

STRONG FOR PRISONERS

fallen in line with the steel barons who that characterized the Lawrence strike of the whole revolutionary movement prominent daily and was made common cause with have been held in Italian colony of any state... have been collared... in jail. Boston, Lawrence, Quincy, Mass., have each; Farrell, Penn., \$150... be Minnesota Iron Range... committee of New York... to September 7th, 1916... New York City, Phila... protest-meetings are to acquire the workers... struggle of the Minnesota... America's financial... the deep significance of his fight; they know that... innesota miners would be... arrogance and prestige... monster known as the... Corporation, and a great... revolutionary industrial... wing this, they will give... soul to the struggle... in this country... has already had... telegrams from Prof. Ar... Arturo Caroti, Social... Italian House of Deputie... Iron Range Strikers De... of New York City pledge... be Italian revolutionar... the case of Car... brought to the attentio... f Foreign Affairs. The... press will awaken the... portance of this epistol... and, we are sure, that... the Atlantic will be... bringing pressure to bea... most good... tion tends very logical... of a general strike... by A. Faggi, Editor o... an organizer of wide... Switzerland and France... behind the prison bars... before the tribunal of... pit and has gashed the... he knows so well to... le of them in the See... impatient, have all... All across the Ameri... militant minorities of... ring their comrades for... The general strike... (or not) is the very... thing class in action; it... it; it is greater than... proper; it is an inspir... in itself. The genera... necessity and a duty; al... separate for it; this is... the magnifying. If the Unio... tion has firmly resolve... an ignominious defeat... our fellow workers be... ten of our comrades be... the Republican Bastille, the... ters of this country must... strike the heaviest blow... of capitalist priv... -G. Cannata.

THE I. W. W. NEVER FORGETS!

Industrial Worker

"AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL"

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BOTTLE IN PLACE OF CONSTITUTION

Meaning of Everett Fight to I. W. W. and Working Class Pressing Need of Aid and Funds.

The American constitution has been replaced in the city of Everett by a bottle—rather many bottles—of bootlegged whiskey. The sheriff is supposed to keep liquor out of Everett, but he has recently used only one method of decreasing the amount of whiskey consumed by the citizens—drinking it himself.

All the workers held in jail there for various reasons have been released as the inspiration of the bottle told the sheriff it was foolish to use the courts, while injurious could be more efficiently administered by a sot aided by vigilantes and the Commercial Club, the members of which are directly interested in the throttling all organization, as the majority of them are deeply interested in the employment of the workers in the lumber industry.

During the past week over fifty workers have been taken to the jail and beaten up, instead of being given a trial, and then deported to the county jail. The other members of the I. W. W. have been beaten up by the officers, on suspicion that they belonged to the I. W. W. Many of them have been recruited into the organization by this type of justice by the officers.

Over \$100,000 worth of property has recently come up in smoke, and to discredit the I. W. W. rumors are being spread that the I. W. W. is to blame for these fires, despite the fact that no evidence has been adduced outside of the putrid brains of the gummy dogs, who by their bootlegging of the act of the masters of Everett have forgotten all their oaths to defend the law.

Lumberjacks, working out of Everett, have decided they had decided to not go into that town again as they have been beaten up by vigilantes for being members of the I. W. W. Despite the fact that many of them are not, and never have been members. However, even the unorganized are being beaten up by Everett has a large number of respectable citizens who do not even think of molesting. Only the I. W. W. members—and only some of them—know who these very respectable visitors are—and they are not telling.

The members of the I. W. W. who are concentrated in North Yakima, after the farmers in that locality have been educated, will come to Everett on their way to Seattle.

The Everett fight is now a fight for free speech, as the I. W. W. has decided that some day soon the sheriff may sober up and let the I. W. W. out of that town, and as a personal favor to him, talk on the streets. The fight there is between the Lumber Trust and the I. W. W. and goes down to the very foundation of the class struggle.

The vigilantes are but the tools of the bosses in this fight, which will end only with the victory of the workers, or the destruction of the I. W. W. on the Pacific Coast. The Commercial Club of Everett are openly backed by the employers of the entire Pacific Coast. They have realized the present tendency to industrial organization and the I. W. W. among the workers; and they realize that they must destroy the I. W. W. or be destroyed.

Fellow Worker—Edith Fennette, arrested for picketing to riot on a trumped up charge, has been released on bail of \$1,000 and she must be defended.

THIS WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE FUND. FUNDS ARE ALSO URGENTLY NEEDED TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT ALONG OTHER LINES.

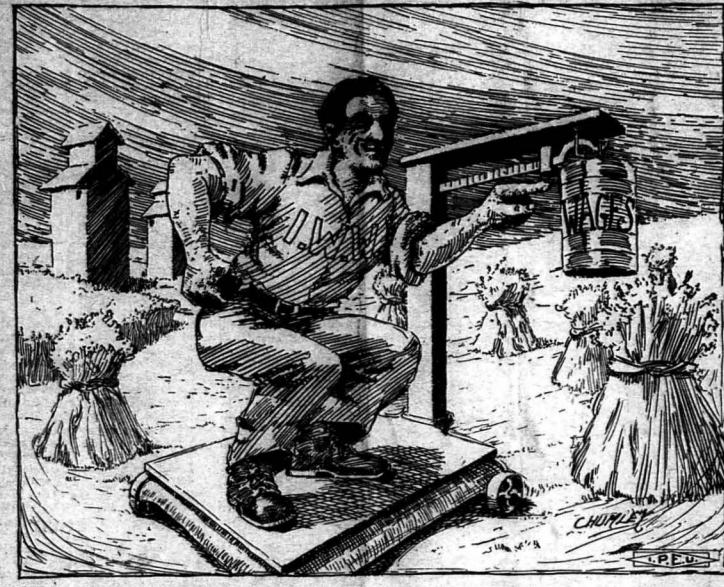
Members who are coming to the coast will see the climate of Everett. They want citizenship, and the I. W. W. should be able to defend them with at least 1,500 citizens with respect for law and order than the sheriff and vigilantes, who absolutely refuse to use the courts. Men and funds are needed urgently. The joint locals of Seattle have already spent over fifty dollars beyond all funds collected from various sources. They are thru the Industrial Worker issuing a call for aid in carrying every part of the burden of this fight, which is that of every member of the I. W. W. and the American working class.

Not the right of free speech, but the right to organize, or even exist in any city in America is at stake in this fight.

Workers of America, respond if you do not exist in every city of America an outcry of women with the club in the hands of brutal things as the only court law.

The advocates of the Open Shop have concentrated all their forces at Everett for the destruction of the I. W. W.

The membership of the I. W. W. must, and will, awake to the menace of the Everett



GOLLY, HOW FAST I'M GROWING!

FIGHTING I. W. W. WITH COURTS

NEW ROCKFORD, N. D., Sept. 19th.—Last Sunday, six of the members of the I. W. W., including the writer, went down to the Great Northern Yards to take a train West. Two thugs employed by the Great Northern Railroad held us up and decided, among other things, that they were going to go through our pockets. We would not allow them to do this, however, as every time a worker is gone through by a railway dick he is poorer and the officer richer. They ordered us off the right of way, and we went to the county road and walked West to beyond the stock yards, where we tried to make a train. Five of the fellow workers succeeded in boarding the train, but as I had my migratory worker "home" on my back, I could not make the train. The other five then got off and we moved back into town.

On the way back we met by the Chief of New Rockford and a gang of cut throats, who escorted us to the city jail.

The next morning we were brought before "honorable" and sentenced to ten days at hard labor. The same afternoon the sheriff and his deputies came into the tank where Fellow Workers Harrington, Champion, and the writer were confined and attempted to take us out to work. We naturally refused, and the sheriff and things proceeded to beat us up. Fellow Worker Harrington was shot through the leg and the writer was beaten until he was unconscious.

Up to the present time Harrington has been given no medical aid and the bullet is still in his ankle.

Stanley Brown, the stationary delegate here, was arrested this morning for sending a telegram to the A. W. O., saying that Fellow Workers Dan Foley, Walter Gabehry, John Mash, John Champion, W. J. Harrington and A. R. Sinclair were in jail. He was arrested three times yesterday, but each time released without a trial, as the Justice (?) of the Peace would take no action.

Through slugging, tramping on the rights of the workers, refusing to obey all laws, Dakota law and order operates. There is only one thing they can understand, greater and more ruthless power than their own.

—Archie R. Sinclair.

Jobitis Fatal.

A broken heart because he was put on a pension list after sixty-four years of service for the city of Chicago, was, according to the capitalist press, the cause for the death of John Agnew. He is reported to have died saying: "What a blessing it is to work." Just a fatal case of jobitis!

The conditions of the existence of the organization, act quickly and decisively, and defeat the inhuman tactics of the Commercial Clubs and Employers' Association.

It is not the bosses of Everett but the bosses of the Pacific Coast who fight.

We must—AND WILL—win. Immediate action is imperative.

LINDSAY AND STATHMORE DITCH

FRESNO, Cal.—Early in October, a large irrigation ditch, known as the Lindsay and Stathmore Ditch, will be under construction. Work on this will be hurried, as this work must be completed by April 1st, 1917. This ditch will employ 500 workers. As this ditch will run along the foothills for a long distance, a large number of hard rock men will be needed. In the valley the work will be done by ditch-digging machines, which will displace a large number of men. These machines have the advantage, from a boss viewpoint, of speeding up the workers. The ditch will be lined with cement and this will give employment, also, to a great number of workers. The total length of the main ditch will be 14 miles, beside which there will be a large number of laterals running to the various ranches, as from this ditch will be irrigated a territory of 16,000 acres. The cost will be over a million-and-a-half dollars.

Kendrick Brothers have the contract, wages will be as low as the workers will stand for, or as high as they will fight and organize for. Some reports say that they will start with a wage of \$250 a day of ten or more hours.

Board will be the same old camp style, costing 75 cents a day.

Lindsay is also one of the Orange Centers of the state and in the month of November, the navel oranges will be picked and packed, and a few thousand slaves will be needed to work in the orchards, during this period.

This ditch and the adjacent territory would be a good field for members of the I. W. W. this season. A number of organizers should be on the job, working for the education and organization of the workers in this territory.

—Jas. Elliott.

WORKERS ARE DISCONTENTED.

SANTA MARIA, Cal.—This city offers a good field for a number of members of the I. W. W. I went out on a bean thresher for Winey and Earl. The crew was half migratory workers and the rest home-guards. The first night we got work at 8 o'clock p. m.; the second night it was 9:30; and the third, it was 11 p. m. before we quit.

We had by this time discovered that, if we did not put on the brakes, we would be working all night, so we decided that we would go home at 9 o'clock p. m. the fourth night. It was the only one with a watch; and I gave the signal with a lantern and we marched to the cook house.

Nothing was said that night, but in the morning the boss singled out a bunch of us and told us we would have to work the hours he set, or see the timekeeper. Twelve pitchers, three teamsters and a spikey walked to town.

If a few members were to come up through this territory and get on the job, good results could be achieved as the workers are generally discontented.

—C. F. Bentley.

MONTANA HARVEST JOB NEWS.

GILFORD, Mont.—Minot is beginning to feel the result of the boycott of its merchants, by the members of the I. W. W., and is sympathetic of the I. W. W. and disgusted with the bunch of police vamps in that city. Members are not now being molested.

When I passed through Berthold a few days ago, the harvest was about completed there. The bunch of slaves there, this year, were largely of the sucker variety. The wages were as the result low, as the farmers were paying as low as \$250 and the average wage was \$300. The potato crop in that locality is fair; and the spud picking will start about Oct. 1st. The wages paid last year was 4 to 5 cents a bushel. The harvest is over West to Williston. There is some harvesting between Williston and Glasgow. The workers in this district are mostly homefheaders and the wages are \$300, with the workers putting in long hours. At Glasgow there is considerable work in town at wages ranging from 30 to 35 cents an hour. There is also a government job five miles out of town, where men are being hired.

At Hinesville, Mont., thirty miles West of Glasgow there is a lot of ditch work being done at 35 to 37 1/2 cents an hour.

At Havre there is a lot of gas pipe being laid at 30 cents an hour. We of Havre there is a good harvest country, right on the main line. At Gilford the crop is running 20 to 30 bushel to the acre and there is a great demand for workers. The wages are \$325. A few members of the A. W. O. are on the job and more are needed.

From Havre the members are going to Great Falls and then into the Judith Basin. There are fifty to seventy-five leaving here for there, every day. There is 20 to 30 days threshing in this territory, and members of the A. W. O. have already been able to get wages of \$350 a day. —Wm. Cunningham.

FORTY-SIX I. W. W.'S TAKE JAIL.

(From Seattle Star.)

NORTH YAKIMA, Sept. 26th.—Forty-six I. W. W. agitators are in possession of the jail here today, holding at bay a cordon of officers, a big crowd of citizens and the fire department, which has repeatedly turned the hose on them in vain.

The outbreak started at 8 a. m. Prisoners tipped bars from windows, tore up floors, wrenched iron cots to pieces and began battering the wooden walls. In a short time the building was practically wrecked. It is being systematically demolished.

Yells of defiance greeted a stream of water from a fire engine. Unable to enter the prison, deputies formed a ring around it to prevent the inmates from dashing for liberty.

An effort may be made later to rush the jail and subdue the I. W. W. mob.

ITALIAN WORKERS ASK RELEASE I. W. W.

International Solidarity of Labor Heard Amid "Thunders of Great War," Demanding Release of I. W. W. Organizers.

From the midst of the "Thunders of the Great War," the voice of the workers of Italy can be clearly and definitely heard for the release of the I. W. W. prisoners of war in Northern Minnesota.

After having been informed by the Italian Members of the New York, Minnesota Strikers' Defense Committee of the heroic fight that the iron-ore miners of the Mesaba Range have conducted against the Steel Trust, the Executive Committee of the Italian Socialist Party of America, with headquarters in Chicago, to apply all its energies to the end that American public opinion should not remain insensible and indifferent before the danger that threatens Carlo Tresca and comrades.

"The Executive Committee of the Party, as soon as it was informed of the tragic juridical situation that threatens our Comrade Carlo Tresca, decided to start an energetic agitation in defense of the life and liberty of this strenuous and audacious defender of the proletarian cause.

"Comrade Caroti, who is acquainted with the environment of the class struggle in America, has presented an interrogation on the case to the foreign minister and has informed Comrade Di Gregoritis in New York of the steps that are being taken. We have invited the Italian Federation of the Italian Socialist Party of America, with headquarters in Chicago, to apply all its energies to the end that American public opinion should not remain insensible and indifferent before the danger that threatens Carlo Tresca and comrades.

"Whoever knows how judicial institutions function in America and especially in a state like Minnesota, today, must feel keenly the peril to which an agitator, like Tresca is exposed—the electric chair or life in jail is the penalty for the absurd crime of which he is accused.

"We are glad to feel that the Italian Confederation of Labor can help efficiently in bringing before the Italian working-class the importance and necessity of an agitation for the life and liberty of our comrade. We call upon the sections and the various organs of the party and its political and administrative representatives to lift their voice of protest against the thunders of the "Great War." (Censor)

"That it may not cease to signify to the working class the social status in which it lives and will live while this regime of exploitation of labor and capitalist accumulation lasts.

"We appeal to the great sentiment of proletarian and national solidarity, so that the case of Carlo Tresca and comrades be defended and sanctioned "with all the enthusiasm and character of the identical episode of the Etor-Giovanitti-Carusio Case in 1912, and we are certain that the party will do now as then, its full duty.

For the Executive Committee,
CONSTANTINO LAZZARI,
Rome, Aug. 28th, 1916. Secretary.

EXPENSIVE FOR TAXPAYERS.

BRainerd, Minn.—The government has started paying the bills for the strike on the Iron Range. Bills for \$4,3737 have been presented as the result of the strike on the Cuyuna Range, where only a few workers were on strike. The bills for that amount were presented to the County Commissioners here for payment.

The bills for the big strike on the Mesaba Range will keep the tax payers digging for years, as in addition to paying for the Steel Trust gunmen they will have to pay the enormous sums for the trial of the workers at Duluth, as the Steel Trust wish to graze these men with the various counties paying the bills.

BRITISH RAILWAY STRIKE PROBABLE.

LONDON, England.—The Railway Workers of England will go out on strike, if their demand for a raise of 10 shillings a week are not met. This will mean the crippling of the entire transportation industry of England. The workers say that as the result of the raise in the price of food on account of the war, it is absolutely necessary that their wages should be raised. The conditions are receiving the gravest consideration from the government, as these workers have the economic power to paralyze the industries of England.

An ambassador is a man who goes abroad to lie for his country. A journalist is one who remains at home to pursue the same vocation.

HARVEST TACTICS.

HARRISON, N. D.—I have seen and taken...

What things happen here may be interesting...

I will merely give two examples...

When we went out on a three-hour...

The separator had an accident after he...

On another outfit, a bunch of I. W. W.

Some of us are working now on the country...

At our wages of \$3.50 a day all through...

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WAR.

By FLORR E. KIRKPATRICK. A sword is a three-foot razor with which...

War is its own festival in which the working...

Patriotism is perfect and glorious in proportion...

Patriotism is a brainless, blinding fever...

Capitalism, strutting and staggering under...

For half a hundred centuries this hate-laden...

Light breaks—now. This is the sun-flooded...

And as the wage-slave understands war, he...

Capitalists want wars. Politicians declare wars, and...

But the great war is the class war, the class...

This wonderful paternal institution, which...

The inhuman abuse of livestock or negligence...

Wondering at the change of heart that...

The Courts used in this case—as always—...

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THE YELLOW MENACE.

By MAX SHEROVER. Have you seen the latest, silliest and...

It is a blood-curdling scenario in several...

As I sat through this thrilling portrayal...

I saw the red Yellow Menace which is not...

The Yellow Menace is the Yellow Press.

The Yellow Press has already succeeded in...

This is the Yellow Menace that the workers...

Slaves are free. And, therefore, this...

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A JOKE! IT'S ON THE BOSSES!

(From St. Paul Dispatch). After a tough old battle, Minneapolis...

World, who will meet in the Mill City next...

Asked today if there was any chance that...

Nye Dodges Welcome. Mayor Walker, of Minneapolis has...

Practise Bomb Dodging. Many Minneapolis residents are...

Many Minneapolis residents are planning...

JOE HILL MEMORIAL EDITION. The response to the appeal for articles...

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PREAMBLE I. W. W.

The working class and the employing class...

Between these two classes a struggle must...

We find that the centering of the manage-

These conditions can be changed and the...

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair...

Must be a straight opponent of the union...

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MULES AND MEN.

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WITNESSES WANTED.

KENMARE, N. D.—All members who were...

present when for defending himself from two...

hijacks, Fellow Worker Doyle was arrested...

should be in Minn next month. They owe it...

to Fellow Worker Doyle and the organization...

to be present as witnesses at the trial. I...

would especially like to hear from James...

Dunn, Ed. Hainke and Mike Quinlan.

The officers here do not want any witnesses.

They want to railroad the fellow worker...

and are with this end in view, preparing to...

me out of town.

Before the trial the bond for Fellow Worker...

Doyle was placed at \$200. When we got that...

raised, they raised the bond to \$500 and...

after the trial to \$1,000. Even his lawyer told...

Doyle that they were trying every method to...

railroad him. —Peter Roselina, Kenmare, N. D.

W. W. NOT ADMITTED IN CANADA. J. J. Ratti, Stationary Delegate for the...

A. W. O., at Devils Lake, sends the "In-

dustrial Worker" an order for deportation...

issued by the Immigration Officers for the...

ORGANIZE

By JOHN E. NORDQUIST. Air: "Bring Back My Bonnie to Me."

The bosses who throttle the nation...

And the tyrants fast over the sea...

Have joined in a compact so mighty...

That means slavery to you and to me.

CHORUS. Organize, organize, Organize, organize, Come, Join One Big Union today.

You workers who gather the harvests...

Have tasted of tyranny's lash, Unite and you'll live like the bosses—

In comfort, and always have cash.

You men who go down in the darkness...

And mine for the meat and fuel, Awake to your rights and your duties...

And you won't be the boss' damphool.

Workers in mills and in factories, You toilers both skilled and unskilled,

Unite in the Industrial Union, And your longings shall all be fulfilled.

Ye builders of homes for the mighty...

Are hungry and ragged and chilled; Go capture the tools that you work with...

And a home for yourself you can build.

You downtrodden domestic workers, Come join in the battle today;

Break the news to master or misus— That things must be run as you say.

Ye slaves who are working for wages, Let your humble tasks be what they may;

There's a chance to escape your long bondage...

For your comrades are calling today.

Down with the power of the bosses, The workers have suffered too long;

But the dawn of their day is now breaking...

For they're joining the Big Union strong.

Frank Cox, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio,

last heard of in Oakland, Cal., communicate...

with your mother at 3025 Superior Avenue,

Cleveland, Ohio.

DON'T LET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE!

Every subscriber will find a number...

opposite the name on the mailing wrapper...

or tag. Watch that number. It designates...

the last issue of the "Industrial Worker"...

you will get if you do not renew. This is issue No. 25.

Los Angeles, when using a good street speaker...

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WOMEN ON ROAD TO VICTORY

There were five columns of advertisements in the "Female Help Wanted" division of the Denver Post, Sept. 17, most of which were for domestic workers. According to the report at the business office of the Post this is the greatest number that has ever appeared since that newspaper went into business.

This is a direct result of the crippling of the employment offices of Denver by the Domestic Workers' Union, I. W. W., Local No. 113. The housegirls started out to raise wages, shorten hours, and better conditions by direct action on their individual jobs, which usually resulted in their getting fired. It then became necessary to follow up their good work by other rebel girls. In order, so to do this they had to shut down on the employment agency, which would have acted as a blacklisting medium.

The girls beat them to it. They started their own blacklist. They have a record of some 5,000 or 6,000 jobs, giving out to any girl in town, information on any job that is ever advertised. They have operated their own employment office for the last six months and they have taken the girls away from the other employment offices. They have forced the employers to advertise in the papers, thus enabling union girls to get on jobs without being known.

Employment Sharks Done Away With. The employment sharks in this city have asked for a reduction of their license fee. They have adopted drastic but suicidal methods of getting money from the domestic slaves. They have tried to force girls to take jobs by refusing their money back if they don't accept the job sent out to them.

And the ladies on the hill are as frantic as the employment sharks. The other day one of them, who has three children, said that she had been eating at a hotel for the past three weeks, being unable to get a girl, and that if conditions continued as they are now, that she would simply close up her house and move in to the hotel.

An Effective Blacklist.

They have also begun to fear the girls' "blacklist." Wealthy old slave-driving women who for years have been overworking and outraging girls, and firing them without notice, now condescend to call up the girls' union and ask to have the record of their place changed. We tell them that the girls on the job are the only ones who can make or unmake our records. She knows after that, that anything that happens in her household is likely to be published in black and white to every domestic girl in her kitchen.

At present, the Denver Post is being benefited by our union. However, before long we will have another blacklisting day in the history of their publication. There are a number of days when they have less ads than ever before. We have forced the employers away from the employment agents into the paper, and we will force them out of the paper into this office.

404 Charles Bldg., Denver, Colo.

GUNMEN ABUSING WOMEN.

(Duluth Herald). ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 15th.—Leonora Austin Hamlin of the Women's Welfare League of St. Paul, who studied strike conditions on the Mesaba, Vermilion and Cuyuna Iron Ranges in Minnesota, and made a report on strike conditions to the league, today elaborated on the situation as she found it, relative to the participation of women.

She told of harrowing incidents of brutality, down she declared, to the stupidity of the deputies.

Mrs. Hamlin visited in the hospital one young Finnish woman, whose back had been severely injured when she was dragged over railroad ties, and tumbled into a ditch while on picket duty. She then visited an Austrian woman who was very ill, after having been arrested in the kitchen of her own home and thrown into jail. She also visited the house near Biwabik in which a deputy was killed, after a gun battle, and another man killed, and as a result of which a Montegreña woman, with a baby in her arms, was now in jail charged with murder.

"This was the result of stupidity and haste in drawing guns by the new deputies," Mrs. Hamlin said.

Talk Little or No English. "The people in the house were immigrants from South Europe, speaking little or no English," Mrs. Hamlin continued. "I saw O'Hara come, said the woman when the deputies entered and demanded that they surrender a man charged that they unlawfully assemblage. O'Hara is a Biwabik police officer that the foreign element of the district respect and obey. But so, they were created officers of the law, clothed in a little brief authority, will not wait. They pulled their guns and began to shoot. The women struggled with one of the deputies and tried to take his gun from him. The husband and the four boys who struggled with the deputies to beat them off. A deputy was shot dead. A man at the gate was shot dead.

"My feeling is that most of the gunting on the part of officers of the law is unnecessary."

As for the women on the picket lines, they have not played the baby act," Mrs. Hamlin said. She pronounces them good soldiers. They do picket duty because they are likely to be less roughly handled than the men because they cannot be blacklisted and because they want to help their men. They are thoroughly gone, these women, Mrs. Hamlin says.

EDUCATIVE DISCUSSION ON RAILWAY SITUATION

A little analysis on the railroad situation at this time is very appropriate. All the Capitalist press of the country are harping on the eight-hour law, that has just been passed by Congress, and its effect upon business in general—that is if the law ever becomes effective.

One railroad company which covers over 11,000 miles of main track and one of the richest agricultural and mining districts of the country, does not accept the temporary settlement brought around by Congress, until its constitutionality shall have been upheld by the United States Supreme Court, and no doubt it will be joined by other carriers of the country, or the combined railroad systems; and it is not improbable that the eight hour law will be declared void.

More Than One "Donkey"

It is a sore and disgusting to read and hear the Railroad Brotherhoods harping upon what a great administrator the democratic "Donkey" is, and to see the Railroad Brotherhoods actually going out of their way in their efforts to re-elect the "Donkey" back into the political pasture.

We industrialists would like to know where is all this industrial power of railroad workers is, if they have to rely on some political administration to give them the eight-hour day. The fact of the matter is no political party can give the workers anything, and it is to be regretted that the Railroad Brotherhoods do not see their real power; and it was the threatened railroad strike that forced Congress to act as quickly as it did. And even at that, that the passing of the eight-hour law may be only a stay-over until the first of January next. In the meantime the Interstate Commerce Commission has been established to take care of all railroad matters and report back to Congress.

One of Main Reasons.

It is just beginning to leak out now why Congress wanted to settle the strike as quickly as it did, and a great sigh of relief went up in Washington when they were able to say it over for an indefinite period.

I. W. W. HALL CLOSED BY OFFICERS

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash.—We had a hall opened here for four hours and the officers closed it by putting a number of the workers under arrest. William Wilson was fined \$40 and costs for organizing, and other workers were fined \$20 and costs. The judge, who imposed the sentences to show his disregard for the law, said that he had 100 citizens who were willing to drive all I. W. W. members out of town.

During the trial they put the handcuffs on Fellow Worker Wilson in the court room, fearing he would beat up the judge.

Already some members have begun to come up here and the officers will learn that it is bad to monkey with the I. W. W.

The farmers are paying \$250 a day, with the workers boarding themselves. The City fathers say this is enough for any working man, and the workers would be satisfied to work for that, if it was not for the I. W. W. The hops are rotting here, but the farmers will not pay over \$1.00 a box.

Members of the I. W. W. can get lots of work here, and even the officers cannot keep them from getting it. There are a number of farmers here and the farmers will tell the officers to let up on our men.

—Wesley S. Brown.

ORGANIZATION IN APPLE ORCHARDS

WENATCHEE, Wash.—Apple picking will be general here by October 1st. There are some men here, but there will not be enough for the work, when it opens up. The unorganized men are inclined towards the I. W. W., and this field will be great for organization. There are a few delegates here, so that no worker will have to wait to join the organization. The Agricultural Workers' Organization is to have a stationary delegate here, and we are going to put Wenatchee on the I. W. W. map. All men coming here, should take out credentials and workers coming from the harvest will find here a great field for I. W. W. organization.

It is up to each member to get on the job and strike there, instead of waiting for a raise of wages before going out, as the workers are far more effective in wage raising on the job than they are when in the jungles on a hunger strike. We should let the unorganized men go hungry instead of our own members. Using the method of going on the job, it is far easier to handle the unorganized men. It is to their interests to stick with us, and functioning on the job we can make them stick with us, or get off the job.

The conditions here make this season a fine opportunity for the members to do good work for the One Big Union and the more members concentrate here, the better will be the results we can achieve.

—Alex Sholdra.

A. W. O. CONVENTION, OCT. 30TH.

According to a wire received by the "Industrial Worker" from Walter T. Nef, the Agricultural Workers' Organization will hold their business meeting in Minneapolis, on October 30th. The wire said that the vote was over two to one in favor of this date.

The "Open Shop" which the bosses advocate means closed shop against the worker's organization and a shop open to the members of the bosses' unions.

From a bulletin of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, we get the following:

"The work of building and repairing battleships and other naval craft must, of course, be done in ships located at the coast, but practically all of the material used both for construction and repair comes from the interior, much of it from points hundreds of miles from the coast. For instance, armor plate comes from Bethlehem, Pa. and steel in many shapes for many uses, from Pittsburgh.

"It is vitally important that this material shall be moved regularly and continuously from the points where it is made to the plants where it is used, and this movement has been entirely by rail. Just as soon, therefore, as it was seen that a general strike on the railroads of the country was actually impending, an investigation was started to see if there was any route available for its movement by water. For instance, if work was to be continued on the battleship New Mexico it would be necessary to move 2,500 tons of steel from the mills at Pittsburgh to the navy yard at Brooklyn. Could it be done at all?"

Would Affect Preparedness.

According to this Bulletin, besides the New Mexico there were under construction five other battleships, ten destroyers, four auxiliary and six submarines. Work on all of these would have to stop, if a strike would last two weeks. Congress had also just appropriated nearly \$315,000,000 to build something like 60 more vessels for the navy; not one of these could have been started. Also, when the strike of a strike broke across the coast, it would be necessary to stop the supply of coal on the coast. By using everything within easy reach a navy would be secured for about two weeks more. But if a strike should last a month, every day that it lasted except a few that use oil for fuel, would mean a day that the navy would be as helpless as "a painted ship upon a painted ocean."

I wonder if the "Brotherhoods" ever studied the present administration from this

standpoint; evidently the government was to be hit as hard as the railroad companies.

It was more to their interest to settle the strike than even the railroads, in fact the railroads were willing to take a chance whether the general strike would be pulled off or not, but of course the government knew if they passed the eight-hour law, that it would not necessarily become effective right away; it would temporarily check the strike; and in the meantime the railroads of the country would try its validity before the Supreme Court of the United States, and they could scientifically declare it unconstitutional. Anyway the I. W. W. knows what generally happens when labor throws itself at the mercy of any government.

An Interesting Fact.

The net railroad earnings for the past year amounted to the stupendous sum of \$1,176,800,000. It is \$305,000,000 more than the roads earned the year before. It was 26 per cent increase in net earnings for the year, that would be exactly the increase of wages that the railroad workers would get if they won the eight-hour day as the point at issue in the eight-hour day controversy is the time-and-one-half overtime for all freight-train employees.

Of course the railroads don't want to come through with the \$305,000,000 surplus that the strike made in the past year over the year before; they couldn't afford it, of course not. The government could not think of seeing its navy lying in the harbors as harmless as play toys, so all future controversies between capital and labor are to be settled by the government itself.

Anyway, this general strike proposition has shown one thing that even the threatening of the withdrawal of labor power from modern industry throws society into a camp of terrorism, and puts greater confidence, and greater solidarity into the ranks of the modern proletariat, for its final emancipation from wage slavery.

—Harry C. Lloyd.

HARVEST GLEANINGS.

By Buck Rake Slim. Spud picking will start around Fargo, soon, with the farmers paying 4 cents a bushel and the crop fair. The I. W. W. will be on the job, see the farmers, and raise him once or twice.

There is still considerable shock threatening in Minnesota between Crodston and Barnesville. This also has to do with the wheat, with the wages at \$2.50 to \$3.00. John Farmer is an exacting master in this territory, as the workers are submissive slaves.

All the members of the Agricultural Workers' Organization are talking of the coming convention at Minneapolis.—talk.

The potato crop of Southern Minnesota is supposed to be an account of a series of heavy rain in that territory.

Threshing is about finished between Minot and Devils Lake with the average wage paid, \$3.50 to \$4.00, for ten hours and lunch in the morning and afternoon. Organization gets results! Where is the worker who used to say "It can't be done"? Most of him is now in the A. W. O., telling how easy it was done.

Members of the I. W. W. are talking of getting out of the old enemies out of Duluth and Bemidji this winter. Last year the boss in the lumber industry were yelling about the "damned I. W. W.s." This year it will be worse than that.

A Great Northern brakeman said union men should unload, when they were told to do so.

The members of the I. W. W. said "Solidarity" and "Come on Four hundred"—and rode.

JEWISH I. W. W. LITERATURE.

The committee in charge of the publication of the Industrial Union of the Jewish one I. W. W. paper decided at their last meeting to get out a Joe Hill Edition in November. Following this edition, this paper, which has previously been published only every three months will become a monthly, and later probably a weekly.

We are having "What the I. W. W. is" a brochure by Fellow Worker Philip Kurinsky, printed for general distribution among Jewish workers. We have also translated Vincent S. John's "The I. W. W. Its History, Structure and Methods." Fellow workers, help us by boosting our paper and pamphlets among the Jewish workers, and by increasing the bundle orders.

—Press Committee.

HOW LONG?

Willie Wills.—"What's the use of joining the I. W. W.?" John Smart.—"There is no use as long as the I. W. W. will continue to raise rates and make conditions better, and then get us reap the benefits."

No human laws are of any validity if contrary to the laws of nature, and such of them as are valid derive all their force and all their authority mediately or immediately from this original.

—Sir William Blackstone.

APPEAL FOR ACTION ON APPLE COUNTRY

We demand not less than \$3.00 a bushel for fruit pickers in the Yakima and Wenatchee Valleys.

This year offers a splendid chance for us to obtain a little more for that than we have had in the past, and the boss has to buy more labor power.

Everywhere wages have gone up and down, have come down. We workers who have had the fruit, in the much advertised Yakima and Wenatchee Valleys, are seeking to get a little more for the work we do.

Past Mistreatment.

In the past, around Yakima and Wenatchee the fruit growers have not hesitated to take advantage of your un-organized condition, and the hard times to force us to work for starvation wages, as witness the years 1909 and 1908, when men were working for the lowly, small wage of 90 cents a day and being and living conditions were beastlike, making it a living hell. Like wild animals, playing in straw-sticks, and in the most degrading conditions they forced us to reduce our wages when men were plentiful. These jobs were scarce. Shall we forget these things? Now when times are a little better, when we are most plentiful, and men are more or less scarce, as compared with previous years, the Fruit-Growers Association set us down for us, and still make us work for a miserable pittance? Not if red blood runs in your veins, you men, you will fight like lions, for a little of this prosperity, they have been fighting so much.

You will do as millions of other workers are doing. You will organize to demand better conditions, shorter hours, and more wages than we organize to demand these necessary things. You must organize. You are fighting for the right to live as human beings, and not like beasts of burden. We are struggling for a little more enjoyment in life, we are only endeavoring to create more happiness in this old world in which we live.

Fellow workers, you have a commanding position, they cannot pick the terms, instead of you, it would rot upon the trees, instead of for the hogs, did you workers not gather for the four-quarters of the land, to pick the terms. It is your ranchers' wealth, but it is nothing to your wealth. You are a man, against the fruit-growers and their union, you will be in a position to have something to say about what wages you shall work for. It is your union under which you will be organized, your officers shall be men who are fruit-growers; "unless you grant our demands your fruit will not, and can not be picked, which means no fruit sold, no profits for the boss."

When they realize your power, and know your strength, they will grant you your demands. Fruit is a perishable commodity, and if you strike when the fruit is ripe, they will have time to import scales to take your places. Do not let them do this. You must be independent, they cannot do without you, they need you.

They will fight against you fellows organizing, they will deny you the right to organize, they will take away from you all power if they can. You must organize. They have their organization, their officers, their halls, they must have the same. If it is right for the fruit-growers to organize, to keep down wages, set the conditions under which you work, why will they have the right to organize to get top prices for their fruit, they should also organize to say what wages you shall work and what the conditions shall be, you must also organize to get the top prices for the thing you have to sell, which is your labor-power, your hard-earned, throbbing self.

Now is the time to strike a blow for ourselves, here is the opportunity to do something that will benefit you materially. Line up with the One Big Union, join the fighting organization of the working-classes, the union that has better conditions in the harvest fields of Kansas and Dakota for the workers, it will help you also, to get better conditions.

We need you and you need us, but you need us more than we need you, when you join our organization, you simply add to the strength of one man, we give you in return the fighting strength of the greatest working-class union the world has ever seen.

Make up your mind to do it now, don't wait for George to do it, George is waiting for you to kick in.

See the nearest delegate for full information, will only cost \$2.00 for initiation fee, and \$1.00 per month for dues. Delegates everywhere are in the fight to get the workers to join in the One Big Union, should see the nearest delegate, or the Branch Secretary, at Denver, Brown St., Spokane. Remember, you pay, or Bathrobe. Do not forget the time to strike is when the fruit is ripe!

(By order of the Spokane Branch of the I. W. O. of the I. W. W.)

GREAT RESULTS AT BISBEE.

BISBEE, Ariz.—Last week we sent 400 of the striking miners and for the defense of the fellow workers in the Duluth jails for our activities in the fight against the bosses. This makes a total of 942 men who are in jail in this local, for this purpose. The Farmers' Socialist here have sent in \$300. This total of \$725 should go far to prove that the workers of this section of Arizona are working to the deeper significance of the class struggle.