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ARRESTED IN BOISE, IDAHO

DEZETTEL AROUSES IRE OF POLICE IN BOISE—IS ARRESTED—NEW LOCAL IS RESULT.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 15, 1911.

Fellow Worker: We wish to inform you that M. Dezettel of Spokane arrived in Boise, Idaho, to organize an I. W. W. local. On Saturday night he talked on the U. S. Army and industrial unionism. The police and farmers did not like this, but it suited the workers all right. On Sunday he talked on Sabotage and the power of the I. W. W. and this made the cockroaches and the police mad. On Monday night when Fellow Worker Dezettel got on the box to talk there were about five flybills and one policeman with a big club. The policeman grabbed Dezettel just as he was going to explain why there are breadlines and soup-houses. The policeman choked Dezettel on the way to jail and punched him twice. The chief of police called Dezettel into his private office and said as follows: "The police have been keeping an eye on you from the first day you got here. The police are willing to allow any one to use the street, but the citizens of Boise will not allow anybody to get on the street corner and make these remarks: (Dezettel said in his talk Saturday night): "No man can fall lower than to become a detective, militiaman or soldier." The police say that the fake medicine man and the Salvation army are all right and the socialist speaker is all right, but Boise will not stand for any Industrial Unionism or I. W. W. When the meeting was broken up Monday night there were about 350 men on the corner. We got Dezettel out by paying a bond of \$50.00. About 100 workmen waited outside the city hall to prove to the farmers and the police that the I. W. W. and the talk Dezettel made, suited the wageworkers of Boise. An application for a charter to start an I. W. W. local was filled out and sent to the general headquarters of the I. W. W. in Chicago. The trial is to come off at 2 p. m. this afternoon and will send you more news after the trial. Yours for one big union in Boise City and the world.

T. CAVANAUGH,
O. W. DYE,
S. N. WILSON,
Press Committee of Boise Local, I. W. W.

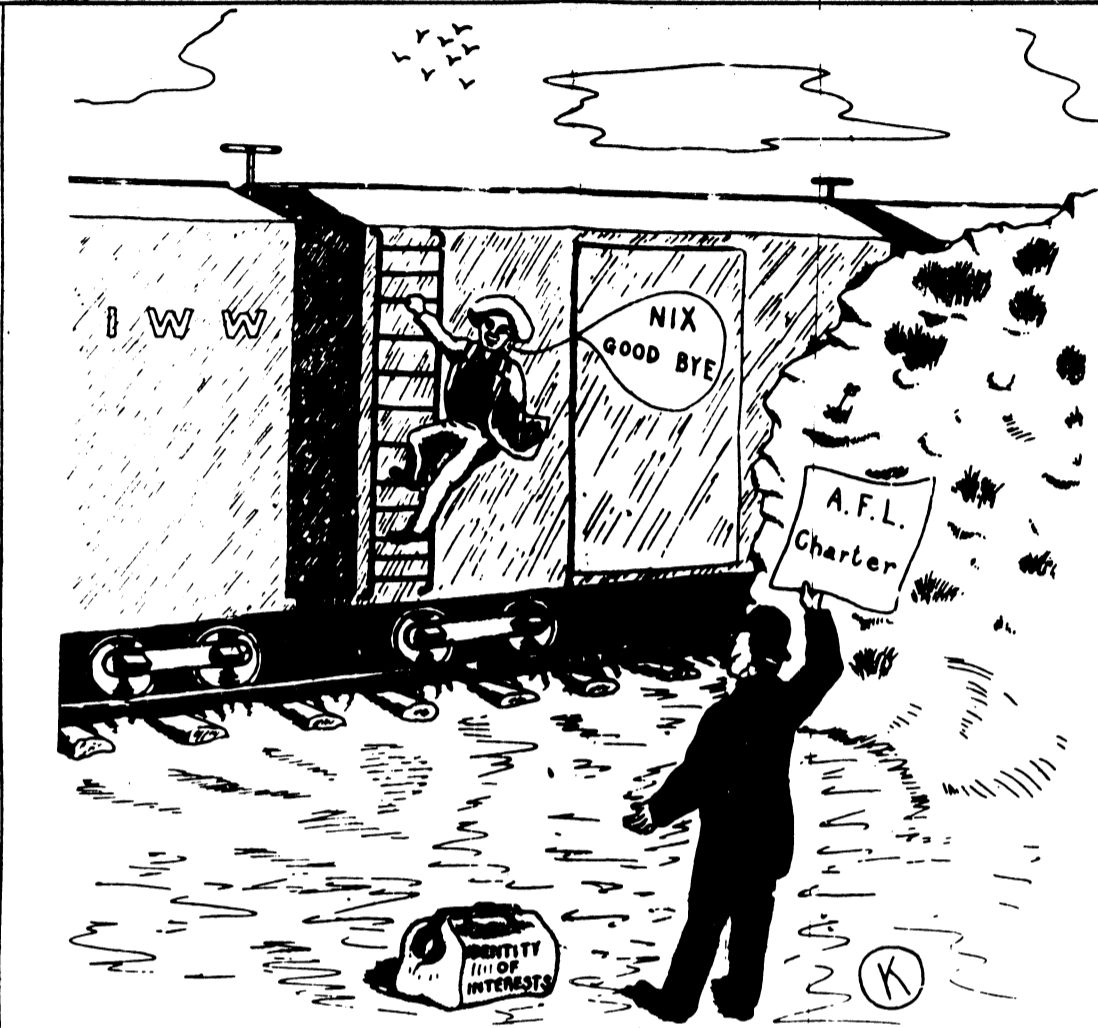
SENTENCED TO PRISON

VICTORIA I. W. W. FREE SPEECH FIGHTERS FINED \$20.00 OR TEN DAYS—WILL GO TO JAIL—NO FINES WILL ENRICH ANY CAPITALIST STATE BY THE I. W. W.

True to the principle of the I. W. W., the members who were arrested for exercising their so-called right to speak on the streets, will serve out the sentence in jail. The city of Victoria will have to feed the prisoners and in the end of ten days the city fathers can figure out how much it has cost them to try and stop freedom of speech in Victoria and which attempt has been a dismal failure.

Imagine seven I. W. W. men paying \$20.00 each to a lot of capitalist mugs to help pay their fat salaries with? The very thought of such a thing is absurd in the extreme; \$150.00 will remain in the pockets of the workers and the city will feed the prisoners. The fare will not cost much and the accommodations are not very good, but it beats all hollow this old game of handing your money over to the judge. If the city of Victoria can show us just where they have won anything in this free speech fight, we will be more than glad to hear about it. We have freedom of speech, the food and lodging and the fines stowed away in our pants. What did you get out of it Mr. Boss?

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A. F. OF L. WILL ORGANIZE THE UNEMPLOYED?

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEN WANT SOME FREEDOM

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEN DEMAND BETTER CONDITIONS—SPY SYSTEM MUST GO—PERSONAL RECORD SYSTEM AN INSULT TO ANY MAN—ONE BIG UNION THE CRY.

A blow has been struck at the Southern Pacific and Harriman system for the shorter work day. On August 3rd formulative demands were made for an eight hour work day, abolition of personal records, and physical examinations, 7 per cent increase in wages and various other demands, showing the men to be wideawake to their immediate needs.

I say a blow has been struck which merely means a slap on the wrist; yet it has made the hounding officials squirm.

In the past few months a system federation has been formed, composed only of a few shop crafts. Yet the management is protesting, against dealing with the crafts in a body, but quite willing to meet them in their separate crafts. The men see the folly of dealing with such huge corporations, with separate crafts, and are working hard for the ONE BIG UNION. Many on the S. P. are joining the I. W. W. The slaves of the Southern Pacific are ripe for Industrial Unionism, in fact it is the only thing able to hold and properly direct the ever increasing anger against their driving masters. I have worked on railroads from coast to coast, but never have I seen such slave driving foremen or accursed spies and police as I have on the S. P.

This rebellious feeling is not only among the so-called unskilled workers, but among the better paid employees such as Conductors and even some Engineers.

Their employment and spy system are two great factors in making agitation ripe. Their examination methods does not apply to all employees, but does so in the majority in train, signal and car department inspectors' service.

For those who are not familiar I shall tell in detail how the above named department employees get a job:

First, your time is never considered; you may be hungry, awaiting to go to work, so

you may eat but they don't care. You may wait several hours or a day to see the employing officer. In the same way you wait on every other official you are sent to. You are questioned on most anything from the color of your great grandmother's hair to the date your great grandchildren are to be born. After the first foreman gets through with you you are then given a letter and directed to the head of the department. Answering his questions satisfactory you are then sent to his chief clerk, then to another clerk who hands you three blank applications with instructions to fill in all the space. These applications include personal record blank and all-time for your past five years must be strictly accounted for. There may have been several months you did not work; you must tell them why and what you were doing. All employers you have worked for are written to and if you lie, or your record is not satisfactory you are discharged.

This ordeal over, the clerk closes by giving his personal opinion of you, such as your intelligence and general appearance. You are then directed to take a technical examination and the department in which I work, it is the air-brake. This generally requires an hour or better to go through. Then you go to another foreman for examination on rules. That over you are now ready for the doctor's examination. You have undoubtedly watched stock buyers examine before buying, but that is small compared with the way the S. P. examine their men.

They have a standard for hearing and for sight, then the weight limit and age limit. They also have their wage limit which in my case is but 27 1/2c per hour. Then the mental limit. If you know to much they won't hire you.

Now you are ready to pose for your picture. No, gentle reader, this is not a story of a convict's life, just merely the horror of getting a job in free America.

Your photograph is numbered and then placed in their gallery. And now at last you are ready to report to the foreman and go to work.

But don't think they are through learning

who you are. The great spy system gets in its dirty work, conducted by a Mr. Kendolan. With the quietness of a reptile and far more dreaded, they sneak about the box cars in the yard, around the engines in the shop listening to an employee's conversation.

On the vacant side of a partition in the coaches and Pullmans riding as passengers everywhere watching and waiting to hear some one tell their fellow workers to organize in One Industrial Union. When found out, you are very soon discharged. In my case they have followed me from job to job; at least I have been told this by a few friendly foremen.

The slaves of dead Harriman are awakening. They gather in small groups in the shops, yards, and on the road, discussing their condition.

Agitation was never so rife, discontent never greater.

Organized they will strike! They must! Cowards if they don't!

General Manager Calvin and Superintendent Small say they are ready and are increasing the police force, building stockades, preparing bunk houses about the shops, yards, etc.

I believe these preparations are in vain. The slaves are going to have one great union of workers. Then their power will be tremendous! Greater than the company, yes, greater than the government. Then we could operate the railroads and all industry for our own enjoyment.

It remains to be seen whether this progressive move shall be flagged and headed into a blind siding by the high salaried officials of the railroad unions.

Or to keep on the main line toward Industrial Unionism, under the banner of the I. W. W.

R. L. B.

"Hitch your wagon to a star," says the sky-pilot. Its all right, but how is a fellow to do that when his nose is hitched to a grindstone? RED.

ENGLAND IS TIED UP

TRANS-ATLANTIC LINERS TIED UP IN ENGLAND—THOUSANDS OF TONS OF MERCHANDISE ROTTING ON THE WHARVES—TROOPS USED BY THE THOUSAND—RAILROAD MEN WILL STRIKE ALSO.

The greatest strike of modern times is on in England. The old conservative English worker, who was supposed to be a mere crawling piece of machinery and fettered with contracts with the boss, has awakened in all his might and has completely paralyzed the shipping industry of England. Troops by the thousands are doing the bidding of the master class and are shooting down the strikers. Policemen are kicked about by the strikers in a way that will teach the ordinary scissorbill "bull" of what a small thing he is when once a united working class stands shoulder to shoulder. Tom Mann, one of the leaders of the strike who only recently tendered his resignation as a member of the socialist party of England and which appeared in the "Industrial Worker," has consented to allow milk and bread to be taken into London to feed the babies. This will be attended to by union men. The strike is general in the shipping industry and will spread to the land transportation industry if the demands of the dockers and others are not conceded immediately. The following is clipped from the Associated Press dispatches:

MANCHESTER, Eng., Aug. 15.—The strike in the transport service is entering serious consequences. The supply of provisions is running low and the retail traders' association has appealed to the home secretary for immediate protection by the military in the movement of goods to avert a famine.

Nearly all the cotton mills in Oldham have exhausted their supplies and will be compelled to shut down unless they are quickly renewed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Local officers of the trans-Atlantic steamship companies and forwarding agents have been advised to cut down the receipts of consignments to the barest limits on account of labor disturbances in England. For this reason the Campania, sailing tomorrow, and the Cedric, which leaves Thursday, will have light loads. No new orders are to be taken here except at the shipper's risk. The chances are that goods will be brought back to this port.

Forwarding agents and exporters have informed their correspondents at Buffalo and other main points that consignments should be detained if possible, but in the majority of cases shippers decided that it was too late to stop carriage and took chances of having their shipments returned or hoped that the strike would be over by the time they reached the other side.

General Railroad Strike.

That intervention by the government with a view to ameliorating conditions has not come a moment too soon is to be seen in the fact that the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants tonight, DESPITE THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO with the railway companies in 1907, decided to call a general railway strike, throughout the country and gave the companies 24 HOURS in which to decide whether they were willing to meet the men and negotiate their grievances.

This is the reply of the men to the decision reached by the railway managers Monday night to refuse all concessions to their employees.

The situation has become so serious that already there is talk of parliament prolonging its session in order to pass special legislation dealing with industrial problems.

In Manchester the situation is acute and martial law may be declared. It is estimated that 25,000 carters and railway men are out there tonight. The city is practically cut off from outside railway communication.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The representatives of the railway men's unions declared the strike would take place at the expiration of their ultimatum tomorrow.

Soldiers Ordered Out.

At Aldershot the military authorities are taking every precaution to insure the working of the railways if a strike is called. Every soldier

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BIG RAILWAY STRIKE IN ENGLAND IS OVER. MEN WIN BIG VICTORY IN TWO DAYS

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It is the master class in England who are INDIGNANT now. They are the ones who are protesting against the workers stopping work.

One hundred thousand soldiers are being used in England to help break the railway strike. Who said a soldier was not a scab? This applies to America also.

The English shipping association is beginning to change its tune. The word LOCKOUT does not sound nearly so pleasant to their ears now that the slaves have locked them out. Let the suckers beg some more.

The big strike in England is being handled by INDUSTRIALISTS. A little more education and industrial organization and there will be a few kings, princes and parasites looking for a shovel to earn their living with. Why not?

A RAISE OF PAY.

The wages of the President and General Secretary of the Typographical Union have been raised from \$2400.00 per year to \$3500.00 at the annual convention which has just adjourned at San Francisco. A wage of \$10.00 per day ought to blind any labor leader to the necessity of united and concerted economic action on the part of all toilers.

PRAYING NOW.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called on all sky-pilots in England to pray for the settlement of the strike. Every man to his own trade. Go to it, old cock, but don't altogether depend on prayer. Poor fellow!

HEAD OFFICE IS BUSY.

Never in the history of the I. W. W. in America has the headquarters been so busy as it has been for the last couple of months. The secretary writes that he will have to increase the office force if work keeps up as it has lately. The work has not been so much in the way of greater finances as it has in the way of answering important communications in regards to the organization, etc. It shows a growing tendency on the part of the workers everywhere to get organized and to understand what they are going to do before starting in. The convention which will convene on the 18th of September should be well attended and every local should endeavor to be represented. Many fraternal delegates will be present, with the object of studying the I. W. W. at close range, having a further object, which is to become a part of the great Industrial movement. The I. W. W. is now established in many countries and it is beginning now to look as if our hopes would be realized and that the ONE UNION OF THE WORKERS WOULD BE AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. As America is the home of capitalism, the I. W. W. should lead in America. This country is rotten ripe for the real thing and everything now points to success. Make the convention in September a howling success and make such plans that will redound to the best interest of every slave in the world. All roads now lead to success. Keep on the road.

POOR SUCKERS!

Quebec, July 22.—An eight-foot group of statuary, with all the figures carved from solid gold, will be erected within the next year or two in the famous Church of St. Anne de Beaupre, near Quebec. The group with its pedestal of Carrara marble is to cost \$300,000, all of which will be collected by the French Canadian colony in New York City. The figures included in the statuary are St. Anne, the Infant Christ and the Virgin Mary. The group will be taken to Rome to be blessed by the Pope, and later will be exhibited in various churches throughout the United States and Canada.

If \$300,000 were expended on literature that would pull the scum from the eyes of the poor deluded French Canadian, it would be money well spent. This is the so-called twentieth century civilization we hear so much about, but in reality we are living in a very barbarous age. The Figi Islander has more sense than to spend the product of his toil for gold images to worship, and there is no doubt but what he would laugh with glee at any suggestion in the way of sending this hulk of gold to a pope to have it blessed. Some attempt ought to be made by the I. W. W. in New York to approach these savages in a way that will not result in the missionary of Industrial Freedom losing his life. In a country where children are dying of

starvation and where hoboes and tramps are thicker than fleas on a dog's back, it certainly makes a fellow scratch his head and wonder if brain has anything to do in the make-up of the knob that sets on the shoulders of these French Canadians. The ones who sent the image of Christ to Rome to be blessed.

HOBOS TO SEE TAFT.

J. Eads Howe, the "millionaire hobo," is making arrangements for a national convention of unemployed in Washington City in September. This "millionaire hobo" will ask Taft for the use of the senate chambers and will then draft some legislative dope for the capitalist government to pass in the interest of the unemployed. Among the demands (get the demands) will be a law giving eight hours to all workers, free transportation to all workers, national employment bureaus and a minimum wage scale.

It looks as if it was about time the ordinary casual worker was getting next to himself and would quit being made a scape goat of, for the satisfaction of some faddist who wishes to pose as a benefactor to the down and out. The casual worker is in the sad plight in which he finds himself because the boss has had the economic POWER to displace his labor with automatic and labor-saving machinery. To expect the boss to legislate against himself by giving back to the workers that which he so gleefully took away from them by the use of the machine, would be as inconsistent as to expect the earth to stand still and the sun to revolve around it. Of course, the like of Howe will be patted on the back by the goody-goody politician and all kinds of promises will be made, etc., but when the worker expects to really get anything from the boss he will have to organize together into ONE BIG UNION and be prepared to TAKE it. England is lousy with fakirs, politicians and their promises, but when it was up to the workers to get something in the way of shorter hours and more wages, etc., they were FORCED to FORCE the boss to come through. This they did a couple of weeks ago and it worked so well that they are at it again for some more. Howe is having some fad satisfied at the expense of the misery of the unemployed. The capitalist will give the bo free fares all right. Forget it!

'JUST AS GOOD.'

"I don't belong to any union, but I am just as good a union man as those who belong." This is a common statement and is one that is heard daily in the lumber camps, on the streets and in the work shops in general. The man who makes this statement is laboring under a false impression and the sooner he is induced to see the folly of his remark the better for himself and the workers in general.

The worker who pays his dues into the I. W. W., attends the meetings whenever possible and helps to transact the business of the organization, make such arrangements in the distribution of literature among the workers where it will be the most effective, is an organized worker. This worker knows how strong his local is, knows what is doing, knows what arrangements are being made to fight for better conditions and is a unit in making up his organization. Without him the union would be one unit weaker and without the workers who are enrolled and organized there would be no union. How is it possible for the unorganized worker, no matter how radical he may be, to maintain that he is as good a union man as the man who attends to the business of his organization? Before such an unorganized worker can act, he will have to wait for those who are organized to act and lead the strike or whatever efforts are being made for the betterment of all. He is allowing some one to do something that he himself should assist in doing, which is to formulate the plans, etc. To say that an unorganized worker is as good a union man as the man who attends to the affairs of his union, is to say that disorganization (no union) is as good as organization. Where men and women are banded together to protect their interests together, as well as make plans to fight together, it certainly must mean something better than disorganization where every man is against his fellow worker and not having any concerted plan of action. Organization means system. We must have system and the present conditions in society demand that we have a system whereby we can act in unionism, where we can fight together. Where the workers are organized industrially under the banner of one organization, it means that we are building up a great FORCE or POWER that will, as soon as enough POWER is generated, overthrow the present unjust system. Show you are a good union man by getting into the fighting organization and helping to carry on the work of education and organization among the ranks of those who are not organized. When you do this you are doing your duty and when you quit the union you are in the same position as the man who cut his nose off to spite his face. You are then your own enemy. If things are not right in the union, try and attend the meetings and help to make them right. It's a sure thing your master will not try to right any wrong in the union.

THE GALLEY SHIP.

That the army and navy have been badly "winged" with the anti-military stickers and agitation of late, is evidenced by the fact that the navy officers are using letters to try and induce young fellows to join the navy, by telling of what a picnic and pleasure it will be to visit the different parts of the world, etc. That the army and navy are kept up wholly for the purpose of protecting the ill-gotten gains of the rich is never told to the victim that is some time expected to face shot and shell under the disguise of FIGHTING FOR HIS COUNTRY.

With all the argument we have on hand against the degrading environment of military life, we are not afraid of the results, but when young men are sentenced to the navy as punishment for some petty offense, as occurred a few days ago in Chicago, then it takes us back to the galley slave in "Les Miserables" and makes us wonder what a cursed system will really do to keep its hold on the necks of the workers. The roads are now being built by convicts so that the tax bill will be lighter for the boss, so when the navy and army is also composed of convict slaves there may yet be pin-headed fool wage slaves enough to sing "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

S. P. COMPANY PREPARING

SOUTHERN PACIFIC BUILDING BARRICADES—MEN CAN TIE UP EVERY WHEEL.

Sacramento, Aug. 11.—A crew of carpenters are today completing a 10-foot board fence surrounding the Southern Pacific shops in this city. On top of the boards are heavy posts, from which four strands of barbed wire have been strung. Gates are being made at only the principal places of entrance and exit to the shops and all strangers are forbidden to pass through.

Division Superintendent Sheridan is out of the city today, but other officials in charge when asked for a statement regarding the fence merely replied that they followed instructions from headquarters.

To Carry Demands.

A committee, consisting of Jones of Los Angeles, Moller and Mitzer of Sacramento, and Crance and Sturmer of San Francisco, representing the federated railroad employes, will leave shortly for Chicago to confer with General Manager Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific and present their demands for shorter hours and an increase in pay by the hour, which will give the men about the same wage for the shorter day. It is likely that they will be referred to President Lovett in New York.

Can Tie Up Road.

Men high in the ranks of the federated employes today stated that no formal notice of strike has been served upon the S. P. In case they are turned down by Lovett, they admit a general walkout is likely. They declare that 95 per cent of the workers are in the federation and that in case of a strike the S. P. cannot turn a wheel. They regard the activity of the Southern Pacific in erecting barricades about their shops is a bluff to dissuade the workmen from striking in case their demands are not met.

In event a strike is called it will not be for about a month, or until the committee has gone with its demands to the highest source.—San Francisco News.

MIGHT IS RIGHT.

Might was right when Christ was hanged
Beside the Jordan's foam;
Might was right when Gracchus bled,
Upon the stones of Rome;
And might was right when Danton fell,
When Emmet passed away—
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

Might was right when Spartacus
Went down in seas of blood,
And when the commune perished
In the self-same crimson flood;
And might was right at Cripple Creek,
At Tampa, Homestead—yea!
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

Might was right when Parsons died,
When Ferrer followed him,
When Cole's young life was beaten out
In Spokane's dungeons grim;
And might was right when Pettibone
Went staggering down death's way—
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

Might is right when Morgan builds
A hell 'round every hearth;
Might is right when Kirby starves
His peons off the earth;
And might was right when Deitz became
Wolfe Weyerhaeuser's prey—
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

Might is right when children die
By thousands in the mills;
When jeweled hands reach down and take
The gold their blood distills;
And might is right when maidens give
Their love-dreams up for pay—
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

Might was, it is, it e'er will be,
The one and only right;
And so, O hosts of toil, awaken!
O workingmen, unite!
Unit! Unit! For might is right,
'Tis freedom's only way—
'Tis the logic of the Ancient World,
And the gospel of today.

COVINGTON HALL.

POOR HUNTING IN NELSON

I. W. W. IN NELSON PUTS EX-SPOKANE "BULL" TO FLIGHT—HUNTING FOR MOOSE, BUT GAME IS SCARCE—MEETS HIS WATERLOO.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 14, 1911. You can raise our bundle order up to seventy-five. We had in our midst an ex-policeman from Spokane, by the name of W. G. Boldman, who was warden in Fort Wright during the free speech fight. He is now organizing for the Moose, and of course is a good fellow, and no doubt would have left town with quite a stake if he had not went around bragging about how he manhandled the I. W. W. during the fight in Spokane. For

a week he spent money pretty freely, took in the I. W. W. picnic at Luna park, rented an office and was prepared to do a land office business, got thirty dollars worth of advertisements out, and as fast as he stuck them up they were torn down. He put one in every business window in town. Fellow Worker J. W. Johnstone went to every store and got them to take them out with two exceptions; one of the two was a socialist who did not see anything wrong in a policeman clubbing a working man and "thought the I. W. W. was no damned good anyway." Well to make a long story short, after staying three weeks in town and spending in the neighborhood of \$200.00 he came to the conclusion that Moose were scarce in Nelson and pulled his freight for pastures new. On August 11 local 525 held a dance in aid of Fellow Worker Phil Wade, who is now in Spokane under the care of two specialists. It was a success in every way. Receipts, \$120.00; expenses, \$50.00; surplus, \$70.00; collection taken up among members and friends, \$79.00; total \$149.00. This amount will be forwarded to him by this mail.

J. W. JOHNSTONE,
Secretary 525, I. W. W.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION CONFERENCE

Ferrer Center, 6 St. Marks Place, Aug. 9, 1911, New York City. At the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Mexican Revolution Conference this week at the Ferrer Center two night letters were read from Ricardo Flores Magon, who has once more secured bail and is out at work on "Regeneracion" in Los Angeles. The first message alleged that the El Paso authorities had turned over to the Mexican federal troops J. M. Rangel, P. and R. Silva, and others, and calling for prompt action. The second telegram corrected the report; it reads as follows: "Later advices prove El Paso authorities were blameless. Rangel and others being caught on Mexican soil and there being no breach of neutrality. We were misled by special dispatch and much regret mistakes."

There were also read communications from the Junta at Los Angeles, acknowledging remittances of over \$250, part coming from Spain and Cuba, part collected here and all forwarded through New York.

Appeals have been sent out to subscribers of "Mother Earth," asking for funds to carry on "Regeneracion," of which twenty-one thousand copies are issued weekly. The Los Angeles paper, instead of having to call on the New York "Cultura Proletaria," Havana "Tierra," or Barcelona "Tierra y Libertad," has recently increased its size from four to six pages, publishing in addition a four-page Italian Supplement. An English page is edited by William C. Owen.

A committee will be sent to the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders' Union of the Atlantic Gulf, who meet Sunday, 13th, 3 p. m., at 400 West street. It is expected that Emma Goldman will address the meeting. Treasurer Morris Brown took up a collection of \$4.10 and will report later on money handled.

MILO HARVEY WOOLMAN,
Secretary.

With the Men in Jail

JUST RELEASED FROM JAIL IN LOS ANGELES—JAIL IS FULL OF AGITATORS—KANGAROO COURT RUNS ALONG EASILY.

After having enjoyed the hospitality of the county bastille for the space of 75 days, I thought it was opportune time to write to the "Worker" and tell of conditions while a prisoner. The jail is kept clean, but the grub is fierce. The second cook in the jail is a crook and robs the stomachs of the prisoners with the hope that he will get off with a light sentence. There are scabs galore in the jail as well as some good class conscious fighters. I have met the McNamaras, Magon, Lafflin, Reed, Bender, Connors, Maple and Mosby. They are a great bunch of fighters. The Bender, Connor, Maple case was postponed until December 11, which means just a little more board graft for the sheriff. They are held in \$25,000.00 bonds. Kangaroo courts run full blast to bleed poor prisoners out of their money by a bunch of yeggs. I was kangarooed one night for not attending sky pilot's services. Two nights afterward they tried it again on me, but I grabbed a club I had in my cell and broke up the court. There was no more kangaroo business on tank No. 6. Chain gang prisoners are taken out every morning to Azusa, 25 miles away from the city and kept in camps until ready to be released. Feeble minded prisoners are held up as jeer and frolic pests. They are told to run away, then shot at and told to come back. I have lost 15 pounds while boarding with the county, but the harder they slam it to me the better I like it; for it will imbibe the spirit of revolt deeper than ever in me. I will be back in Newhall as soon as I recuperate at the beach towns for a few days. I will take a bunch of the boys along and hold some meetings and call on the scissorbills to fight. I am ready any time.

PETER CASTERENA,
Local No. 12.

I. W. W. CONVENTION.

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