



WATCH YOUR STEP

"MEN WANTED FOR WOODS WORK"

Says a sign in the depot at Lowden, Iowa; (authorized by Northern Logging Congress, 704 Lumber Ex., Minneapolis).—No doubt these signs are distributed the length and breadth of the "Fair State"—in auctioneering "season"—and no doubt they are intended to catch the eye of the bankrupt farmer and heir apparent when they are at their breakfast.

The Northern Logging Congress knows that it is useless to advertise among lumberjacks "for men," the jacks being wise to the rotten conditions prevailing in the camps of the logging "Congress" in the three states referred to in the ad., Minn. Wis., and Michigan. A god-fearing man, a reasonable critter, going into these camps, works at a disadvantage—not being familiar with the methods of these lumber companies—hence the advertising in the corn belt. But being as it is the corn farmer isn't on his "uppers" as yet, I am curious as to whether the small grain, bankrupt territory has been placarded in a similar manner.

A man going into these woods this winter must needs be a raw-meat eating burly, else the tale next spring will be hard to listen to—the wob being the surviving cuss, it is up to him to cut these logs and profits for the lumber "congress." Make it snappy!

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Duluth and Minneapolis skidroads force themselves upon us as the scene of recruiting.

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Isn't it a seven day wonder the solidarity shown by employers of labor. Here is the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. Company advertising for men for the Lumber Congress. Greater love hath no man.

The C. and N. W. stands ready to throw its hat in the air and applaud the lumber barons: "Finest people in the world;" and the lumberplutes, in turn will put their pudgy fingers on the bible and swear the jerk water North-Western in a railroad instead of a canal as has been the common misconception among railroad employes for years.

With them an injury to one is tough-titty for both and what's good for one is "pie" for all—yes, labor could profitably study this form of solidarity and get together to boost each other's interests, for after all—labor has everything in common. The one big union of all labor is the one and only honest, equitable, powerful way of doing business.

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The poster referred to requests the prospective victims to report to employment agents at Minnie and Duluth. Therefore: It is at these points these men must be met and "informed of the true conditions" under which they must work—and, in this case, it is at these points the apprentice lumberjack will be "receptive" and in "mood" to protect himself with a red card. Here is work for the membership, not the delegate. The delegates naturally will be busy at camps, which is as it should be. So it's up to us.

Give the newcomers a thorough understanding of the I. W. W. principles—and its strength—otherwise the wages will drop from 65 to 26—Watch your step. Remember, too, that this outfit that terms itself the "logging congress" is an ambitious outfit—a parliament of barons organized into a one big union—that can mean us no good.