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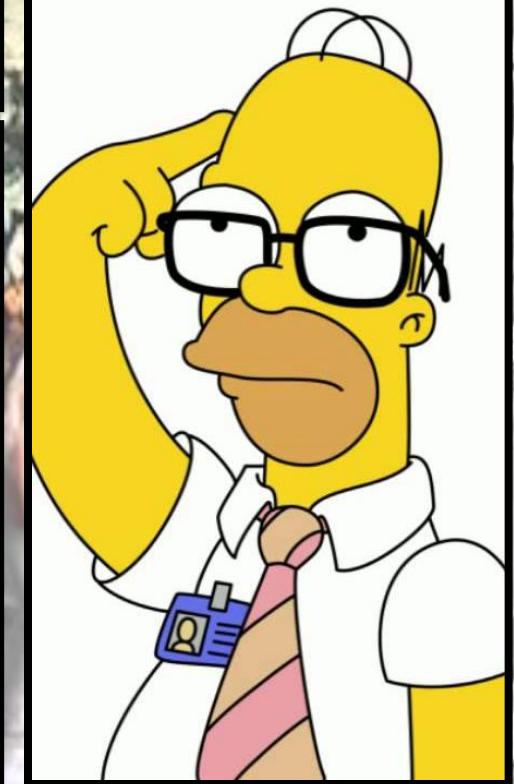
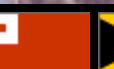
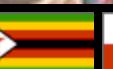


TODAY'S UNIT & LESSON



Unit #2:
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Lesson 17 (AH 2.17)



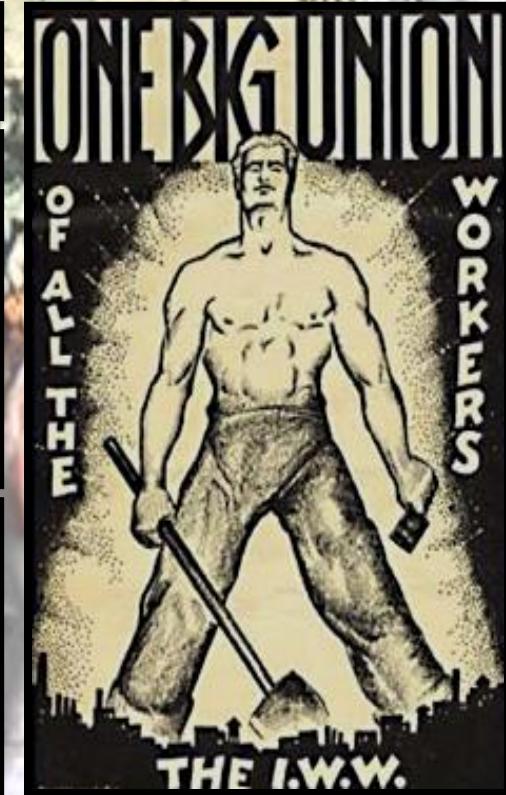
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WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

In 1900, the U.S. had the highest job-related fatality rate in the world.

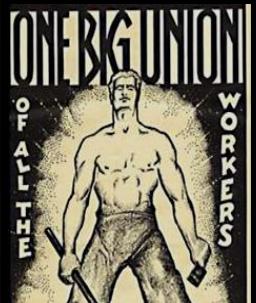
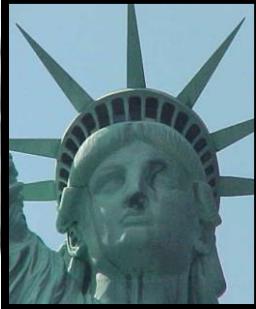
Most industrial workers still worked a 10-hour day (12 hours in steel), yet earned 20-40% less than the minimum necessary for a decent life.



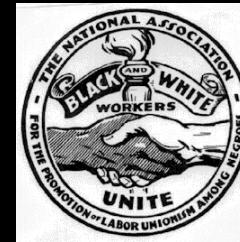


WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

The first nationwide attempt to organize workers was
The Noble Order of the Knights of Labor in 1869.



It was open to all workers, including blacks, women, and farmers.



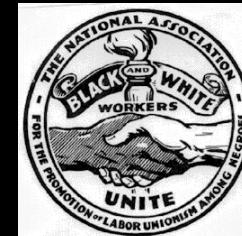
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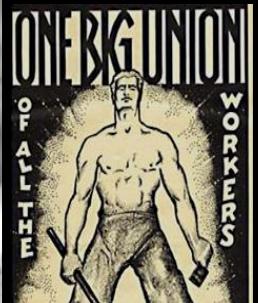
WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

The Knights of Labor soon fell into disunity, because it was trying to do too much; too many different workers (with different needs/demands).

The American Federation of Labor (AFL), founded in 1886 in Columbus, Ohio, soon replaced the Knights.



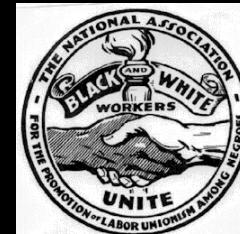
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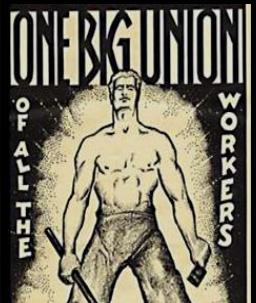
WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

Rather than open its membership to all, the **AFL**, led by **Samuel Gompers**, focused on separate unions of **skilled workers** like carpenters and cigar-makers.

His **objectives were simple:** increase wages, reduce hours, and improve conditions.



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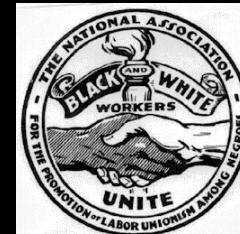


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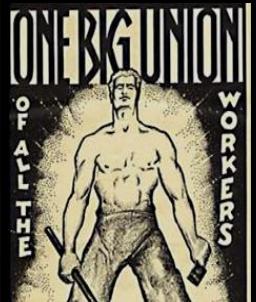
In 1938, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) was created for both skilled and unskilled workers.

In 1955, the CIO merged with the AFL to form the AFL-CIO.

The AFL-CIO represents nearly all unionized workers in the U.S. and Canada (13+ million).

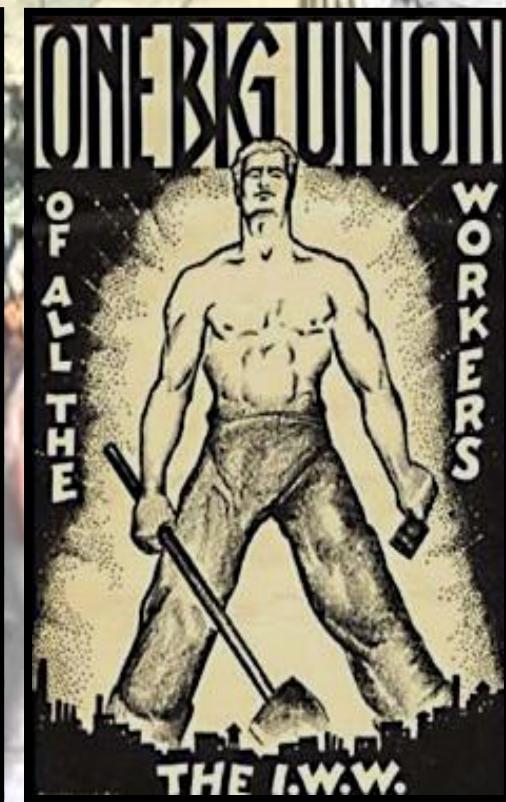


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The trend soon became:

1. Wages reduced by bosses.
2. Workers grow upset.
3. Workers go on strike.
4. Company hires “scabs”.
5. Workers riot.
6. Company gets injunction.
- ...or...
7. National Guard called in.





1. Great Rail Strike:

When?

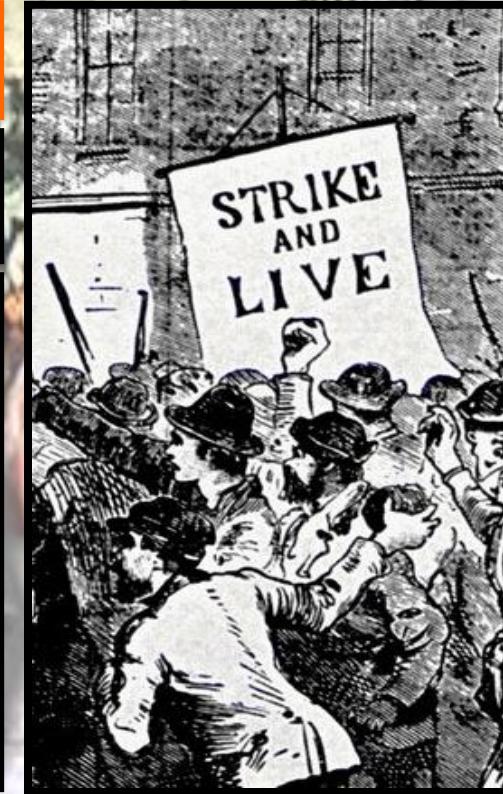
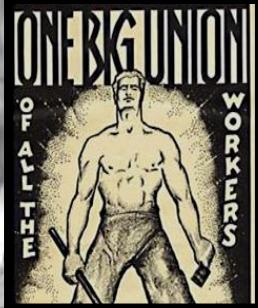
1877

Why?

In response to a 10% pay cut, railroad workers went on strike. Attempts to break strike caused rioting in Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and San Francisco.

Result?

Federal troops called in;
strike ended.



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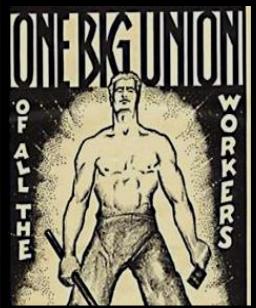
2. Haymarket Square Riot:

When?

1886

Why?

A strike was in progress at McCormick Company in Chicago. Police had shot a few men during a riot at the plant the day before. A meeting to protest police violence was called by workers. Demonstration drew 1,500.



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2. Haymarket Square Riot:

When?

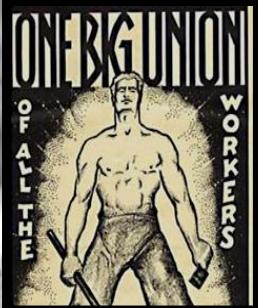
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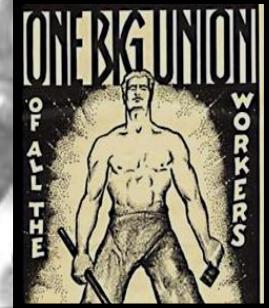
When police tried to disperse meeting, a bomb thrown; rioting ensued. 7 police, 4 workers died, 100 wounded.

Result?

8 anarchists were arrested, found guilty, executed or jailed.



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2. Haymarket Square Riot:

Eight anarchists at the Haymarket Riot were charged with being accessories to murder on grounds they had previously advocated violence.

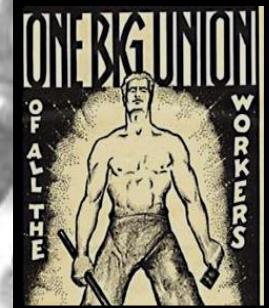
Five were German immigrants while a sixth was a U.S. citizen of German descent. (Other 2 were born in U.S. & England.)

Trial Breakdown



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2. Haymarket Square Riot:

Jury returned guilty verdicts for all 8; death sentences for 7 and 15 years in jail for 1.

The bomb thrower was never identified.

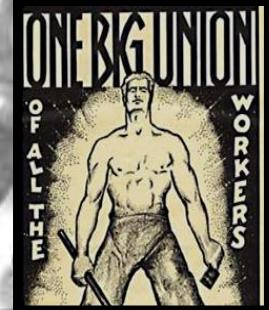
Four were hanged; one committed suicide in prison.

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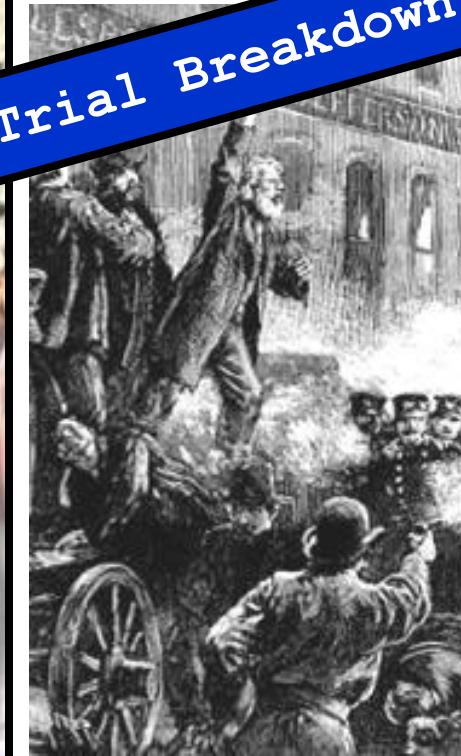
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Illinois Governor John Peter Altgeld believed they were innocent.

He blamed the police for shooting workers in the first place.

This ended his political career.

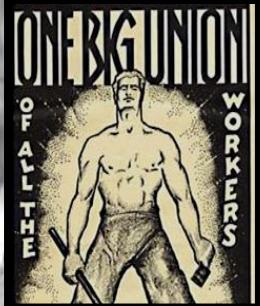
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2. Haymarket Square Riot:



This trial is considered “one of the most serious miscarriages of justice in history.”

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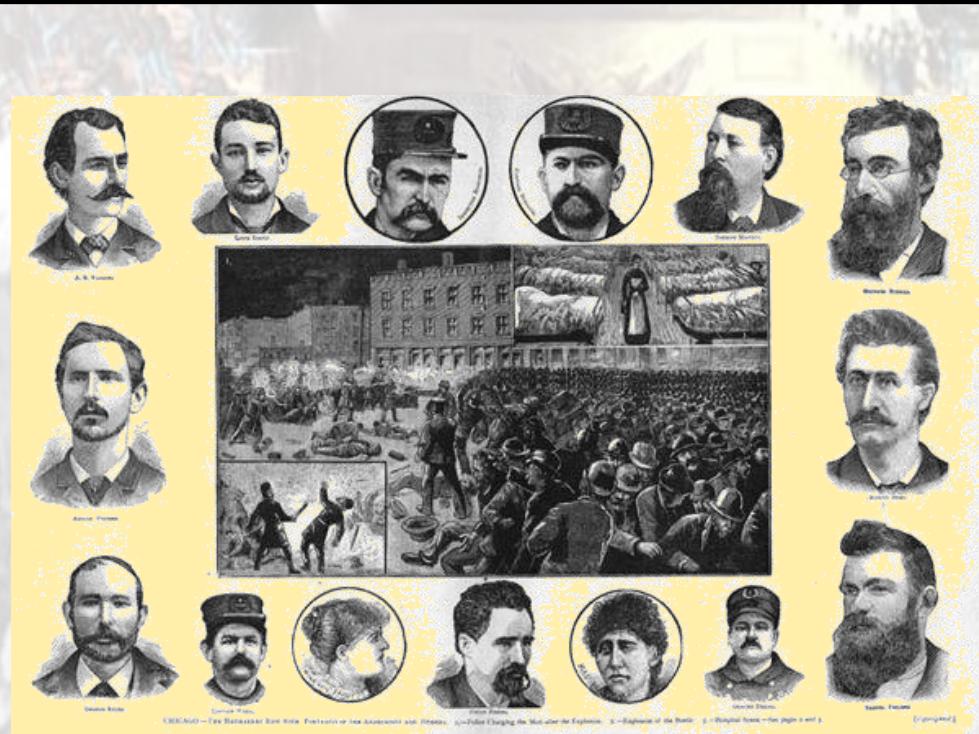


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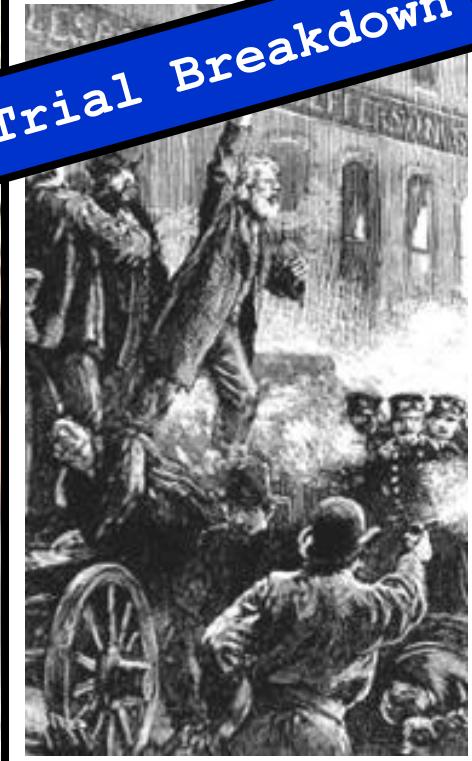




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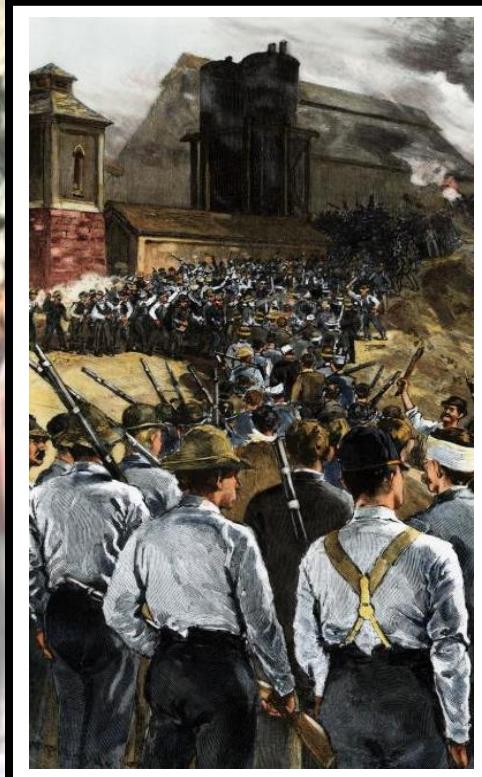
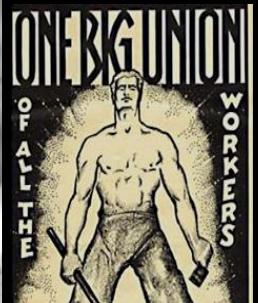
3. Homestead Strike:

When?

1892

Why?

A strike was called by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in Homestead, PA... owned by Andrew Carnegie. It started after the union refused to accept a wage cut.



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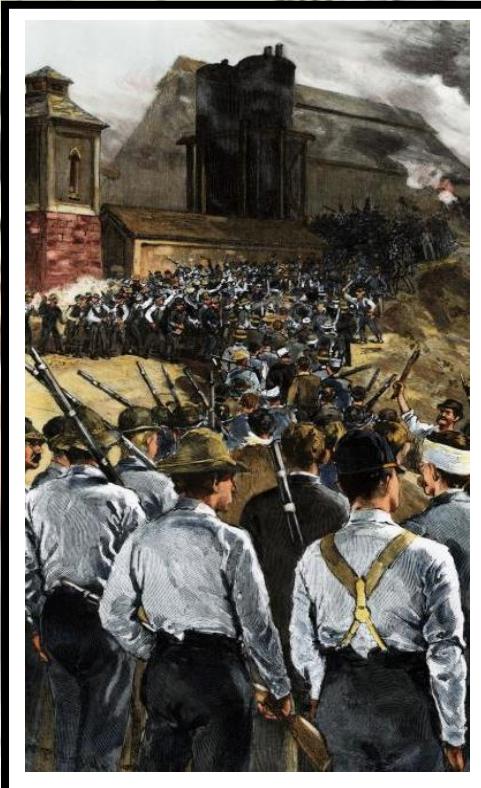
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Why?

On July 6th, 300 members of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency were sent in to escort non-union scabs to work in place of the strikers. The scabs were prevented from getting on shore by the workers, who mobbed the boats.



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3. Homestead Strike:

When?

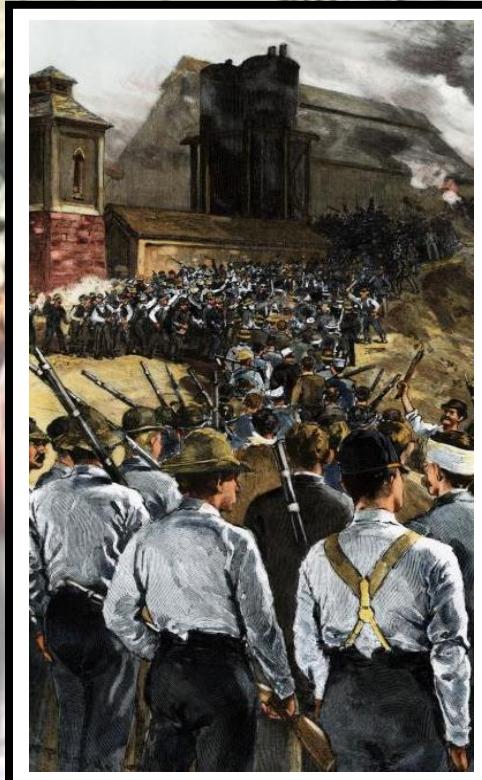
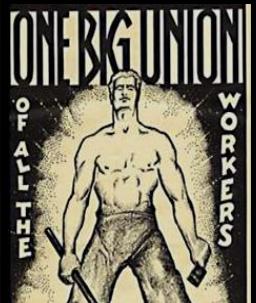
1892

Why?

A 12-hour battle ensued in which 3 Pinkertons and 7 workers died; many others were wounded.

Result?

On July 10th, Pennsylvania National Guard arrived and stopped the fight.



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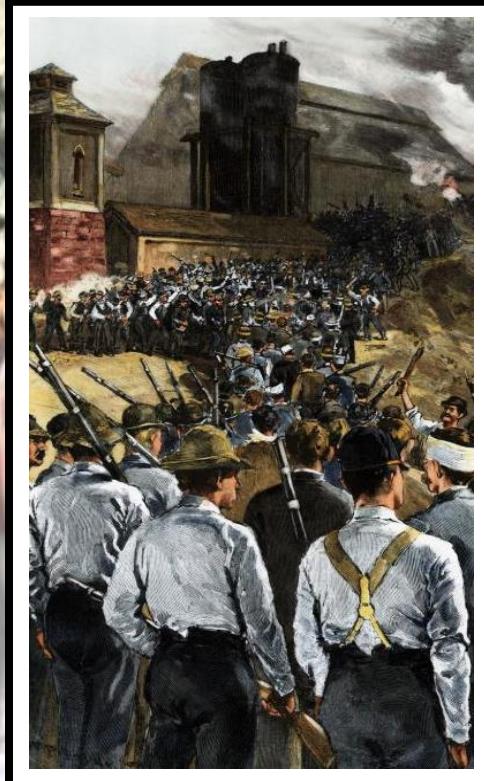
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Strikers were dispersed, wages were slashed, 12-hour days were instituted, non-union labor was hired. Unions were not let back into the plant until 1937.

Result?

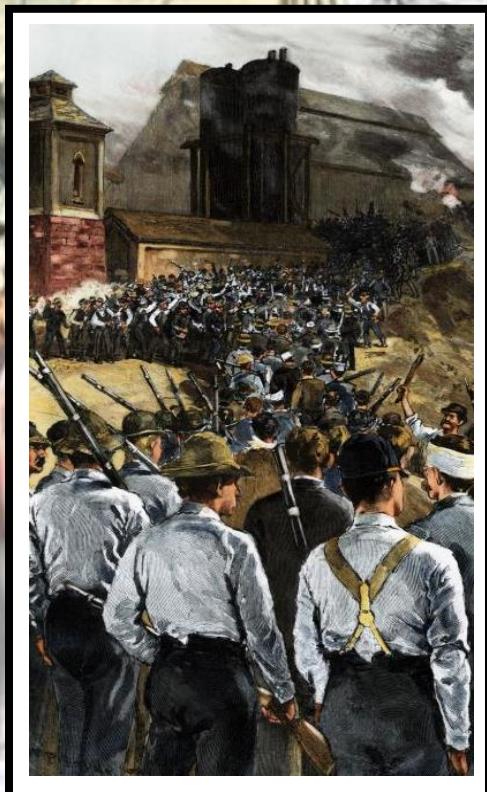
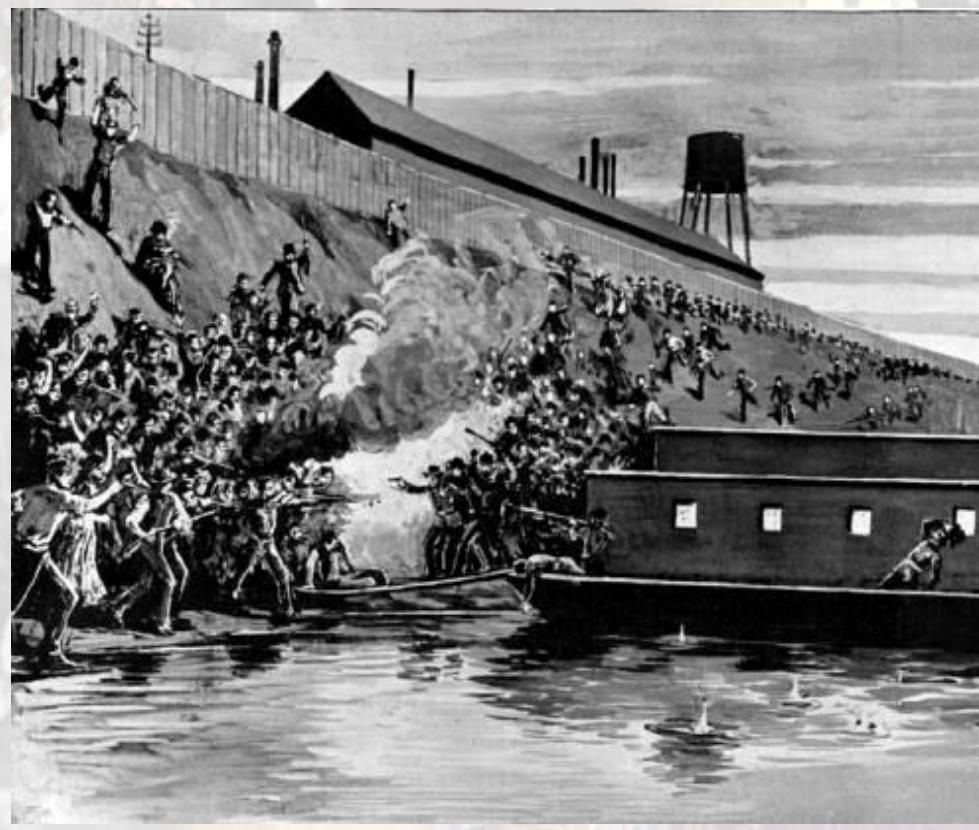
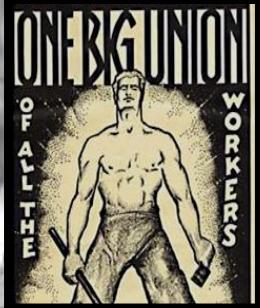


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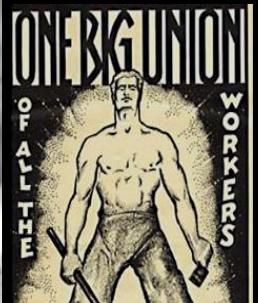


3. The Homestead Strike:



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4. Pullman Strike:

When?

1894

Why?

Wage cuts at the Pullman Car Company in Chicago led to a strike. When the American Railway Union (led by Socialist Eugene Debs) joined in, it tied up much of the U.S. rail system.



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4. Pullman Strike:

When?

1894

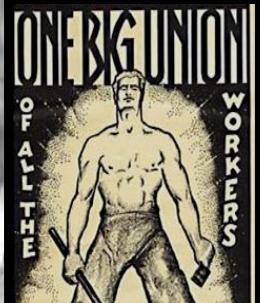
Result?

Federal court injunction to STOP strike was issued. This was done because a strike that interferes with mail is ILLEGAL. When rioting ensued, President Grover Cleveland sent in Federal troops... and strike was broken.

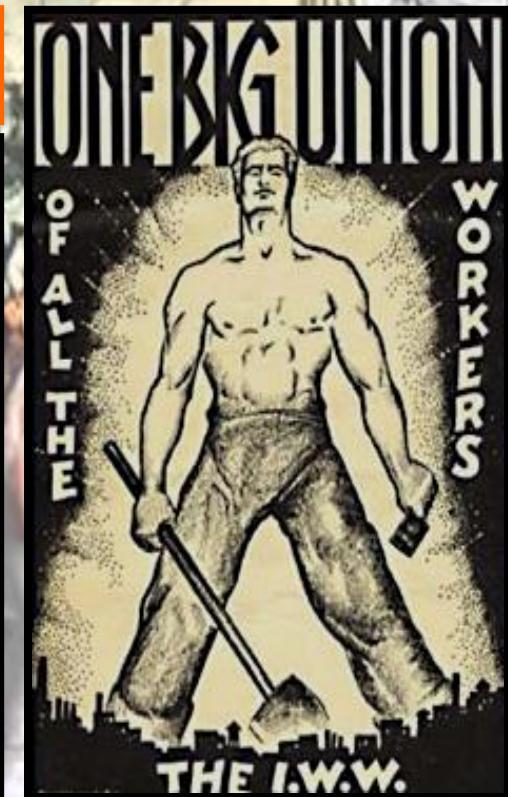


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4. Pullman Strike:



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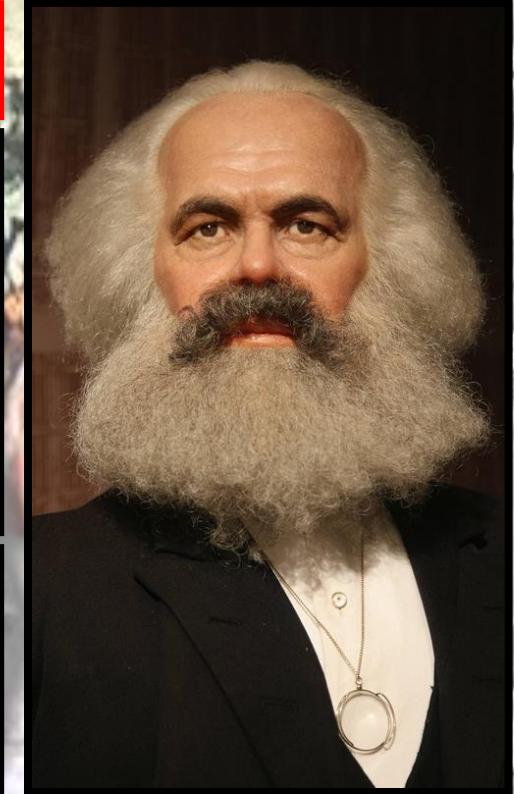


WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

The most militant of the unions
was the International Workers
of the World (IWW).



The union advocated the theory
of class struggle developed by
Karl Marx
(the man responsible for
“creating” socialism).



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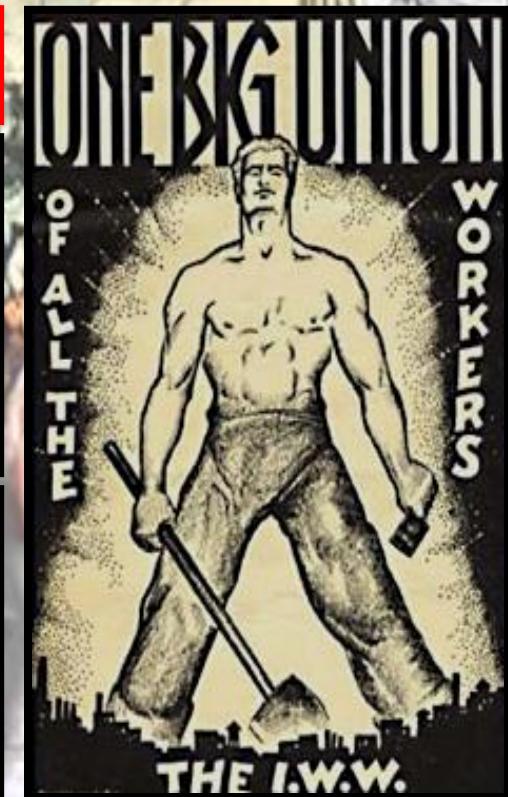




WORKERS STRIKE BACK:

The IWW (nicknamed “Wobblies”), openly called for class warfare.

Their call for work stoppages in the midst of WWI led to a government crackdown in 1917... which virtually destroyed them.



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WHAT
DID WE
LEARN
TODAY?



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FAST 5: UNIT 2, LESSON 17 (AH 2.17)

QUESTION

1



1. Why did the Knights of Labor fail as a union?



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FAST 5: UNIT 2, LESSON 17 (AH 2.17)

QUESTION

2



2. What is the difference
between the AFL and the CIO?



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QUESTION

3



3. Explain the Great Rail Strike by answering these questions:

- a. What caused it?
- b. What happened?
- c. How did it end?



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FAST 5: UNIT 2, LESSON 17 (AH 2.17)

QUESTION 4



4. Explain the Haymarket Square Riot by answering these questions:

- a. What caused it?
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- c. How did it end?



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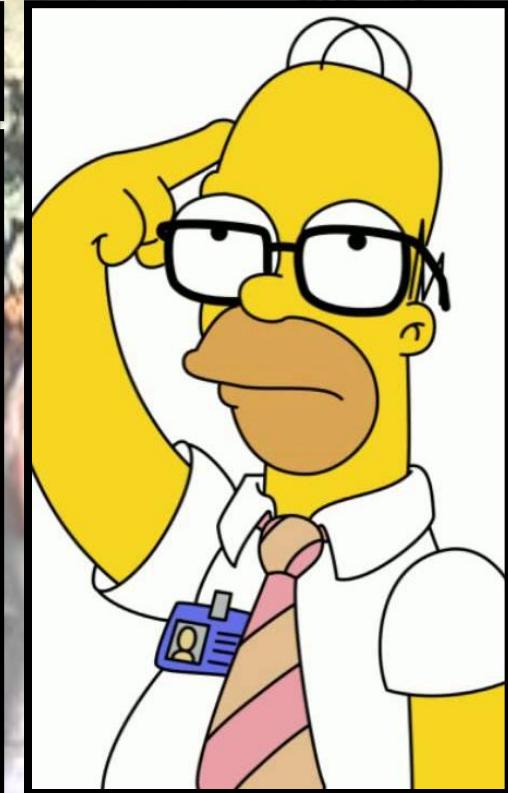
QUESTION 5



5. Explain the Homestead Strike by answering these questions:

- a. What caused it?
- b. What happened?
- c. How did it end?

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➤ SUBMIT



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