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FIGHT AGAINST IT GROWING STRONGER—I. W. W. INCREASES MEMBERSHIP DESPITE IT

By Defense News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Strength is continually being added to the fight to abolish the criminal syndicalism law of California. More distinguished citizens have joined the committee which is working for the repeal of this statute. And the San Francisco Morning Examiner, owned by William Randolph Hearst, has lined up with those who would protect the constitutional guarantee of free speech for every worker.

Eight I. W. W. members were convicted on March 23 at Sacramento under the syndicalism law. The jury remained out four hours. Those convicted were James Martin, Frank Kelley, J. H. Orlando, John Hifza, P. A. Mellman, R. A. Gibson, William Jozdoff and F. R. Franklin. Conviction was obtained through the conventional tactics of California prosecutors.

A. Draw, member of the Lumber Workers' Industrial Union, was convicted at Susanville on March 26, also on the syndicalism charge. The jury was out 30 minutes. No evidence of any overt act was offered against Draw, and he was obviously convicted because he was a member of the I. W. W., and because of his efforts to recruit other members.

Four industrialists are under arrest at Oroville on the same charge. Their prosecution is being pushed by men connected with the Hutchinson Lumber Company.

Legal Chaos

In Los Angeles one hand of the city administration has no notion of what its other hand does. An illuminating example is the case of Francis McClennigan, who was arrested the other day for selling I. W. W. newspapers on the streets. Vainly he protested to the police that he had already been acquitted of that charge by Judge Chambers, who had ruled that it was no violation of law to sell I. W. W. publications.

McClennigan was taken before Judge Crawford and charged with vagrancy under the Los Angeles city ordinance. Judge Crawford promptly ordered McClennigan released, ruling likewise that the selling of I. W. W. papers was entirely legal. Immediately on release McClennigan obtained a fresh stock of newspapers and resumed selling them.

Repeaters at Work

Headquarters has been established by the Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law at 229 Lick Building, San Francisco, and a force of volunteer workers is busy sending out literature throughout the state asking support for Assemblyman William Hornblower's bill, which calls for repeal of the syndicalism statute.

Irving Martin, member of the State Railroad Commission and editor of the Stockton Record, has joined the committee and lately issued an attack on the syndicalism law. His statement included this paragraph:

"The California syndicalism act perhaps served a useful purpose during the war, and the exigency at that time may have justified its enactment, but the urgency has passed and the act should now be wiped from the statute books."

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SOLID WOBBLY CREWS GETTING COMMON DESPITE C. S. LAW

Strike Pulled on Two Schooners Proves Persecution Is a Failure

(Special Correspondence.)
SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 23.—Solid Wobblly crews walked off this morning from two steam schooners, when they were asked to start working an hour earlier.

They demanded one dollar for this hour overtime and when they were refused they just would not play at all.

By the way solid wobbly crews are getting quite common around San Pedro Harbor.

Much faster than they can pinch us, we are getting quite some more. They are letting up somewhat for the time being on C. S. cases. I guess they are getting more on their hands than they bargained for. They again got the wrong man for port delegate and so dismissed him. The same man has been functioning nicely for quite a while now and is not hiding but like any real wobbly always carrying his card. Of course, he is not trying to hunt up the red squad and stop his own good work.

Street meetings have been held regularly and the papers are being sold openly and for a little while now without interference.

The fellow workers I have talked with report fourteen line-ups for the week so far.

We expect to have a large open air meeting tomorrow, which will be the fourth this week.

Fellow Worker Williams was arrested last Saturday, but released without trial today. Leaflets of an educational value and against the Criminal Syndicalism law are being distributed, sometimes as many as a thousand a day.

BACKING 'EM UP

San Francisco, Cal.—The California branch of the General Defense Committee wishes to acknowledge receipt of a money order for \$54.00 from the fellow workers at Redwood Camp, Smiths River, California.

A money order for \$40.00 was also received from the joint branches in Cleveland, Ohio.

On behalf of the fellow workers in the California jails we wish to thank the fellow workers whose efforts are making possible a program which we think will effect their release.

California Branch General Defense Committee, 226 Russ Bldg., San Francisco.

LOOKING FAR AHEAD



FORCING MILLIONS OF FARMERS OFF THE FARMS

WASHINGTON.—A scheme to discourage farming in the United States and reduce land produce to home requirements is charge against the special interests by the Farmers' National Council.

The council quotes from an important magazine article attacking the farm bloc in congress, which says that "Growing grain for export is the most wasteful industry we have. It is conducted and must be conducted in competition with Australia, Argentina and India. The sooner we stop it the better."

It is further stated by the council that "an increasing number of farmers, possibly a million and a half, will be forced off the farms within the next year." It attributes this anti-farmer propaganda in large part to those who would prevent the making of loans to foreign co-operative groups to buy grain from the American farmers.

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Joseph Rosneck, 23 years old, 2441 South Lawndale Avenue, despondent over his failure to find employment, tried three times last night to end his life, twice by poison and once by lying down on railroad tracks. He was taken to the county hospital.—Chicago Tribune.

"PRIVATE CAR GOVERNMENT" LATEST FORM OF GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK.—For three days the private car of Harry F. Sinclair, head of the Sinclair Oil Co., stood on a siding at Three Rivers, New Mexico. Three Rivers is the home of Albert B. Fall. Fall was then secretary of the interior.

There were conversations and conferences in that private car. Not long afterward the huge Teapot Dome oil field, which had been set aside as a reserve for the navy and merchant marine, was removed from the jurisdiction of the navy department to that of the interior department. In a short time thereafter the Teapot Dome field, one of the greatest oil reservoirs in the country, was leased to the Mammoth Oil Co., of which Sinclair is the head.

Those facts were disclosed here in an address by Senator Royal S. Copeland, in the course of which he coined the term "private car government," and declared there is too much of that sort of government in the United States.

The Teapot Dome reservoir is estimated to contain 30,000,000 barrels of oil. Sinclair, who controls the Mammoth Oil Co., owns over a million shares in the concern.

AUTO MECHANICS GET PARABLES IN- STEAD OF MORE PAY

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The National Automobile Dealers' Association held a meeting recently in the auditorium, attended by several hundred automobile mechanics, salesmen and dealers. The speaker told of the miserably low profits the dealers were making and stated that the automobile industry was now paying the taxes formerly paid by the liquor traffic. He stated that he knew that a large portion of the audience were salaried men. He spoke to them this parable: Some years ago a certain young man was working in a store for seven dollars per week. He desired to marry and approached the boss on the subject of a raise. The boss told him to go over the entire store and see in what way the sales could be raised from \$500 to \$1,000 per month. The young man reported that he could not see how this could possibly be done. Next he told him to devise ways and means by which \$500 or \$1,000 could be saved to the store per month. This he likewise reported as impossible. Then he was told to make himself so inconspicuous that no one would know that he was around, and every night to thank God that he had a job at \$7.00 per week."

When the meeting adjourned the mechanics and salesmen went home.

Climax of Low Wages and Long Hours Comes in Spontaneous Strike

(Special Correspondence)

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—Four hundred workers, one whole department, with the exception of three or four pets, have walked out of the Lehigh plant of Chas. Schwab's Bethlehem Steel Company's works here, in spontaneous revolt.

The first action they took was to send a committee to Philadelphia for Industrial Workers of the World organizers and delegates. The Marine Transport Workers' branch there, immediately sent Harvey Price and M. Shusky to the strike scene. Later, John Schaefer, a job delegate of the Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 440, I. W. W., arrived to help.

A hall was secured and opened up. Demands were formulated. The demands call for an increase in pay from 33 to 50 cents an hour and a decrease in hours from 11 hours per day and 13 hours per night to 10 hours per day. A committee was elected to present the same to the company. This they did. The company turned them down.

The committee consisted of Juan Yegor, H. Price, Tony Martin, Antonio Almeida, Joseph Bonzo and Julian Ortiz.

The spirit of the workers is splendid. They feel that they have nothing to lose. (And it will be hard for the steel company to get scabs at 33 cents per hour.) They are striving to extend the strike.

MORE MEN COMING OUT IN BETHLEHEM REVOLT

(Special Telegram)

BETHLEHEM, March 27.—More men are coming out every day. Sentiment very good. Most of men are Spaniards and Hungarians. More literature and organizers to handle the strike are needed. Sentiment for organization very good.

ORGANIZERS SENT TO BETHLEHEM

CHICAGO.—The General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World has instructed Fred Mann, eastern representative, to proceed to Bethlehem and render the strikers there all the aid possible in the successful conduct of their strike. Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 440, Industrial Workers of the World, have sent M. Radlock to Bethlehem to do all he can to organize the strike and bring it to a successful issue.

ALTOGETHER!

The I. W. W.'s sing their troubles away and singing, too, they fight the masters in their attempt to further enslave the working class. Saturday night, March 31, a California Defense Social will be held at the Metal Workers' Hall, 126 So. Halsted st., Chicago Ill. Singing? Yes; and dancing, too; and a select program besides. Genial fellowship and refreshments.

The proceeds are to go to the California District Defense to help fight the vicious, inhuman and anti-social law transplanted from the inquisitorial ages and countries into the state of California. Don't miss this chance to display your spirit of solidarity with OUR boys in the jails of that uncivilized state.

Come one, come all. Arranged by Textile I. U. No. 410, Chicago.

on the street cars and on foot, and the executives remained, later to ride home in their motors.

Sidney Weiss.

All Nationalities Employed

There are about 13,000 workers employed in The Bethlehem Steel Company's plant here. All nationalities are employed. There are about 3,000 Greeks, 500 Spaniards and a big proportion of Roumanians, Hungarians, Portuguese and other nationalities.

The sentiment of each of these for the I. W. W. is good.

Greeks Give Financial Aid

The strikers are chippers and practically all Spaniards. They have joined the I. W. W. more than the others. The Greeks are ready to take out cards, too. They have held several meetings at the headquarters, 738 E. 4th st., with 200-250 present; and have collected a strike fund of \$98 among those workers who have not yet joined.

Language Problem

Marine Transport Workers' delegate 386, Spiros Karaganis, has been speaking here in both English and Greek. This is very important as it helps in getting the national and language problem straightened out.

This is the one great difficulty here, as very few of the workers speak English. With organizers speaking the various languages, there is no doubt that the strike can be extended and made successful.

Nevertheless, quite a few workers are willing to take out delegate credentials and work among their own tongues.

Wonderful Spirit

The spirit among the workers is wonderful! A Spanish fellow worker took me to a boarding house in which about 15 fellow workers eat. It is run by a woman whose husband died grinding out profits for our \$1 a year patriot. This woman said "Boys: I have saved up \$500. It's yours, if you need it. You can have it!" Can you beat this for fighting spirit?

The strikers who have thus far joined the I. W. W. branch are mainly Spaniards. In fact, the revolt was started by a few Spanish workers.

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Agitate for a General Strike for the Release of All Political and Class-War Prisoners in the Penitentiaries of the United States. Other Countries Have Released Such Prisoners Long Ago.

CALIFORNIA, THE BEAUTIFUL AND DAMNED, OPENLY DISREGARDS ALL RIGHTS

ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF POWER, SHIPPING AND OTHER TRUSTS MAKES LAW A HOLLOW MOCKERY

There are just two places for a member of the I. W. W. in California, the beautiful and damned. No real or imaginary rebel should come to California or stay in California unless he expects to be in jail or out on the job working and functioning for the organization.

Not that we would quit, if they should declare our just and fair demands, our open and above board decent tactics or our sound economic teachings unlawful; we should keep on just the same; but we would not try to camouflage.

Every man that is in California or figures on coming here, wants to realize that we are confronting actual conditions as they are, not as they ought to be.

They have made MIGHT to be construed as RIGHT to as great a degree as has ever been known in the history of mankind.

Superfluous Junk The kind that likes to hang around the halls or the poolrooms or the street corners to tell the other fellow what to do, or too busy to tell us what they did in '16 or '17, criticizing the methods and the work of 1922 and '23 without doing anything themselves, is not needed here, as all they are good for is to take up valuable time and space.

Card Holders Not Wanted The man who carries his card in his shoe, who will chew up or tear up his credentials, who leaves his card, credentials and supplies in his suit case, who will deny membership, if it cannot be proved is certainly not wanted in California, as he is only a hindrance, a disgrace and a stumbling block in our fight here for the right to organize.

What the I. W. W. is Not The I. W. W. is not an underground organization. The I. W. W. has never been an underground organization.

OPPOSE ANYTHING BENEFICIAL TO LABOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—The oppose old age pensions; advertising imminent strikes when seeking employes; regulation of private employment agencies; limiting work on public jobs to 48 hours a week; lavatories for moving picture operators; repeal of the criminal syndicalism act; bills to improve conditions on the "hell ships" of the salmon packers; operation of Sheppard Tower maternity act; sweat shop regulation; eight-hour law for miners; and all bills strengthening the women's compensation act and the eight-hour day for women.

DULUTH FOODSTUFF WORKERS, ATTENTION!

The Duluth branch of Foodstuff Workers I. U. No. 460 will hold a mass meeting at I. U. No. 120 Hall, 8 North 6th Ave. West, Friday, April 6th. The meeting will start at 8:30 p. m. Admission is free.

REMEMBER APRIL 8

Eight hundred people will hear the Italian Workers' Grand Concert that will be given on the evening of April 8, in the McCormick Clubhouse, 2536 Blue Island Ave., on behalf of "Il Proletario," the Italian I. W. W. organ.

MILWAUKEE DETECTIVE AGENCIES EXPOSED

MILWAUKEE.—Two Milwaukee private detective agencies, the Pinkerton and Russell, must fight on their merits against the fire and police commission, which denied them licenses to operate in the city.

WORKERS IN SCHWAB'S STEEL HELLS REVOLT

(Continued from page 1.) former M. T. W. members. The most active among them has already been offered a foreman's job in the steel mill, which, of course, he has declined. There are Greek Socialists here who are very enthusiastic and willing to act as organizers among the Greeks.

THE I. W. W. DOES NOT NOW AND NEVER HAS ADVOCATED VIOLENCE

PRESENT GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD REAFFIRMS ATTITUDE OF PAST CONVENTIONS ON THAT SUBJECT AND SABOTAGE ALSO

To Whom It May Concern: The Twelfth General Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, while in session during May, 1920, reaffirmed the following resolution on the subject of "Violence," adopted at the time of the Chicago Trial, by the General Executive Board, the supreme executive body of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Whereas, The Industrial Workers of the World has heretofore, published without editorial adoption or comment, many works on industrial subjects, in which the workers have a natural interest, including treatises on "Sabotage" and

Jack Gillis, General Secretary-Treasurer, Harry C. Clark, Chairman, General Executive Board.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Jack Gillis, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the Industrial Solidarity, and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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310 MEMBERS, THIS MEANS YOU!

Thos. Smith, Stationary Delegate for I. U. No. 310, at Kingman, Ariz. is leaving there. This work is near completion and the camps about to close down. In future do not send any more mail to Box 225, Kingman, Ariz.

PHILADELPHIA M. T. W. HOLD SUCCESSFUL MASS MEETING

SAM SCARLETT, GILLIS AND HARVEY PRICE ADDRESS FINE CROWD ON FALLACY OF INDEPENDENT UNIONISM

(Special Correspondence) PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The weather was very fine in Philadelphia Sunday, March 25, when, at 8 p. m., the Marine Transport Workers held their mass meeting at the Lithuanian Hall, Maymensing ave. and Christian st. So was the crowd very fine; an intelligent crowd, about 300, was present.

Small Union Weak Sam Scarlett was the main speaker. He gave the longshoremen a splendid talk on the one organization of the working class. He outlined how foolish it was for some small independent union of the workers to try to fight the One Big Union of the Bosses.

Calling Bull's Bluff When Price came to the town of Bethlehem (this is one of Schwab's places), Mr. Bull asked him who he was, where he came from and what was his business.

CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM LAW USELESS

(Continued from page 1.) Whitney Case Recalled "It places unlimited power in the hands of officials who may be biased and prejudiced and use their authority in a manner cruel and oppressive. A forceful illustration of this, to my mind, was furnished in the prosecution and conviction of Miss Anita Whitney. In the hands of officials inclined to abuse official authority the personal liberty of no one would be safe."

Overseas Veterans Imprisoned "Under it there are thirty men in California prisons. Two of these are veterans of the Great War. All probably hold opinions critical of the established order. None of them, however, was convicted of acts; but only of being members of certain organizations generally considered respectable."