS AND EVENTS

Mr. Tomlinson went to Duluth in 1892. He made \$550 the first year and it cost him \$1,800 to live. His living expenses that year equalled the total yearly earnings of five average workers of that period, each with a family to support.

A Federal judge issues an injunction against Senator Black's Committee forbidding it to subpoena or impound certain telegrams. Willie Hearst is in this too. All, or practically all, New Deal legislation is unconstitutional. Now it is unconstitutional even to gather information about the parasites.

But it is perfectly O. K. to raid I. W. W. union halls and destroy literature without the least semblance or hint of legality.

This just proves the futility of political action.

H. L. Doherty was getting into the clear at the expense of his employees. While he and the other insiders were plugging Cities Service stock as an investment and putting on a sales campaign urging people to buy, they themselves were selling as fast as they could. Result: A loss of two billions to the suckers.

Dr. Kurt Simon, magazine publisher living at a Park Avenue apartment, says 80 to 90 percent of the scabs in the building employees strike have criminal records.

Walter S. Gifford of A. T. & T. says his concern never attempts to make an unreasonable profit. His salary is only \$206,000 a year.

By the way, if the I. W. W. is as bad as the Chamber of Commerce would have you think - if it's so Un-American etc. - if it's so dreadful and dangerous, why don't the authorities or Chambers of Commerce take our literature and

SHOOT A HOLE IN IT
ACCORDING TO BIG BOSSSES

United Press dispatches disclosed last month that many of America's big industrial concerns are laying "how stocks of machine guns, tear gas, and pistols for use in handling labor trouble. This is not news to organized labor.

Most of the big capitalists have always maintained well equipped private armies to use against strikers and to intimidate workers in times of comparative industrial peace. Many of them prefer to keep an armed crew of thugs and fortify their plants rather than depend on police force or militia. Of course, they never hesitate to call on the State to help when the conflict with their workers threatens to become serious.

The middle group of employers, on the other hand, is all for a powerful state machinery which will take over all responsibility in the repression of workers' movements. Pressure from this group is probably most responsible for fascist tendencies.

Still another element, the left-behind and embryo capitalists consisting mostly of farmers and farm town business men, are not adverse to taking a hand personally in the dirty work of repression. They arm themselves with pick handles, lynch-rope, and gun and waylay active workers, preferably at night.

All capitalists are agreed on this: Labor must be kept from asserting itself as a class. All prefer to use diplomacy, but when the worker refused to be fooled any longer they resort to force.

print it on the front page of every newspaper in the country as a warning to the workers. Seems to me it would be a much more effective method than sneaking and plotting against us.

CHAIN PRODUCTS COMPANY GRABS THE 40th ST. HALL.

The I. W. W. office at 1550 E. 40th street has been closed. This action was necessary because the Chain Products Co., our next door neighbor on 40th street, obtained a lease on the Morgan Hall property.

Perhaps the thriving activities of the I. W. W. right next door was somewhat disturbing to the Chain Products people.

A new hall and office for the convenience of our members in this district will be obtained as soon as possible.

THE NEXT BULLETIN.

The editorial staff will try to get the May issue of the Bulletin out and in the hands of the readers by the fifth of the month.

Shop reporters, feature writers, and artists please get your material in early.

The Divine Spark

A well dressed lady was looking at the monkeys through the bars of their cage.

"Do you know," she said, "I can hardly bear to look at them. They are so much like us, so human; yet they seem so degenerate. They seem to lack that divine spark which makes us different from the rest of creation."

The monkeys continued their harmless, animal play and the lady passed on to the next exhibit, a brood sow with a litter of suckling pigs.

"The darlings," she said, "aren't they the cutest little things? Can't you just imagine how one of those baby pigs would look, roasted brown to a turn and served up on a platter with a baked apple in its mouth?"

(next colum, below)

MORE SHOP TALK.

Enameling Division - Am. Stove.

We heard that Bob Hart and Betty eloped to Ripley, New York on the Q. T. Saturday night. Wanda and Smiley were the chaperons and sponsors.

The girls gave a baby shower for Angie Jasinsky last Saturday night. We still have our fingers crossed hoping it's quintuplets, or at least twins.

Carl Peppercorn wears a tie while at work. What's the idea? - Maybe he thinks it makes him look more like a boss.

Engaged to be married: Blond Mory and Fred Grawunde.

And we hear Esther Fraser and Elmer Beiderman are going to take a chance in June.

Ohio Foundry

Frank Pohosko is looking forward to a blessed event.

Ernie Seech thinks that he also is going to have an increase in the family.

It is noted by fellow workers that Bill Chipkesh keeps away from dark corners in box cars.



The monkeys overheard the remark and one of them said to his mate, "My dear, I'm so glad our race looks that 'divine spark.'"

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MAY DAY

The Cleveland Industrial Unions and groups of the I.W.W. are staging this year's May Day Celebration at Verhovay Hall, 8637 Buckeye Rd.

Groups participating are:

Metal & Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 440.

Building Construction Workers' Industrial Union No. 330.

The General Recruiting Union.

The Junior Tobblies Union.

Hungarian I.W.W. Group.

Bermunkes, Hungarian I.W.W. weekly paper.

Finnish I.W.W. Group.

Industrialisti, Finnish I.W.W. daily paper.

The affair will begin at 7:00 P.M. sharp with a short program. Following the program two good speakers will give a brief review of May Day history and explain its meaning for Labor today.

Dancing will start at 9 o'clock and continue until 1:00 A.M. There will be English and Hungarian dance music provided by a first class five-piece orchestra.

To defray the cost tickets at 25 cents each will be sold. These may be had from your shop committee or from the I.W.W. office at 8622 Buckeye Rd.

Remember the date: Friday, May 1; the place: Verhovay Hall; the time: 7:00 P.M.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this grand affair. Make this a rousing labor rally.

Yours for Industrial Solidarity,

May Day Committee

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"The History of Great American Labor Struggles"

By Samuel Yellen

Harcourt Brace, \$2.50

Starting with the tremendous railroad upheavels of 1877, the book traces the origins and sources of ten significant American labor struggles, ending with the San Francisco General Strike of 1934.

One of the great strike struggles stuffing the pages of American history and picked by Mr. Yellen for his analysis is the famous Lawrence Strike of the I.W.W. Mr. Yellen says in his introduction, "One of the strikes of American labor resulting in an undeniable victory for labor was the strike of the cotton operatives at Lawrence, Massachusetts --- led by the Industrial Workers of the World".

A very readable and informative book of interest to any student or member of the labor movement. Ask your librarian for it.

ODE TO THE UNORGANIZED

Don't worry if your pay is small
And your rewards are few;
Remember that the Mighty Oak
Was once a nut like you.

From Lumber Workers'
Bulletin, I.U. 120.

MATRIMONIAL MULTIPLICATION

The Frank Prohaskas of the Ohio Foundry Enameling Division are blessed eventing, we hear.

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MORGAN HALL CLOSED

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Industrial Organization Of Labor

We are makers of metal goods. Shall we, therefore be indifferent to the needs of workers in other lines of production? The producers of food? The miners? The transportation workers on land and sea? Is our One Big Industrial Union of one industry only?

If it were it would be much too narrow, and small, and puny to serve our great purpose - the liberation of humanity from the capitalist system.

Our organization is as broad as industry itself. In it there is a place for every worker who subscribes to the principles of labor solidarity; and this is so because the workers of all industries are opposed by a common enemy. To win a final victory they must fight together as workers.

We are Americans. Shall we therefore despise or ignore the struggles of workers in other lands? If we do we fall far short of understanding the nature and magnitude of the task that lies before us.

Capital in the form of money and goods flows with little restriction across national boundary lines. Workers of other nations produce the same things that we do. If they produce too cheaply, if oppression continues to bear down heavily on them, we cannot hope for complete victory. We must not regard these workers as competitors but as fellow workers and brothers who must be enlisted in our common cause.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.