

EMPLOYED MOVEMENT

NYSSA BANK GOES BROKE AND TAKES WORKERS' HOARD

But Big Business Men Are Reported To Have Received Tip In Time To Withdraw Their Money Before Closing of Doors.

NYSSA, Ore., Feb. 14.—The only bank in the town of Nyssa closed its doors on Feb. 9th. Many of the workers on the Caydon Irrigation Project which is under construction near here, have been speeding up and breaking their backs to make a stake and these in many cases had from \$400 to \$800 in the delectable bank. Thus the expectation which these men had of becoming capitalists some day has been dashed and their money contributed to the concentration of wealth now going on everywhere.

Many farmers wandered the streets to-day like ghosts mourning the loss of their season's earnings and the beggary of their homes. Their heads hung and there were actual tears in the eyes of many. It is reported that the bank tipped off two of three business men who run the town and these withdrew their deposits Saturday before the doors were closed.

The state government is working men on the highways for \$2 a day for an eight-hour shift and putting in two days a week. The unorganized character of the workers makes it impossible for revival of industry to effect any betterment of conditions when it comes, for any jobs that appear are grabbed at half-wares, thus wiping out labor's chance to get any benefit from such work as exists.

A united front toward organization of both employed and unemployed is necessary to remedy this condition. The only way the workers can put a stop to this condition is by organization and refusing the hour of labor, thus absorbing the unemployed. Get in touch with a delegate or secretary of the I. W. W. and read the I. W. W. press for details of the new plan adopted by the organization for the alleviation of unemployment. Delegates are on all jobs and if you can't find one address the secretary, Industrial Workers of the World, 555 West Lake St., Chicago, Ill.—A. J. F.

Un-Christian Science



SEATTLE TAKES PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARD ORGANIZING THE JOBLESS

Workers Respond to the General Call of the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. For Constructive Action Toward Organizing the Unemployed For a General Drive For Shorter Working Day To Alleviate Unemployment and Create More Jobs.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—First steps toward organization of the unemployed for action in behalf of the national six-hour day were taken promptly by the Seattle Joint Branches. The meetings met with hearty response from the unemployed and all are eager for active prosecution of the plan. That the unemployed are ready for organization to prevent a general sliding in wages this spring is evident. If nothing is done the workers will return to work at wages so low and hours so long that no benefit to the unemployment situation will result from any improvement in industrial conditions this spring. The movement looks to control of the volume of labor power offering with a view toward increasing the number of jobs by reducing the hours on all work that may arise.

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—A general call by the Executive Board of the I. W. W. prompted constructive action by the Seattle Joint Branches, the election of an executive committee of five; and the stage was set toward launching a movement of both employed and unemployed to abolish bread lines, organize picket lines and agitate for the six hour day.

With no funds on hand for the purpose, and very little time, hand-bills were mimeographed and a street meeting held to advertise preliminary mass meeting which followed last Friday night. Despite these and other handicaps confronting the committee in charge, a surprisingly large crowd was on hand to listen when C. B. Ellis, editor of the Industrial Worker took the platform to briefly outline the purpose of the meeting. Even more surprising was the fact that, although the meeting was primarily intended as a feeder to the sentiment of workers, the latter crystallized so quickly among those present after the floor was thrown open for general discussion, that two motions were passed providing for the creation of a publicity distribution committee. This committee, after holding a meeting, reported back the next morning to cover the Ballard, Fremont, Phinney, Wallingford, Green Lake, N. Broadway, Rainier Valley, Georgetown, Youngstown, West Seattle, downtown, waterfront, sidewalk, Jap town, and the hill districts of the working class, efficiently and to advertise the mass conference which was held this afternoon at 2 p. m. in the W. W. hall.

This latter was followed with a talk, brief and to the point by the veteran labor organizer and speaker, James P. Thompson. He began attacking the problems confronting it in a determined and spirited manner. Several minor obstacles presented themselves as might be expected in the work of bringing to birth a new organization but these were eventually straightened out to the satisfaction of the majority. Committees were elected, rules adopted and the meeting adjourned to finish the work of organizing next Wednesday at 7 p. m. It is to be hoped that actual field work may be inaugurated shortly thereafter, and in a manner calculated to prove the spirit of the workers of Seattle, particularly of those now unemployed. Present indications are, that once the wheels of organization are properly adjusted, the movement will gather the power and momentum necessary to add to the efforts of workers everywhere to bring about the shorter work day and thereby the alleviation of an unbearable situation.

— Publicity Committee.

COLLECT BREAD FOR CHARITY BUT SELL FOR PROFIT

Local Charity Organization of Salt Lake City Solicits Bread From Bakeries To Feed Unemployed and Sell It For Cash To Buy More Donate Work To Increase Unemployment.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 14.—The Boy Scouts of Salt Lake City performed one of their usual good deeds the other day. They helped beautify the city by removing the unsightly looking advertising posters of election day fame. After performing this good turn and depriving us, the unemployed, of earning a few paltry dollars, they received the thanks of our wonderful mayor and city commissioners who are trying so hard to solve the unemployment problem.

From Salt Lake Telegram we learn that bread rates have been falling off lately. An investigation into the cause reveals that some of the local charity organizations have been soliciting bread from the larger bakeries. This bread, of course, is solicited to feed the starving women and children of Salt Lake City. But times are even hard for preachers of the Holy Word, and consequently the bread was sold by the charity groups. An estimate of the graft might be made when we consider the fact that some of this bread is sold for the purpose of course, bread is only a small item. The cash received was the real pay-day. The Telegram takes great pride in telling us that these organizations did not touch the community chest. We cannot doubt that a bit. The chest is far too big a graft to allow any investigations into its activities.

The unemployment problem seems to be getting the best of the "State Fathers." They are offering many hopeful solutions. Anything constructive has failed to appear from them so far. Some have considered an appropriation to help us out. Others are advocating the dole. But either way there will still be unemployed. The bosses seem to recognize the necessity of an unemployed army since they advocate a workday for the unemployed. There seems no need to mention the six-hour day. The politicians are all closed to such ideas. —X 18588.

"Applesauce" In Los Angeles

CITY SOLONS BECOME AS WITTY AS MARIE ANTOINETTE WHEN QUIZZED

City Councilmen Think That Starving Hordes In the Streets Are Legitimate Subject For Light Jestings and Duplicate Famous Queen's Joke About Breadless Workers, "Why Don't They Eat Cake?"

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 16.—Los Angeles has at least one "apple expansion." Some ten days ago that plan of saving the 150,000 local unemployed was instituted here.

Of course, everyone knows to which division of edibles apples belong. Hence, the plan is no different than those offered by the various politicians who are saving the workless workers.

It is reported that more than 12,000 applications were received for license the first day. All who received permits have dependent families. For a day or two the peddlers (overheatingly the majority, women) did much business. They are parked on all downtown corners excepting where there are cockroach fruit-stands.

It was obvious if business kept up that the name of this immaculate spot would be changed to "Law Apples." Alas, the novelty wore off and now the salesmen are on the verge of trading apples with each other.

Between the Bunk Socialist, the Communist demonstration, the midnight militia, and last, the well known apple solution, the unemployed are confused. But out of these bitter experiences some time they will see the futility of it all and take for themselves that which they produced.

Wise Cracks Far Excellence
When asked why the Shriners and their ilk were allowed to parade and the unemployed were refused a permit the city councilman, Ingram, replied, "The Shriners have such beautiful headgears and uniforms while the unemployed are ragged and look like a bunch of bums."
A brother councilman offered this gem for his reason for refusing the permit. "If times were good and men were not desperately hungry I would be in favor

VICTIMS OF RAID TO GO TO TRIAL UNDER C. S. LAW

Communists Arrested in Portland Hall Will Be the First To Be Tried Under the Law Since 1922.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb. 15.—The Oregon criminal syndicalism law will be invoked for the first time since 1922 when thirteen men are to be tried under the law. The thirteen are the communists arrested in the raid on their hall last September. No one has ever been convicted under the law which has become a dead letter on the statute books. The trial of two I. W. W. members at Tillamook, Oregon, on 1922 resulted in acquittal.

In the present instance the purpose is very evidently persecution of radicals and active unionists. None of the arrested are criminal characters and many of them were merely present in the reading room of the communist organization when the raid, instigated thru the use of a stool pigeon named Bacon, were made.

The criminal syndicalism law of Oregon is vicious in the extreme, providing for mere "affirmative" suggestion of the vague thing known as criminal syndicalism, which may mean anything from reading a radical paper to membership in or attendance at a meeting of radicals.

The recent activities of the Fish Commission and the provincial character of the present administration which has inaugurated a campaign against aliens are responsible for these persecutions. It is a singular commentary on the nature of these persecutions that they are principally directed toward union men and sympathizers. The double alien is not imported and it is apparent that the present administration is not so much interested

VETERANS PASS THRU PENDLETON ON WAY EASTWARD

Restaurants Furnish Meals In Pendleton and Box Cars Are Used For Lodgings as Wary and Fanatical Vets Continue Journey To Washington.

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 13.—One hundred world war veterans, out of work, who left Seattle recently in a second contingent of the movement to prevent their claims for payment of the bonus to Washington, passed thru Pendleton today. The original body leaving Seattle numbered over 200 men but about half have returned, those who chose the southern route and are going via California.

Local restaurants have the veterans their meals and box cars supplied lodgings. The Rotary Club, Elks, Go-Getters and other societies that cheered the soldiers in 1917, were not in evidence. There was no meeting displayed and no four-minute speakers spouting as the weary, penniless group huddled together in their continued march to demand their long-deferred wages.

One of the vets remarked as he handed his way to the box car lodgings, "We went over there to make the world safe for democracy and we sure brought the bird home with us. We thought it was an eagle-bird, screaming the tidings of freedom; but it turned out to be a bunsard."

20 PER CENT CUT IN WAITRESSES' WAGES RESISTED

Vancouver Cafes Attempt to Slash Wages of Women and Girls But Eight Out of Ten Give in When Union House Card Is Taken Away. Two Cafes Are Struck.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 14.—The waitresses of the Boston Cafe and Good Eats Cafe are out on strike against a cut of twenty per cent in their wages. The proposed cut, if enforced would mean a minimum wage of \$12 and a maximum of \$14 for six days. The workers are organized in the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 28, affiliated with the A. F. of L. The union scale here is:

Table Waitresses
8-hr. shift 12 hr. — \$15.00 for 6 days
8-hr. within 12 hr. — 15.50 for 6 days

Counter Waitresses
8-hr. straight shift — \$15.00 for 6 days
8-hr. within 12 hr. — 15.50 for 6 days

According to a report in the official organ of the Trades and Labor Council, the Labor Statesman, twelve cafe proprietors had joined in notifying the surrender of the proposed wage cut. The union committee retaliated by demanding the surrender of the union house card by the cafe proprietors who refused to pay \$1000 wages. Only two of the employers stood up with the non-union movement and surrendered their union house cards. These were the struck houses—the Boston and Good Eats cafes. The waitresses of these two places walked out at noon on February 22d.

On Feb. 11th, a letter appeared in the Vancouver Sun, evidently written by one of the open-shoppers who signed himself "Common Sense". The letter writes that
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