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# EXTRA!



## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The six major redwood lumber firms, four of which operate right here in Humboldt County, were indicted recently on charge of violations of the anti-trust laws, brought into Court and fined. It appears that these firms were so obviously guilty of the charge that they made no attempt at defense, which seems to indicate that even those eminent custodians of legal rectitude and respectability are not averse to resorting to fraudulent means to realize excess-profits.

One wholesome aspect of this affair is that, for once, the Sherman anti-trust laws were made to cut two ways to operate against industrial monopolies as well as labor unions, and doubtless the companies will soon make good their losses by intensified speed up of the workers, or perhaps a little more price fixing.

There are two main facts arising from this practical demonstration of the lawless nature of these big Redwood Empire barons, that should be of interest to the workers of Eureka and vicinity.

1- These lumber companies are organized to 100% efficiency. In their economic program and policies, they operate as one firm, they don't scab on one another. This is one of the secrets of their power, their power to fix lumber prices high, and to fix labor costs at a low levels.

2- If organization is good for the bosses, organization for profit and control and that is their only reason for organization- then organization is good for the workers, organization for protection, for increased wages and higher living standards.

3- Although the bosses are unionized they bitterly oppose unionization of their employes, from selfish consideration of their class interests, they regard this as subversive, as evil, even as disloyal and unpatriotic.

The bosses, however, as this event clearly demonstrates, sell their product for all the market will bear, even if they have to step out side the limits of legality to do it.

The obvious lesson is that you should sell your labor power for all the bosses can stand.

To do this you must organize!!