The Four Graphic Banners used by Solidarity 1909 - 1917

"Solidarity" was the main newspaper of IWW between December of 1909 and October of 1917.

Duing this time it displayed one of four distinctly different graphic banners atop page 1. With minor variations within a given type banner, at times, from issue to issue.

For 1909 through the end of 1914... for five years... it displayed the first of the graphic banner styles shown in this pdf file. This was characterized by the letters of the paper's name, SOLIDARITY, portrayed using workmen's tools. And a background of images of workers working at various trades.

In the first (January) 1915, the banner was changed. "SOLIDARITY" was spelled out using a standard type font. With distinct "rays" coming out of it. The use of workmen's tools to compose the letters was abandoned. The background of images of working people at work remained, but was somewhat changed in content.

With the July 1, 1916 issue, the banner for Solidarity changed once more. Now near all of the graphics were deleted, and what was left was the same type font for "SOLIDARITY" as in the previous two years, with the same rays radiating out from it.

On March 10, 1917, yet another variant banner was introduced for Solidarity. With this change, the rays radiating out from the word "Solidarity" were gone. Variants (with at times differing text here and there) of this final version continued to the final issue in October of 1917.

Examples of all four of these graphic banner headers for Solidarity 1909 - 1917 are provided in the next four pages of this pdf file.

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