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INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

Workers Held Guilty of Striking; Employers not Indicted.

On the 28th day of September the United States Grand Jury sitting in Chicago returned indictments against a large number of persons, most of whom are members of the I. W. W. On the strength of the indictments there have been many arrests, the exact number of which is not known, while other arrests are to be made as quickly as possible.

The indictment on which those arrested are held reads as follows:
 "The defendants at the City of Chicago unlawfully and feloniously have conspired, combined, confederated and agreed together, and with one Frank H. Little, now deceased, and with divers other persons to said grand jurors unknown, by force to prevent, hinder and delay the execution of certain laws of the United States, to wit: (Here follows the titles and portions of the texts of twelve laws and proclamations we are supposed to have violated, after which the indictment proceeds as follows):

ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY LABORERS
 "And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that before said period of time there existed, and throughout said period there has existed, a certain organization of persons under the name Industrial Workers of the World, commonly called 'I. W. W.' the 'One Big Union,' and 'O. B. U.'; that said organization, during said period, has been composed of a large number of persons, to wit, two hundred thousand persons, distributed in all parts of the United States, being almost exclusively laborers in the many branches of industry necessary to the existence and welfare of the people of the United States and of their government, among others the transportation, mining, meat-packing, canning, lumbering and farming industries, and the live-stock, fruit, vegetable and cotton raising industries; that said defendants, during said period have been members of said organization and among those known in said organization as 'militant members of the working class' and 'rebels', holding various offices, employments and agencies therein; and that, in their said membership, offices, employments and agencies, said defendants, during said period of time, with the special purpose of preventing, hindering and delaying the execution of said laws, severally have been actively engaged in managing and conducting the affairs of said association, propagating its principles by written, printed, and verbal exhortations, and accomplishing its objects, which are now here explained, and thereby said in so doing, during said period, throughout the United States and in said division and district, have engaged in, and have attempted to accomplish, and in part have accomplished, the objects of the unlawful and felonious conspiracy aforesaid.

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 "And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present, that said organization, before and during said period of time, has been one for supposedly advancing the interests of

Indicted for Inciting to Strike What Will Your Answer Be?

FELLOW WORKERS:



Remember!

WE ARE IN HERE FOR YOU; YOU ARE OUT THERE FOR US

HOLD THE FORT

The Federal Government has arrested more than 100 active members of the I. W. W. The arrests will include all officers of the organization. This is the master-stroke of "OUR DEMOCRATIC" government to crush with one blow a union that has placed the welfare of the workers above that of the war profiteers.

The I. W. W. is more than an organization of officers. It is an organization of fearless class-conscious wage workers, upon whom, guns, clubs, Lynchings, deportation, and prisons have no effect as far as their fight for INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY is concerned. The I. W. W. will not be crushed. Not even if every jail and prison in the country be turned into a branch of the organization. We have more than a hundred thousand members who are willing to go to prison if we are denied the right to organize.

Our immediate duty is the defense of our fellow workers.

We must stake everything on their freedom. Every city, town and village must have a defense committee at once, for the purpose of collecting funds and carrying on publicity work. Bear in mind that the few papers that would have aided us have been suppressed. The trials of our fellow workers will surpass anything like it in history. They are not the best defense that we can give them. We are on trial as much as they—but they are the ones to suffer. Let us not forget—that AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.

To my fellow workers in the Bastilles I say—

Hold the fort for we are coming
 Union men be strong
 Side by side we battle onward,
 Victory will come.

L. S. CHUMLEY.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

Foul Play Suspected in Denver Organization Goes On.

Minneapolis, Minn., 9-24-17.

Fellow Workers:

On Thursday, Sept. 13th, Ed. Ross, secretary of the Denver recruiting union, mysteriously disappeared and has to date not been heard from. The safe of the union has been tampered with to the extent that the members cannot gain access to same. Fellow-worker Ed Ross is believed, after not with foul play or is being held incommunicado by the federal authorities. At any rate we know he has been active in the struggle for betterment, and for that reason expect anything, even from democracy's sponsors. This must be looked into, and if he has been kidnapped, the labor press will do well to acquaint the masses with this outrage. The members at Denver are prepared to meet any contingency that may arise on the opening of the safe. A plan is prepared for.

Late reports from Fresno state that all members in sight at the time of the raids, were arrested and are still in jail. They are all held incommunicado including Chas. McWhirt of the district secretary. The funds of the district were tied up by the authorities, and every thing in sight has been confiscated. An attorney has been employed to investigate the case. This is a good way to get rid of the I. W. W. as, view Australia for instance. All delegates working out of the Fresno office are here by notified that they are to report to Chris Luber, Box 1087 Sacramento, Cal., until they are notified that the Fresno office has again resumed operations.

Seattle District has issued a call for a conference to be held the 10th of Oct., at which the foremost question for discussion will be methods dealing with the job. Members in that district should see that they are well represented.

There are still 10 days left in which to get your vote on the next meeting of No. 573 into this office. Ballots coming in after Oct. 1st, cannot be counted. Get yours in now.

All delegates are requested to send in a statement of their account so that they may be notified before the meeting as to how they stand. This is important.

Again we notify you that the strikes of the lumber workers and miners are still on. Press reports are as usual attempting to withdraw your support by leading you to believe the strikers have resumed work. These methods should show you the value of your support, which, if withdrawn will have it's effect for the worse. You have aided liberally in the past. Do it some more.

Slowly but surely, reports coming in from the middle west are that another camp and then another has been closed up solid. At present the state of Iowa leads in this part of the country. Press reports in this part of the country. Press reports that they also have complete control on several jobs. Now then, let's hear from the east, the rest of the middle west, and the outlying parts of the west. The start has been made in all lines of construction work. Every member should make it his immediate business to bring in another (Continued on Page 4)

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THE PERSECUTION OF THE PIONEERS

Picture to yourself a long path stretching down through the ages, since the dawn of history, the path of human progress. Down this beaten track of custom and convention has come the great mass of humanity led by kings, priests, rulers, and labor fakery, following like sheep...

Yet with it all, the star of universal freedom beams brighter to-day than ever before, in spite of the fact, that the most radical of our present day pioneers are incarcerated in the prisons of capitalism, simply because they are courageous enough to stand together and openly throw down the gauntlet to the gang of parasites who are sucking the blood of millions of their fellow creatures, in order to perpetuate their damnable system.

Let us look back along the path of civilization, and what do we see? At intervals, certain men or bodies of men, have branched off the beaten track, and blazed trails through virgin soils of art, science, philosophy, medicine, etc. those intrepid hearts have gone on, in spite of the protests of their fellows, and have been reviled, persecuted, tortured, imprisoned, and executed by the ruling class of their time, because they sought to bring enlightenment to humanity at large.

Those men are now regarded as martyrs and saints. Monuments and statues are erected to commemorate their genius, and a great many of their inventions and discoveries are part of our present day development.

They were dreamers, but their dreams have come true; they were idealists but their ideals are now realities.

Christ the carpenter of Nazareth was crucified because he tried to preach the doctrine of brotherhood.

Galileo was tortured, persecuted and imprisoned, because he asserted that the world was round; Columbus died in a prison of Spain because he had discovered a new world; Joan of Arc was burned at the stake because she showed that a woman could be as a good soldier as a man; George Stephenson was considered insane when he said he could make an engine that would move as fast as a man; Charles Darwin was anthematized by the churches because of his theory of human evolution; Karl Marx died in poverty because he prepared and left to the world one of the greatest discoveries in the history of mankind.

All were pioneers in the development of human thought. The cemetery at Homestead stand an eternal witness to the brutality of capitalism. It also commemorates the undying spirit of freedom, which is now firmly planted in the hearts of the majority of the workers.

Colorado, both at Cripple Creek and Ludlow, has shown that the spirit of freedom shall always rebel against the tyranny of the oppressor. The commercialism of Everett, Washington, may boast of its participation in the persecution of the pioneers, and the dastardly murder of Frank Little in Butte, Montana, maybe considered an act of Justice by the judicial prostitutes of capitalism, but to the lover of freedom and eternal justice these things shall ever proclaim the fearless, rebellious, and invincible spirit of the trail-blazer of humanity.

Today, many active members of the Industrial Workers of the World, are in prison because the spirit of freedom is the expression of the organization, because it stands for the abolition of wage-slavery and exploitation.

Washington of America and the World now is the time to act! The destiny of the world class is trembling in the balance. Do you wish to have the iron heel of capitalism more firmly planted upon your necks, or do you intend to repudiate the action of the exploiters in their efforts to crush Individual Democracy?

DOUGLAS ROBSON.

THE GREATEST FIGHT IN THE HISTORY OF LABOR IS NOW ON!

On September 29th, 1917, indictments were returned against all active workers, and as a result, hundreds of our members from all parts of the country are now incarcerated.

The very freedom of the working class is at stake. Now, as never before, must the members do their utmost; first—in keeping up organization, and last—but not least—in raising adequate defense funds.

A General Defense Committee, with headquarters in Chicago, has been organized to handle all funds regarding the defense and the welfare of all men under indictments. Immediate steps should be taken to organize a Defense Committee in your locality. The I. W. W. must take the lead in the matter, but where there are people outside the organization, who can take an efficient part, they should be invited to co-operate.

This is a nation-wide fight; one that must include all who stand for Industrial Freedom. Do not hesitate, but act at once.

Subscription lists can be had by addressing General Defense Committee, 1001 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

TREASON—TO WHOM?

The federal indictments that have been returned in Chicago against the members of the I. W. W. seem to be drawn in such a way that they will affect only workers. The indictment is against "persons under the name of the Industrial Workers of the World, being almost exclusively laborers in the many branches of industry."

The grand jury had no difficulty in obtaining the names of several hundred men and women who have been actively at work in organizing the workers. No effort seems to have been made to obtain the names of those who have held up the government on contracts for materials and supplies.

The constitution of the United States distinctly says that there shall be no class legislation. The United States Grand Jury in Chicago seems to have made a very important amendment to the constitution, as their action is distinctly class legislation. But the questions naturally arise, "Why are the workers the only traitors? And to whom are they treasonable?"

There is one very noticeable feature of the indictment, and that is that the I. W. W. is now guilty of strikes, whereas in the past we were guilty of taking German gold. Why the change in tactics? The German-gold charge had no truth in it, is the charge of treason for striking also to be a canard? It will be if there is a fair and impartial trial on the indictments.

AUSTRALIA SPEAKS

There's a voice on the wings of the morning From an Isle in the Southern Sea "Oh, slaves of the world, awake!" Young Australia speaks to thee For the torch of Freedom is blazing red From the shores of Sydney quay.

Lo! the winds of the north, they are silent And the east and the west winds die, While the waves of the broad Pacific Re-echo the south wind's cry. "Oh, sons of the world, awake!" For the hour of fate is nigh.

Oh, ye men of the north, and east, and west Shall you bear the brand of the slave And toil in the temples of Mammon For crusts and a pauper's grave? Ah, list to the worlds I send to you Oh the crest of the topmost wave.

I have watched with a heart overwhelming The sons of my bosom betrayed, Reviled, persecuted, and plundered And the wealth their toil have made And the jeweled hand of a pompous king On my massive shoulder laid.

But I scorn the power of the princeling And I spurn the masters of toll And the crown of the king I shatter In the dust of my native soil. But the workers who honor the gifts I gave Alone shall enjoy the spoil.

And within all the breadth of my borders, From the north to the southern wave, From my east to my western breakers I'll house no master or slave, And the flag of the people's republic Shall float o'er the tyrant's grave.

Be brave! oh, my brothers and sisters And list to the voice from the sea The dawn of Rebellion is breaking Take courage, you yet will be free Awake, ye slaves of the world, awake! Australia speaks to these.

DOUGLAS ROBSON.

NEWS FROM OIL WORKERS

SPECIAL TO SOLIDARITY

Work in the mid-Continent oil fields has been more plentiful this summer than was ever known before. Competition for jobs practically ceases amongst the workers. While on the other hand the bosses were forced to compete with each other in order to get slaves to pile up more huge profits.

The fall and the winter of 1917-18 promises to be the busiest period in the history of the oil industry. More work is now going on, and there is more contemplated than was ever known before. While the bosses are prosperous, the workers' conditions have grown steadily worse. The summer of 1917 will go down in history as a record breaker in strikes in the oil fields.

In some instances, the workers have broken strikes by going to work in another department of the Standard Oil Co. operating as an Independent Company and no doubt laying the same line that another supposed company had trouble with their slaves on.

At Latham, Kans., the Prairie Pipe Line Co. has a camp at this place, on their line from Eldorado to Humbolt, Kans. Wages \$2.50 per day and board. At Towanda; on the trap shooters lease, connection work; wages \$3.50 per day. At Drumright, Okla. new gangs are springing up every day. Any one wishing work has only to show up at any of the Supply Houses at 7 o'clock in the morning.

It is a common thing to see men catchers on the streets of Tulsa trying to pick up gangs of men. Don't forget. We want a job Delegate on every job. We need you in the oil fields. Spend this winter down where the climate will suit your garments. Now then, all aboard for the oil fields.

T. J. GALLOGHER, 6 W. Brady St., Tulsa, Okla.

When we are thoroughly organized we will make John D. come across with some more of the good things of life.

Every job in this field is working short handed. The following are a few of the jobs that are badly in need of slaves and organization.

Rig builders are in great demand all through the fields; this work consists of building wooden derricks and any one who is handy with a hatchet and saw can do this work. Wages \$3.00 to \$10.00 per day 9 hours. Drillers \$3.00 for 12 hours, this is the most skilled labor in the oil industry.

At West Tulsa, Okla. the Refiners are all working short handed. Wages for common labor is \$2.64 per 8 hours. A big demand for boiler makers, Mashinists, Pipe Fitters, brick-layers, concrete men and etc.

At Kiefer, Okla. the Mound Copper Boiler and Iron Co. are in need of men to down steel tanks, wages \$3.00 per day for cutting 100 ft. of hot or 120 ft. of cold rivets; wobbos on job now making at least \$6.00 per day. To a man without a trade or one who is not familiar with the work in the oil fields, this job offers exceptional opportunities to make good money, any one who can hit where he looks with an 8 lb. man can do this work. "Some more strong back stuff."

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Chicago R. U. Special Meeting.

A well attended meeting of the Chicago membership of Recruiting Unions was held in Local Headquarters, Monday, October 1st.

The spirit displayed demonstrated the fact that the I. W. W. has not got a broken back.

Hundreds of dollars were pledged to the support of the I. W. W. Class War Prisoners, each member volunteering to give one day's wages to the defense of our comrades and Fellow-workers now in prison.

A Defense Committee was elected from the Chicago Recruiting Unions to cooperate with the Committees elected by other Chicago Locals in devising ways and means for the general defense.

Those present were unanimous in their desire to carry on the work of organizing each realizing that the best defense we could put up was a rapid increase of membership. Fellow-worker Sabot remarks that they could not lack the idea of industrial union in any jail for the idea is too great to be imprisoned.

Cash collected for the night was \$42.00 Yours for Industrial Freedom. LNE McLELAND, Sec'y, C. R. U.

An Open Letter To a Sciss...

By LAWRENCE

Chicago, Ill. S. Bill—

Your first letter, I think, of an intimate nature, would serve as a basis for correspondence to be briefly begun. Industrial Unionism will begin at the beginning of the most revolutionary period of man. The Industrial Workers of the World is a program that is dear to the heart of the people and aspirations. It is a program that strikes a blow at the conditions of Bourgeois society and sweeps all the filth and sweat from the eyes of the working class. AN OPEN LETTER TO A SCISSOR...

You are justly proud of your work, and especially so of your work in the industrial class. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class.

Hour is verging on a sleep. I would think you would find it a little more convenient to have the alarm clock last night burn up your stomach and follow to the abode of the gods. Wakened you Bill! Wakened you Bill! Wakened you Bill! Wakened you Bill! Wakened you Bill!

I hate to disturb you, but I know you would describe how you come in and washes and perfumes you in the wake of the country to the writer. We that while you are in the morning to get in many hot night or rather more from many others working in a color printing press that thousand revolution. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class. I am sure you are justly proud of your work in the industrial class.

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By LAWRENCE TULLY

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 27, 1917

My first letter, I tried to say a few things, of an introductory nature would serve, as a starting point for your correspondence. In this letter I will briefly begin the philosophy of Industrial Unionism.

Bill, I shall begin at the beginning, of probably the most revolutionary demand named by man. The Preamble of Industrial Workers of the World, is a programme that cuts like a dagger to the heart of working class hopes and aspirations. In its opening words it strikes a blow at the very foundations of Bourgeois society.

It sweeps aside all the dear little theories and sweet little conventions which the masters have sought to hold before the eyes of the workers. "THE WORKING CLASS AND THE EMPLOYING CLASS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON."

We are justly proud of this document and especially so of this sentence, which divorces us forever from a hated parasitical class whose usefulness has long departed and whose only use today is to suck the blood of producers.

You may take exception to this, especially if you belong to such a parasitical organization as The American Federation of Labor.

Bill, we may think that the workers and employers have interests in common, but I shall have something to write about the dying American Federation, present for the sake of contrast, and project your mind into the life of a typical capitalist home.

New Crisis in Labor Situation.

The working people of America are facing a new phase of the labor situation. In the past all labor disputes were supposed to be impartially decided over by government officials.

This position is taken at the direct instigation of the industrial masters of the nation, and the action is the result of vigorous pressure brought by them for reasons of profit.

This new phase of the labor situation means slavery or freedom for the wage workers of the United States. It will be slavery of the worst form if the owners of the industries are allowed to have their way.

We must organize to oppose this slavery. The only alternative to this system of slavery in freedom for all workers. There can be no middle ground.

It has been held by the workers at all times that we have the right to strike at any time for the purpose of making better conditions for ourselves.

If that contention stands in law it will mean that the employers may reduce wages at any time they wish to any point they see fit, and that any one who goes on strike as a protest will be classed as a traitor and treated as such.

Hundreds of members of the I. W. W. have been arrested for their activity in organizing the working class to obtain better conditions.

These hundreds of men, members of the Industrial Workers of the World and others, must be defended. These cases are not cases of treason. They are cases of disloyalty to the profits of the employers and nothing else.

That the employers have succeeded in having charges of seditious conspiracy brought against those arrested does not alter the fact of the case. It merely shows that the employers have met their match in the industrial game when they met the Industrial Workers of the World, and that they are now running to the United States Government for protection in retaining their ill-gotten gains.

The workers have but one protection in this very vital situation, and that is in the solidarity of labor. If these men who have been arrested and are under indictment can be railroaded it means the death of organized labor in the United States.

But the fight we are in is not a small one. It is the largest that has ever been undertaken by the organized workers of any country in the history of the world, and the stake is that of freedom itself. It will require that every worker must play an important part, and do his utmost. It is no contest of weaklings, but a struggle for giants.

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Lumber Workers News of Action.

By PRESS COMMITTEE

The big strike of the Northwest lumber workers has developed into a strike of a kind that is something new in these uneducated in scientific job action. After three months out of work, elated, jail-bred and in stockades, held without charges and other such persecutions in the hands of the paid lackeys of the Commercial Club, as would be a disgrace in Russia in the darkest days, the lumber workers are going back on the job to continue the strike with renewed determination.

While the main issue in the beginning of this strike was the eight-hour day, the attitude of the employing class has forced the membership to declare the strike on until all members held in prison for refusing to do the bidding of the lumber barons are released and we are allowed to reopen our halls that have been closed, and the freedom to organize openly is conceded.

THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE, without interference by Commercial Club hirelings, is now the paramount issue, and the strike is not over until all demands are granted.

How can it be a strike if the workers go back on the job some one asks. Well, let us see: What is the object of a strike? It is to cut off or curtail the bosses' profits, is it not? Then why not do so by slowing down on the job by refusing work more than eight hours. Yes, the workers can take the eight-hour day by refusing to work longer. Just quit when the eight hours is up, that is all. If the boss can't hire the workers in a camp, where this 'done' camp can be filled with more members who will do the same, and keep it up until the employers get tired of it.

What will we do if they start black-listing active members? Use job tactics, quit and walk away from camp. Then the camp can fill up with another crew that can pull the same stunt in case the boss tries the same game again. The camps and mills cannot run without the workers. If we stick, we are bound to win.

As the general convention of I. W. I. U. No. 500 was postponed to Oct. 1st, delegates are requested to act on their old credentials until new ones can be issued, which will likely be Oct. 15th or later. Be sure to elect and instruct your delegate for the convention.

All delegates are requested to send in card numbers, also to make out report at once, together with statement of all supplies on hand at same time. Blanks for taking record of membership can be had now. Delegates should get them and take records of members of I. W. I. U. No. 500 and send in at once. This is important, as our records were taken by the "Law and Order" brigade here when the big raid was made.

Letter From Headquarters.

Chicago, October 1, 1917.

On account of the arrest of many of those holding official positions, it is necessary that you should immediately send in a report giving the name of the Secretary now in charge. Also make a report as complete as possible on the situation in your locality.

While we are handicapped by these wholesale arrests, the work of the organization must in no way be lessened. An intense labor Loyalty is necessary at this time. Headquarters is open as usual and supplies and literature can be obtained.

In order that we may keep in close contact with all parts of the organization, send in a report to this office at least once a week, even though no business has been transacted.

Make all checks and money orders payable to Wm. D. Hayward, and there will be no difficulty in cashing them.

With best wishes, I am Yours for Industrial Freedom, FRED HARDY, Acting General Sec'y.

Will Benny Warshawsky please communicate with Frank Baker, Dist. Sec'y I. U. No. 573, P. O. Box 365, Seattle, Wash.

printing houses but the human appendages to the machines. I could go on Bill, and tell you much more, for instance of a time when I used to have peculiar stings of the spirit towards the creative arts and of how the deadly repetition, of turning wheels and flying paper wore that part of my nature away.

But I want to stop right here and ask you. What is there in common between you and your rose tinted room and me? What thing in life or love or hope do we possess in common.

Across the night of things eternal, Bill, tell me and I will say no more. Why should I take any interest in a society whose laws are framed to protect and perpetuate his class in power? No Bill, you and I are capable of making a greater world, than one founded on exploitation, where one quarter are free and three quarters are slaves. Your Friend TOM.

Open The Prison Doors.

Thousands of Union men are serving long terms in various State and Federal Prisons. Something must be done. In Antocratic Russia they used to grant amnesty now and then but not so in America. I propose that after the War a general Conference be held of all I. W. U. women, Socialist Locals Trade Unions, Women's Clubs, Prison Reform Leagues etc, for the purpose of starting a nation-wide agitation to free Labor's prisoners.

We promised that we would never forget, we owe a duty to them. Some may have been guilty, nevertheless they were of our class regardless of what the enemies of Labor might say about them. Let us get together and bring this up at our next meeting and have your A. F. of L. and Socialist Friends do likewise. JOHN PANCNER

KNOWLEDGE IN POWER.

The work Peoples College is owned by a co-operative Corporation whose stockholders are Finnish I. W. U's. Our Organization is becoming so large that there is a constant demand for Office Organizers and Speakers. Hundreds of our young members in the harvest fields could go there and get an education this winter. The General Executive Board has promised that they will furnish an English Instructor. If you want a voice and vote in the Work Peoples College Corporation, then become a stockholder by buying a share of stock which will cost you \$1.00. Do it now.

In time we can extend the scope of this school and include such studies as Economics, Public Speaking, Book-keeping, Typewriting, Chemistry, Music etc. For further information write to Work Peoples College, Smithville, Minn., or go to Duluth, get on the car and see for yourself. We court Investigation. JOHN PANCNER, Lake County Jail, Waukegan, Ill.

Again we warn the membership against the paid stool pigeons and "detectives" of the employing class who are doing all they can to create dissension and disrupt the union. Let us show them we are wise to their game. We will forget our personal differences and concentrate our energy against the real enemy, the exploiting class.

"PATRIOTS" VIOLATE LAW.

Bisbee, Ariz.—Regardless of the fact that the laws of this state permit picketing, the Bisbee "Loyalty" league has induced city authorities to pass an ordinance against picketing.

Men applying for work in the Warren district are still compelled to be examined by county officials and the "Loyalty" league, and if these "patriots" are not satisfied with the answer the worker is ordered to leave the district.

The right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" carries with it the right to the means of life, to the instruments of liberty and to the ingredients of happiness.

All amounts due Solidarity for bundle orders should be remitted at once, if possible.

There has been a constant drain on our Treasury since the raid Sept. 5th, so we are forced to call on you in this time of need.

J. W. WILSON, Book Keeper.

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Special Meeting.

Meeting of the Chicago Recruiting Union Headquarters, Monday

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INDICTMENTS RETURNED. (Continued from Page 1.)

laborers as a class (by members of said organization called "the workers" and "the proletariat"), and giving them complete control and ownership of all property, and of the means of producing and distributing property, through the abolition of all other classes of society (by the members of said organization designated as "capitalists," "the capitalistic class," "the master class," "the ruling class," "exploiters of the workers," "bourgeois," and "parasites"); such abolition to be accomplished not by political action or by any regard for right or wrong but by the continual and persistent use and employment of unlawful, tortious and forcible means and methods, involving threats, assaults, injuries, intimidations and murders upon the persons, and the injury and destruction (known in said organization as "sabotage," "direct action," "working on the job," "wearing the wooden shoes," "working the sabotage," and "drowning-down tactics"), of the property of such other classes, the forcible resistance to the execution of all laws, and finally the forcible revolutionary overthrow of all existing governmental authority, in the United States; use of which said first-mentioned means and methods was principally to accompany local strikes, industrial struggles, and general strikes of such laborers, and use of all of which said means and methods was to be made in reckless and utter disregard of the rights of all persons not members of said organization, and especially of the right of the United States to execute its above-mentioned laws, and with especial and particular design on the part of said defendants of seizing the opportunity presented by the desire and necessity of the United States expeditiously and successfully to carry on its said war, and by the consequent necessity for all laborers throughout the United States in said branches of industry to continue to aid faithfully to perform their work, for putting said unlawful, tortious and forcible methods into operation, said defendants well knowing, as they have during said period, well known and intended, that the necessary effect of their so doing would be, as it in fact has been, to hinder and delay and in part to prevent the execution of said laws above enumerated, through interference with the production and manufacture of divers articles, to wit, munitions, ships, fuel, substances, supplies, clothing, shelter and equipment required and necessary for the military and naval forces of the United States in carrying on said war, and of the materials necessary for such manufacture, and through interference with the procurement of such articles and materials, by the United States, through purchases, and through orders and contracts for immediate and future delivery thereof, between the United States and persons...

CONTINUE ORGANIZING. SPECIAL BULLETIN

In order to make the world safe for Big Business another blow has been struck at the I. W. W. Following the raid on one-and-a-half quarters and offices on Sept. 5th the Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Ill. has returned some 160 indictments against what they are pleased to term the leaders of the I. W. W. As a result most of our officials, editors and active organizers have been arrested. From the office of the A. W. I. U. No. 400 and C. W. I. U. No. 537 in Minneapolis, Minn. the following members were taken in custody by federal officers: Forrest Edwards, Sec'y-Treas. and Ted Fraser, Chairman, of No. 400; Dan Buckley, Sec'y-Treas. of No. 573; C. L. Lambert, member of the General Executive Board, Siegfried Steinberg, business manager of the "Alarm" has also been arrested. According to newspaper reports the charge brought against the men is "seditious conspiracy," what ever that is. The trial will most likely take place in Chicago, Ill. in the near future. We wish to assure our members that as far as the offices of No. 400 and No. 573 are concerned we will continue to hold the fort, as long as there are members left to carry on the work. The "crime," for which our officials and editors have been jailed is that they were true to the working class, had they chosen to surrender their principles, they would be fessed a la Gompers et al., instead of jailed. The I. W. W. has nothing to fear from an impartial investigation or trial. It was in existence long before the war broke out and will be in operation after the war is over, all persecutions of the capitalist class notwithstanding. In the mean time it behooves our members to keep up the work of the organization and to demonstrate to the world that the fight of the working class for Industrial Democracy cannot fail. The importance of the coming trial will overshadow anything known in the annals of labor. It is imperative that we provide for an adequate defense in order to defeat the sinister purpose of our enemies. Since our only resources consist of the contribution of the working class, it will require the whole-hearted support of every member of our organization in this gigantic effort of industrial autocracy to crush militant unionism. The I. W. W. is bearing the brunt of the battle now because it is the most militant organization. If the masters of the bread should succeed in eliminating the I. W. W. from the labor movement, every vestige of militant working-class organization would be crushed and the workers would be reduced to a state of penance and abject slavery. It is the duty of every worker now in contact behind the men, who are now incarcerated for daring to fight in the interest of labor! Everybody must do his or her bit now to get these men released. United we stand, divided we fall. Defense Committees should be formed in every city and town of the U. S. Delegates and members of No. 400 should send their contribution to Minneapolis, Minn. Box 1776, care of C. W. Anderson, Sec'y-Treas. pro tem. We will continue to keep our members posted by special bulletins of further developments. Pat Daley, of No. 400 just arrested. RUSH FUNDS TO C. W. Anderson, Sec'y-Treas. pro tem.

JOB ACTIVITY. JOB NEWS.

MINNESOTA: There is plenty of building and street paving work at Pipestone. Wages average 30c per hour. Men are scarce. 35c per hour is paid on the Coon Creek dam. Night work is at the rate of 13 hours pay for 11 hours work. The day shift is 10 hrs. Take the Anoka car at Minneapolis and get off at Coon Rapids. From Coon Rapids you are transported to the job in a company conveyance. Stone and Webster are building a dam at Maseppa. This is an 18 months job. Rock and concrete men are wanted. Machine drill runners are paid \$3.50 for 10 hours. Rough carpenters 45c per hr. Some delegates should look this job over and send in the first hand reports as to exact conditions. IOWA: Wagon skimmers are wanted at Keogh's camp out of Lake Park. The pay is \$45.00 per month. Board is fair. Three tile camps out of Spencer are lined up solid. There is a delegate at each camp. Men are wanted at 45 1/2c per hour. Wages on construction work at Cedar Rapids are \$3.90 for 10 hours. 50c a day is held out to pay for your initiation into the A. F. of L. It sure is hell on the A. F. of L. when workers will consider them under no other conditions. A wobbly delegate should not miss this opportunity to give the workers in this camp and other construction the key to this skin game. Skimmers are reported as being scarce at Sioux City, and still they say the I. W. W. went work. There'll be less next season. Schueter are resorting to the wires in their effort to get team hands. A telegram was received at the Sioux City branch asking for five men and only two could be supplied. Wards outfit at Marens also asked for men. A Hossier out of Dodge City is short on delegates. Get out there some five on and make it long on the other thing. MONTANA: Wages at Great Falls have gone up to 57 1/2c for concrete men. Men in this city are scarce. Men for work here are being hired out of the branch hall there. WYOMING: Team hands in the oil fields out of Casper are working 11 hours on rotten chuck. The wages are not stated. Street work at Casper pays 40c per hour. Wobblies can get on there. The Worker has again made it's appearance, and is better then ever. Solidarity has as yet not been received but it is hoped that it will soon be out. Papers will be sent on request. Wm. Ford of the organization committee will go to trial in Portland at an early date. This is another kangaroo case. It has been hoped that to arrest the most active, the work of organization would cease, quite to the most contrary however the work goes merrily on. The frame-up system in this case has again proved a failure. The western rebels should watch this case and see that Ford gets as square a deal as is possible in the towers of injustice. Push the sale of the No. 573 special assignment stamp. The funds are needed for all cases now on as well as those which may arise in the future. Until we are more thoroughly organized we are compelled to match our pennies with the bosses dollars. Our members must have all the defense we can give them. This alone should inspire you to do as you never did before, to the end, that the membership be increased to the extent that ours will be the court of trial to which our members, and all members of the working class shall state their case. Yours for the O. B. U. DAN BUCKLEY, C. W. I. U. 572.

SEATTLE CONFERENCE.

The organization committee of the Seattle District of I. U. No. 573 has issued a call for a district conference to be held in Seattle on Oct. 10, 1917. This will replace the former call which was for a conference to be held on Oct. 20th. The reason for the change of dates is that general headquarters of 573 at Minneapolis has sent out ballots asking members to set date of General Conference on either October 20 or November 1st. The district conference should be held prior to the General Conference so that delegates to the latter will know the sentiment of the Seattle district membership. The conference is to be held in Seattle, Wash., on Oct. 30, 1917. All branches of 573 are entitled to two delegates to the conference. Any job with twenty or more members employed thereon shall be considered a branch as regards delegate representation. Delegates must bring credentials and resolutions properly countersigned to be entitled to voice and vote in the conference. Delegates to Seattle district conference should learn the sentiments of the membership they represent regarding the matter of electing district officers and members of the organization committee for the ensuing term. Whether the nominations shall be offered in this conference or by some other method. Any member having suggestions to make regarding the work of organization, should send same in to the conference so the delegates may act upon them. Discuss the matter before among your fellow workers so as to get their ideas as well. Matters of great importance to the organization are to come up at this conference and it is necessary that the membership be well represented. Get busy and elect your delegates and draw up resolutions for them. The time is short and if you want a representative conference you must ACT NOW. Yours for Industrial Freedom, FRANK BAKER, Sec'y I. U. 573, Seattle, Wash.

THE RAID IN DETROIT.

Everything was taken but the paper and such other fixing things longed to the landlord except spittoons and desk, toilet paper, of gold dust, one alarm clock and a bunch looking articles such as a pipe left by the plumber were to Chicago as evidence. The black on which was written "Don't slacker; take out job delegate cards" was sent to Chicago by messenger. The Sec'y asked the to at least leave a lead pencil. The officer, smilingly remarked: not need any after this. (We are We are doing business as usual, a little better and incidentally will netted \$236.50 for the strike since that's bad, eh!! The Finnish I. W. W. boys have hall on Michigan Ave., between St. and 24th St. Dances three times a week. Come and enjoy yourself the first dance given \$35.00 was for the strikers. Wobblies intending to come should give us a call. Good send for the O. B. U. Lots of work for mechanics. Leave the brass band behind delegates can get the goods. JUST O. E. S. R.

IDAHO CASES SERIOUS.

Spokane, Wash. Sept. 25. More than fifty members are in jails and stockades in Idaho, under trial on charges of "industrialism" under an act passed state legislature, obviously for the one of making the I. W. W. an organization. All workers on whom the anti-think they have proof of membership in the I. W. W. are arrested. If the Big Interests and law stick, it means that it is in the state of Idaho to be in the organization or even to be associating with members of the. The penalty is from one to ten years together with a maximum fine of thousand dollars. Some of the cases come up in Sandpoint, Idaho, October 1st at St. Maries and other places come up soon. Able attorneys had to fight those cases through capitalist courts. It costs thousands, and as the big strike has our finances to the limit, we must appeal to the membership to the assistance of our fellow whose only crime is loyalty class. Send funds to Roy A. Brown 2217 Spokane, Wash. When in the camp and mills, forget our fellow workers in the victims of the Lumber Trust never forget." J. I. T.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

(Continued from Page 1.) member. If this is tried the anyhow we know what the result. What have you been doing of the distress and sufferings of war prisoners held in the many of the country? Ford and St. stance. What have you done relief of them and their? Is it that you have forgotten those their all for us? If they are released, their imprisonment least be made as bearable as your contribution is always. To obtain results, membership lining their future action should to judge from the past. This ent a petition of many costly and because of the time saved, you that much nearer to the Now is the time to read up. It is history and methods of are necessary to the new may be compelled to use in Preparation is the hallmark of Read and circulate the I. W. W. sure as others may read. to meet any contingency that (Continued on Pa

CORPORATIONS NOT NAMED.

firms and corporations too numerous to be here named (if their names were known to said grand jurors), and through interference with and the prevention of the transportation of such articles and said military and naval forces; and that said organization, as said defendants during said period of time have well known and intended, has also been one for discouraging, obstructing and preventing the prosecution by the United States of said war between the United States and the Imperial German Government, and preventing, hindering and delaying the execution of said laws above enumerated, by requiring the members of said organization available for duty in said military and naval forces to fail to register, and to refuse to submit to registration and draft, for service in said military and naval forces, and to fail and refuse to enlist for service therein, and by inciting others so to do, notwithstanding the requirements of said laws in that behalf and notwithstanding the patriotic duty of such members and others so to register and submit to registration and draft, and so to enlist for service in said military and naval forces, and notwithstanding the cowardice involved in such failure and refusal, which has constituted by the use of said organization was also to be accomplished by the use of all the means and methods mentioned as a protest against, and as a forcible means of preventing, hindering

Remember our fellow workers in jail!

Remember our fellow workers in jail! Remember that solidarity wins! Get on the job and do your part. Down with Industrial Despotism! On with the fight! and delaying the execution of said laws of the United States, as well as by the forcible rescue and concealment of such of said members as should be proceeded against under those laws for such failure and refusal on their part, or sought for service or for enlistment and service in said military and naval forces. As the list of those indicted and those arrested under the indictments are not yet complete, there are some of the names published at this time. We hope, however to have the names for next issue

The Commercial Club at Marshfield, Oregon, brought pressure to bear upon all property owners, and the I. W. W.'s were ousted out of their hall. Live wires are needed to take out credentials, set on the job there and help line up the workers who are ripe for the One Big Union. On the job, and not in halls is where the One Big Union functions. The "Commercial Clubs" may learn this same day.

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LABOR GAZETTE, DEPT. OF LABOR, OTTAWA, ONT. CAN. The Story of Fresh Arrests BUT ALL IN VA

By MORTIMER ROWN... The following is a letter from... Here in Fresno, we are having... (Elliot, McWhirt and I... 3 secretaries) have been... a warrant charging them with... They will be tried in Los... Federal Court. With these... others. Abe Ruben, Wm... Frank Clark, Frank Elliott, Har... Tabit, Chas. Fiater, A. Latou... Gomers, Leo Klienran, Blumer... and Jno. Dymond. A... later ones there was no evidence... that they were either in the... the raid was made or like J... came in after it was placed in... of the detectives. Since the hall was seized... mails have also confiscated let... at, least letters have been... the care of the mail and... delivered while the address... plain. In the raid I seized... sture, account books, mimeogr... writers and every thing which... help in any way to further... the organization. They have... these ever since. A week ago the members... Stockton for aid. I was sent... and have since been working... section with the membership... pointed with the following. W. F... W. Soderquist and Mortimer... I have visited as far as po... different camps of the membe... have collected some money... came thru with \$60.00. W... sent Harry M. McKee to L... to act in conjunction with... (Fred Moore's law partner... are presenting the mot... brass corpus which will be m... complaints of sedition against... named men. This case is... most serious-in which the... has been involved. It is ou... with the U. S. These men... kept 15 days and sweated... wers to all sorts of question... taken down in shorthand... of them did not agree with... of the detectives, the men... bars were held to be dan... seters. Just what will be t... in a sedition case is hard... the first 10 days of t... they would not even let us... of the new espionage law... These boys will be prosecu... For the present we expect... base of supplies formed... maybe in San Francisco... I am going up the line to... this matter according to t... the fellow-workers and to... struggle, all those who t... will let you know what t... We need to limit th... cannot expect to limit th... the supply you will have... stamp. Besides... there are also the Constr... and the Recruiting Unions... this strike, so, for many re... better to us now, set to li... (Continued on Pa