

I.W.W. ARE MENACE TO MILL INDUSTRY

Loyal Legion Organizer Declares Inefficient Workers Cause Loss; Danger Is Foreseen

That the I. W. W. and the lazy, inefficient worker is a real menace to the lumber industry, both from the standpoint of the mill owners and the honest workman, is the statement of F. S. Minshall, one of the organizers of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen for this district, who addressed a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday evening.

Mr. Minshall points out where conditions can be improved and stated where the Loyal Legion is of vast assistance. Mr. Minshall's address in part is as follows:

"We have just emerged victorious from the most disastrous war humanity has ever known and which has cost our country the lives of many thousands of her brave sons and a fabulous sum of money. Imperialism and autocracy have been well nigh annihilated and many nations economically ruined. However, from an economic viewpoint, the United States occupies the most favorable position in her history. Never before have there been such golden opportunities for supreme mastery of the trade of the world. An immense expansion of trade and control of the wealth of the

world are easily obtainable if her leaders exercise discretion, forethought, self-control and industry.

"This is an era of organization and cooperation. Every important industry is organized in varying degrees. The lumber industry is the least organized of all in the Northwest and the most subject to agitation from a number of causes. These causes must either be removed or the organization made strong enough to resist their influence, before we can even begin to figure on foreign markets or be sure of the plans we may make.

"The lumber industry of the Northwest is her most valuable asset. It has boundless possibilities and if properly conserved and controlled will be a never-failing source of wealth for centuries to come.

"I believe it would be wisdom to reseed all our logged-off lands and rough hills to Douglas fir. In this way a new crop will be coming on as the mature trees are being cut.

"It is very easy to form a vision of our position in the Northwest 50 years hence. Our cities will be many times their present size. Our harbors will be dotted with merchantmen and we will have extensive lumber markets along the South American coast and in various parts of Asia and Australia. This is no idle dream but a possibility well within our present grasp.

"To make this advancement possible

we must lay the foundation at this present time and every citizen should do his part to bring about this worthy consummation for our own prosperity and happiness and for the sake of our offspring.

"The Loyal Legion is an infant organization, hardly two years old, yet in it are the elements of just such an organization as the lumber industry needs, and as will insure safety, harmony and permanence. If properly conducted along the lines outlined by General Brice P. Disque, we need have no fear but that we will reach the practical attainment of our vision in the years to come.

"Yet we are face to face with certain difficulties at every step and stage of the game," says Mr. Minshall. "The lumber industry is in a disorganized condition right now but for no fault of the organization but individual causes. There are a number of causes for this condition. In the first place the lumber industry enjoyed an immense boom during the war and we are suffering from the relapse at the present time. Also, many men with no experience, saw or thought they saw in the sawmill business the opportunity for sudden and certain wealth, and some of these are just finding out that it takes experience in this business as in all others in order to succeed. Others with neither capital nor experience went into the business and found to their sorrow

that "all that glitters is not gold." Other mills, from faulty construction or poor location, or other causes, were not able to operate economically. Other mills were caught with partially filled orders when the armistice was signed. Others have been delayed in getting returns from shipments to purchasing agencies. Others have been at the mercy of usurers in money matters. Then again, the recent tie inspection restrictions have caused big losses in rejected ties and additional cost of handling. This last, however, is not wholly the fault of the purchaser because many operators got exceedingly careless in cutting and disregarding specifications. Also, the price of ties has been cut from \$22 and over during the war to \$17.50. Still at this price, a properly constructed mill, with a good crew, can make money if loss can be brought to the mill in the neighborhood of \$10 per M.

"These causes are more or less temporary. There are, however, two other elements affecting the lumber industry that must be removed before it can succeed. The first of these is "labor inefficiency." Fully one-third of the labor in camps and sawmills is next to worthless. These men are inexperienced, lazy, unreliable and interested only in eating their meals and drawing their pay. The high wages and short hours of the past year have, if anything, made these

men less efficient, more clamorous and fault-finding than before. With good, honest, capable workmen the output of a mill can be increased fully 25 per cent. This can be corrected by the Legion itself in refusing membership to such men.

The second element is the I. W. W. He comes for no other purpose than to burn and spread his dissatisfaction. These agitators are mostly foreigners, yet there are some hairbrained Americans among them. They are in all of our large camps and only constant vigilance and stern measures will drive them out.

"The Loyal Legion is an organization for both employer and employee. They should cooperate for their mutual advantage. They should realize that both sail together or sink together and harmony is preferable to discord as they go along.

"A strong organization will enable mills to cooperate to secure favorable money rates and credits, favorable and prompt legislative action and full control of the price of the output of their mills. And to do this all operators should likewise get together with the view to breaking down that always-present barrier of suspicion and distrust in each other's motives.

"It is our duty," says Mr. Minshall, "as patriots and citizens, to protect our priceless civilization and all things that go toward the making of it, for the memory of those who left us this

priceless heritage, for our own present advancement and protection and for the sake of those who will take up our burdens where we lay them down."

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