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# CONFERENCE

## Hoodlums on Horseback Flee as 300 I. W. W. Cars Approach

### "OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY," IS MINE GUARDS SLOGAN AT IDEAL

### Conference Called at State House

Three Thousand Pickets Close Mine Where Fifty Armed Guards on Horseback Trampled Girl and Beat up Men and Women.

By BYRON KITTO  
WALSENBURG, Colo., Oct. 30.—The Northern delegation of I. W. W. miners from the Boulder lignite field of the north which swept through Fremont county, closing down mines that have heretofore been immune organization, arrived in Walsenburg at 1:15 p. m. Friday.  
The caravan of 112 automobiles carrying nearly 800 workers, was met at the city limits by the Walsenburg, Ludlow and Trinidad fellow workers. A mammoth procession followed through the streets of Walsenburg. The cars had large banners on each side.  
"Join the I. W. W. and be a man. An injury to one is an injury to all."  
"Miners of Colorado, do not seal on your fellow workers."  
These were some of the banners, of which there were many.

Walsenburg, Colo., November 1.—(By Special Wire)—Companies desperate, ready to sign up; conference being held at Denver at the State House. Picketing discontinued in order to allow delegates to work unhampered by any technicality. As a whole excellent situation with plenty more trump cards in the sleeves of striking I. W. W. who will carry on this fight until the right to organize is being recognized by the coal barons.  
Governor Adams requesting I. W. W. leaders to co-operate with the picket law, which was acceded to by Francisco on the ground that the law never had been violated and proof of it was the acquittal of 10 men against the conviction of two.

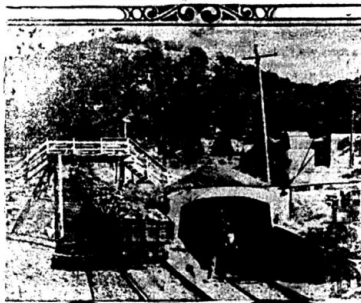
Violation of the law committed by the C. F. & I. in trying to evict forcibly striking miners without due process of the law; arrest by the sheriff of Byron Kitto on 5 trumped up charges in order to raise the bail of this Fellow Worker in an exorbitant way. Young girl, striking leader, Milka Sablich, arrested on the step of the Court house in complete disregard of constitutional guarantee; intimidation of all kinds by authorities failing to break the solidarity of the workers who have decided to fight this battle to the final victory.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Oct. 31.—At 9:30 a. m. headquarters at a delegation from governor Adams requested a conference with I. W. W. officials at the Klein Hotel. The delegation composed of Colonel Arthur K. Hart, Colonel P. P. Newton, Major R. F. Trinsed, Capt. Reister of the National Guard and George M. Taylor of the State Industrial Commission. A delegation from the I. W. W. composed of A. Hill, R. Francisco, J. R. Childs and E. Kitto left immediately to confer with the governor's representatives.

Speaking on behalf of the governor, the delegation issued an ultimatum that no picketing would be allowed hereafter.  
After considerable controversy over various technicalities it was agreed that the I. W. W. be given two hours to consider the matter. On arrival at the hall the committee met fellow workers Jacob, Orr and Harris who have been conducting meetings in Trinidad and Aguilar and immediately went into conference. After considerable discussion it was decided to request that thirty hours stay\* be granted until such time as the matter could be placed before the rank and file.  
At 11:30 p. m. the committee met the governor's representatives. United Press and Associated press were granted permission to attend. Roger Francisco speaking as chairman stated that the committee was not in power to make any final decision on the matter. "How much time do you need?" He interjected, "It would take me at least a day and a half to reach the Northern miners." At this juncture G. M. Taylor beckoned Colonel Hart outside into the hallway for a secret conference. Upon their return Colonel Hart stated that thirty hours stay was all right with them. The I. W. W. delegation stated that should the rank and file decide to continue picketing they would do so despite all ultimatums. The I. W. W. is not on a rank and file basis and there is no dictatorship.

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### Where Women Close Up Mines



Above, A Colorado mine "hell-hole," now deserted by all but one lonely watchman.  
Below, left, Mrs. Sera Salazar; right Mrs. Jennie Adams Kavich, who were jailed at Aguilar on charges of picketing. When released they attended a great meeting at Ludlow and after talking to the mammoth crowd they asked for volunteer pickets; every man, woman and child raised their hands.

## MASTERS GROWING DESPERATE IN COLORADO; ONE FIRES BRIDGE TO BLAME I. W. W., BUT GETS ARRESTED

By BYRON C. KITTO  
WALSENBURG, Colo., Oct. 30.—Arrived in Walsenburg Tuesday morning at 8:45 a. m. On arriving at the I. W. W. hall we found things humming. In all directions workers were emerging from their homes and making their way to the hall to answer the picket roll call. There were Russians, Slavs, Greeks, Mexicans, Finns and Americans, in fact all nationalities that one would expect to find in a mining settlement. Racial animosities do not enter into the minds of Colorado coal miners. In all activities such as relief committees, strike committees, picket squadrons and organization work, the various nationalities are all represented. "Workers of the world, you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain," is not a mere slogan with the I. W. W. coal miners. It is a reality.  
At 4 a. m. the pickets left in machines for the C. F. & I. mines, the Leader and the Ideal, which are the only ones operating in the Walsenburg district. These mines have only a few "flyers" scales maintaining. Operations in these mines are maintained merely for a bluff, carried on by the intimidation by gunmen. However, by the time this

## MINERS CLAMOR FOR MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN I. W. W.; CALL SENT OUT FOR ACTIVE WOBBS TO AID WORKERS

Strike Now Going on in Colorado Mine Fields is Unparalleled in History of State, in Spirit and Wide-Spread Solidarity; Meetings of 3,000 and 4,000 People are Common Occurrences; More Help Needed.

By BYRON C. KITTO

WALSENBURG, Colo.—We arrived in Frederick Friday morning about 9 a. m., and by following the crowd we found the I. W. W. headquarters in the town.  
There were about 150 workers parked in the entrance all trying to get into the office at once. We figured they must be after their mail or information about the strike.  
After pushing our way through, we discovered Embree at his desk writing out cards.  
"Picking in some members?" we inquired.  
"No, picking in members? Well, I'll say I have been writing out cards for the last three hours. Instead of us looking for workers and asking them to join, the workers are looking for us and asking to become members," he replied.  
"You bet. We want I. W. W.," remarked a big, stalwart mine worker.  
"Sure we do!" chirped in many other workers, representing various nationalities and tongues.

We interviewed many miners, especially the "old timers," who have been through countless struggles, most of them being fought here on the blood drenched hills of Colorado. They all stated that this strike staged by the I. W. W. is unparalleled in Colorado strike history.  
"I can never forget this," was a statement made by many.  
"Then came time to go to Erie, about 12 miles southwest, for a big mass meeting. The mass meetings in the northern district are all held outdoors, because there is no hall large enough to hold the miners, who come from miles around to hear the I. W. W. speakers. A meeting of between 3,000 and 4,000 is common in the northern districts.  
"We arrived at Erie about 2 P. M., and proceeded to the high school grounds which lay on the outskirts of the town. About 3,000 people were present. Not all of them were miners. One must remember that women have a place in this struggle, and whenever one attends an I. W. W. miners' meeting there will be found the wives and daughters of the coal diggers, because they know full well that the winning of this strike is as much their concern as it is their husbands' or father's.  
"There were eight speakers including Fellow Worker Embree, who acted as chairman. There were addresses given in Italian and Spanish. Fellow Worker Embree told about the Industrial Commission, which seems to be doing all in its power to break what they call an "illegal strike." The chairman of the commission, Mr. Amador, was supposed to attend the meeting and answer some questions. But for reasons he knows best, he did not come. Fellow Worker Mathias, of Lafayette spoke in Spanish. He told the Spanish workers that the I. W. W. is an organization that fights for the interests of all workers who are exploited by the master class.  
"That it is different from other labor organizations because it has no nationalistic bias, and that it does not make any difference to the workers whether they are exploited by American masters or foreign masters. That being the case, the workers of the world, which is good, means black, white, yellow, and those in between, should organize as a class to fight the one enemy, their capitalist masters. The other fellow workers, Nesto, Herrazon, Dragoff, Parkoff, Clemmons and Kitto, all handled their subjects like manna, showing the advantage to the Colorado coal miners of belonging to the I. W. W.  
"While the meeting was in progress, a committee from the Black Diamond mine arrived and stated that its operator wanted to sign up with the I. W. W. The miners, however, paid little attention to the report and notified the committee that if the operator was willing to grant the demands made by the I. W. W. for him to come around to the I. W. W. hall. The meeting lasted for three hours, after which Fellow Worker Embree, as usual, was busily engaged in writing out I. W. W. membership cards for his relatively few who have been unable in his past week to become members.  
"Fellow Workers, the I. W. W. coal strike in Colorado is unparalleled in the history (Cont. on page 3)

## WOMEN FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE DECENT AND MEN SPURN LIQUOR IN COLORADO WALK-OUT

"I'd like my baby to have some more little dresses to wear," said a mother with a tiny little daughter in overalls. She—and the tiny little daughter—were in jail, for picketing. She had been asked the question: "Just what are you fighting for?" by a newspaper reporter.  
"But overalls are cheaper," the mother went on, thoughtfully; "they wear so long." "I am tired of having nothing to eat but beans and bread," said another woman prisoner who wore a knitted stocking for a cap. "I'd like a piece of meat and some butter, once in a while."  
"I'd like chicken," declared another in broken English. "How I do like it!"  
A fourth woman, of the number imprisoned on a charge of picketing, said: "I already owe the groceryman more than \$200. Now I can't get cash, and if the strike lasts a long time I don't know what we'll do."  
A fifth one, in faltering English and bits of Spanish phrases, told of her 17-year-old daughter who went wrong to get sick hose and pretty dresses like other girls.  
The women told of things they wanted in their homes, and of the little commonplace comforts that a little more money could bring. Of the impossibility of getting them with their husbands' meager earnings.  
"But, we're going to keep fighting until we get a square deal," they all agreed. "That's what the women are fighting for in Colorado; a chance for their children to share in the good things of life enjoyed by other people's children, and an opportunity to provide their families with better nourishment than beans and bread, which for breakfast, dinner and supper, becomes exceedingly tiresome.  
Liquor Nodded by Its Absence  
Despite the fact that liquor is easily obtained in Walsenburg, Colorado, it is conspicuously absent from the walk-out. Only two or three men have been arrested for drunkenness since the strike was called. Authorities claim, of course, that this is their sobriety in the peaceful conduct of the strike, but there never was a strike that wasn't peaceful as long as the strikers were left alone in their rights. Whenever violence has occurred in any strike it has been started from some other source than the strikers themselves.  
Especially is peacefulness exhorted and encouraged in I. W. W. strikes. Strikers directed in Colorado warn the Wobblies to stay away from liquor, cautioning them that it will cause needless and useless trouble. Each morning, as the picketers gather at headquarters, a 10 o'clock before they are sent to picket operating mines, they are carefully searched by the strike directors for firearms.  
Strikers, with their wives and children, are assigned to an automobile in which (Continued on page 3)

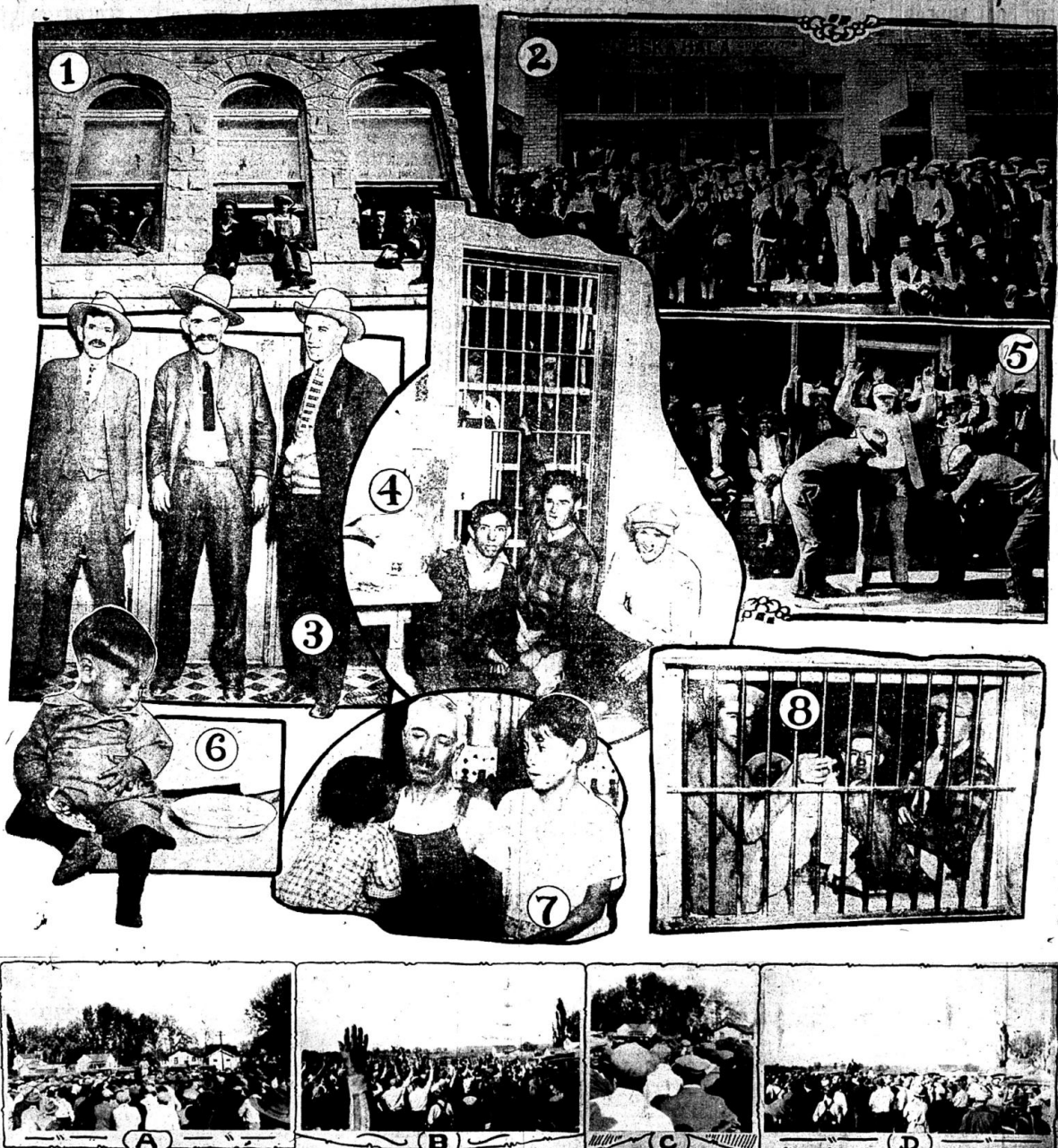
### Seattle Meetings

1514 Second Ave.  
Thursday, November 3, 8 p. m., Bert Walton will speak on the subject of "Fear and Capital Punishment."  
Saturday evening, November 5, regular weekly entertainment.  
Sunday, November 6, 8 p. m., J. P. Thompson will speak on "Strike Tactics."





# - Picture Story of the Colorado Miner's Strike -



1. A group of picketers arrested at the Ideal mine, looking out of windows in the court room where they were held because of lack of jail space.  
 2. Volunteer women and men pickets in front of the L. W. W. headquarters in Walsenburg, Colorado; the women joined the men in persuading additional miners to join the walk-out.  
 3. Left to right, Sheriff Harry Capps of Huerfano county, "Shorty" Martinez and Deputy Hart, Capps' two "assistants"; citizen "businessmen" clamored for a hundred or so extra deputies, county commissioners authorized Capps to name 10 additional deputies, Capps at last reports had said his force of three were sufficient to handle the peaceful Wobblies.  
 4. Pickets in jail, some of them gazing out through the bars.  
 5. Strike leaders and L. W. W. organizers searching I. W. W. pickets as they leave I. W. W. headquarters for the mines, to make sure none of them are armed and to insure there will be no violence on the part of the strikers.  
 6. A miner's baby, wondering if "daddy" will get an increase in wages so he may fill the empty plate.  
 7. A miner getting acquainted with his children; he has seldom had time to do so before.  
 8. More pickets, gazing out through the jail bars.  
 LOWER STRIP: Northern Colorado mass meetings.  
 A. Dragneff, a Bulgarian, talking to an enormous outdoor crowd.  
 B. Kitto, asking all the miners at the Erie mass meeting: "All those who will stick with the I. W. W. and fight to a finish, raise your hands;" you can see how the hands went up.  
 C. Herrajon, speaking in Spanish to a Northern Colorado crowd.  
 D. Clemmons, chairman of the Northern strike committee addressing one of the enormous crowds that run between 3,000 and 4,000 people.

### GOVERNOR FORBIDS

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with us; with that conference adjourned. The question will be put to all striking miners of Colorado. The committee immediately left for different points to place the matter before the membership. Kitto left for Ludlow. Jacobs for Aguilan, Bell for the north, Childs, Harris and Orr the matter before the membership. Kitto-district.

Kitto and Orr.

### Convention Postponed

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 24, 1917.

We, the undersigned ballot committee, have tabulated the general referendum ballot on the question "Are you in favor of postponing the general convention for one year?" and find the following result: In favor of postponing the convention, 356. Opposed to postponing the convention, 165.

Total votes cast \_\_\_\_\_  
 One ballot from the field was void.  
 John Edstrom, Card No. 128988  
 (Signed) Joe Cooper " " 249679  
 George Roeschlau " " 194430

### Just off the press!!!

Mr. Henry C. Peterson, the eminent composer of Seattle, has just written a new song on the class war. It is dedicated to the Centralia defendants now languishing behind the bars at Walla Walla prison. Proceeds from the sale of the "Centralia Horror" will be used to help provide relief for the families of the imprisoned men. It sells for ten cents per copy and is complete with words and music. Get your copy today from: Washington Branch of the General Defense Box 1878, SEATTLE, WASH. Branches! Order a bundle of them now. Get them out and let's make the "Centralia Horror" the song of the day.

### Speed Points Out a Falsehood

SAN FRANCISCO.—In the issue of the E. P. paper dated October 22nd, on the front page appears a two column article wherein my name is used as sponsor for a get-together conference; also there is an editorial dealing with the subject matter of the article. The whole thing is a tissue of lies made out of whole cloth, made for the purpose of discrediting me in the eyes of my fellow workers as to my position or to use my name for the purpose of playing upon those who do not know the facts. It is a cheap political trick in an effort to bring on discussion.

George Speed.

### Portland Meetings

84 Embarcadero, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2 p. m., W. H. Canfield will speak on "British Anti-Labor Law." Sunday, Nov. 18, D. C. Webb will speak on "The Historical Basis for Industrial Unionism." There will also be dances, songs, a one act play and a boxing match. Sunday, Nov. 20, John Fields will speak on "Pre and Post War Socialism." Sunday, Nov. 27, Lena Morrow Lewis will speak on "The Failure of the Profit Motive." Every Sunday at 2 p. m.; admission free; questions invited.

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