

Missoula Sheriff Wants More I. W. W. Men. Free Room and Board at "Clubbing" Rates.

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## LABOR EXCHANGE UNION NEWS ITEMS

General items of interest for union members, especially in this northwest, will be published in this column. I. W. W. men, and workers are asked to keep the Industrial Worker in the "state of the battle," for the benefit of all wage-workers.

**Missoula.**—A. J. Jones is agitating and organizing in the neighborhood of Seattle and in the country. More and more interest is shown by the workers of this section in the I. W. W. as is proved by the rapidly increasing membership, and the consistent opposition of the bosses. The bosses already know what I. W. W. means, and the workers are learning it.

**Wood River, Wash.**—The Wood River Book Co. of Seattle has cut the price of its books from 40 to 50 cents per volume. The I. W. W. held a meeting on the docks on October 3, and made a talk on the need of Industrial Workers. A man is showing the long list of things they must unite or get off the installment plan. Many I. W. W. men are coming to Seattle for Missoula to attend the services being held by the Union there.

**Seattle.**—Services are conducted in the county jail which have kindly been given by the sheriff for the purpose.

**Woodinville, Wash.**—The Lumber Co. at Grace, Wash., is an anti-fur house. The cooks are getting a raise so little to cook.

**Spokane.**—A man is expected to have a job at the Rotten grub. Linkey's camp. No cool. Keep away.

**Osco Logging Co.**—Wages \$2.25 per day and place to work; board is bum.

**Wash.**—Renton Pipe Line. This job is a pipe dream. Sleep in a tent; \$2.25 for 8 hours; slave driver boss. Keep away.

**I. W. W. men in Seattle** can generally make a few dollars a day; no poll tax, hospital or discount; hire out any time; lodging house in connection.

**Newport, Wash.**—Riviner Beach. Lodging Co.; \$2.25 to \$3.50 per day; rotten bunkhouse; employment shack job strictly I. W. W. men keep away.

**Joe Dunlop**, former secretary of No. 421, Kalispell, Wash., will be agent for the Industrial Worker from now on. He is authorized to solicit advertisements for the paper, get subscriptions, etc.

**Matthew Livesley** and **Frank Wagner** have had it handed to them by a scissor-bill named **George Draper** at Elberton, Wash. Grub is scarce and rank; hard job to get pay; 16 hours a day work. Remember the name and keep away from this stomach-robbing.

**C. E. G. Carter** is at Camp 5, Blackwell Lumber Co., Loundale, Idaho. He says the grub is fair and the camp clean. Company finds blankets; 11 1/2 hours a day; \$2.25 to \$3 per day. In general, a better place than the average to work. Pay any time.

**Idaho.**—The mills are running full-hand, but it is possible to get on. Wages \$2 and up, but not far up. Some building work is going on in town. Concrete work, but there is no union. Eight hours a day. There is considerable logging and timbering near Hayden lake. M. D. Wright is hiring loggers at the average wages. A camp delegate is badly needed in the Hayden Lake camps, and also at La's Bay, and the Blackwell camps.

**Salt Lake, Mont.**—Bates & Rogers have a contract changing a wooden trestle to a steel bridge; \$2.25 and up; average grub; lousy bunkhouse. A Robinson of No. 434 is there at present. Employment sharks are lying about the job and shipping suckers.

**H. C. Gerscht** is at Flaxton, N. Dak. He has been working on the section for \$1.75. The threshing is done in North Dakota, and she's a fierce layout for a working plug. The farmers are getting hostile—likewise, the bullies. Gerscht is going up into Canada, and sends regards to all the Spokane fellow workers.

**O. K. Stelston** of No. 421, Kalispell, is in Newburgh, N. Dak. The spirit of union has been in evidence this past season in Dakota. The boys would hire out work a few days, and then strike. \$4 per day was paid in several cases. The agricultural workers have only to walk up and organize, and winter and fall is a good time to lay plans for the next season. The following summer should see a live and powerful I. W. W. in the farming sections, to the great benefit of the ranchers.

**Fred C. Lewis**, secretary of No. 322, I. W. W., Vancouver, B. C., has lost a paid-up membership card for the years 1908 and 1909. He thinks it was stolen. Watch out for any man carrying this card, and pretending to be a member.

The General Secretary-Treasurer has received a letter from the Swedish strikers. The letter was not signed so no receipt has yet been sent. The sender is a reader of the Worker and should send his name promptly to Fellow Worker St. John, that credit may be given.

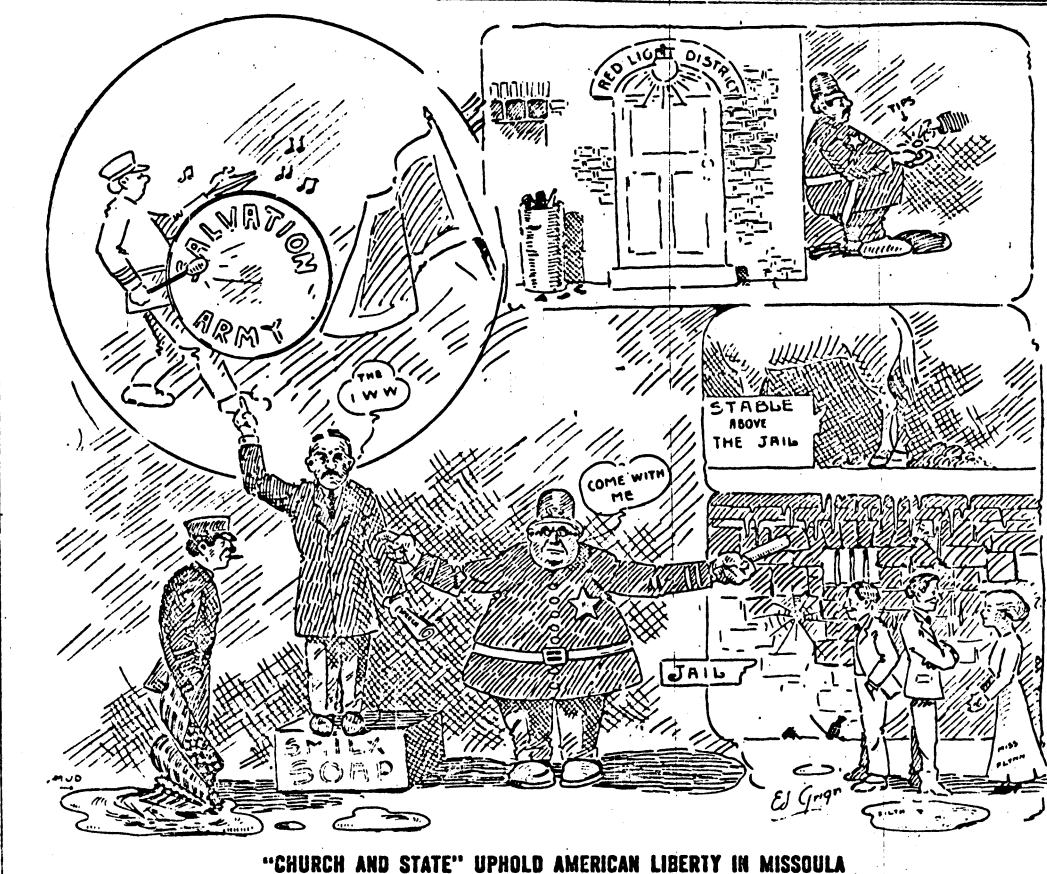
**Fellow Worker Roderick Macdonald** of San Diego, Cal., sends in \$6.75 for subs. This is the first \$6.75 up to the membership to circulate the Worker. It is too "unrefined" for the home state. We intend to make it more radical from now on.

**Holliston, Cal.**—Thos. Walsh is now working near Holliston, and the cotton crop is ripe in the Imperial valley. The climate is fine. The plants are being Mexican under false pretences, and have beaten some of their out of their wages, that they averaged less than 25 cents per bushel. General ranch work in the valley pays \$2.00 per day, and found. I. W. W. men going to California for the winter should stop off at Holliston for a while and see the union members there. There are a bunch of Reds—right!

**Fellow Worker Lefferis** is at Lompoc, Cal., working for the Pacific Oil Co. Good grub and \$2.00 per day; bunkhouse; no employment. 15 miles north of Lompoc on the hike. No other job, comparatively.

**M. J. Kelly** reports that No. 12, I. W. W., Los Angeles, has got an industrial union of Builders and Contractors started, with 34 charter members, and more added daily. The bunch of agitators in Los Angeles are giving 'em hell all about it. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has organized the workers. But me thinks they will have their hands full in Spokane before a hundred years!

**Fellow Worker G. A. Frick** writes from Redondo, Cal., as follows: In making a tour of



"CHURCH AND STATE" UPHOLD AMERICAN LIBERTY IN MISSOULA

## I. W. W. DEFIES LAW BUSY BULLS IN MISSOULA

The Missoula police, supported by the International Union of Scabs and the Missoula sky pilots, are making it interesting for the I. W. W. at that place. In addition to the fact that J. A. Jones was arrested after being brutally clubbed by the sheriff, his wife, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, was arrested on October 3 on a charge of "inciting to riot." She was afterwards released on bond for trial. The Missoula city jail is under a horse stable. The roof of the jail is full of cracks and the filth from the stable—water, etc.—pours down upon the heads of the prisoners underneath. Complaints were made about the filthy condition of the place and one of the Missoula preachers said that it "was too good for a lot of damned anarchists." There have been I. W. W. men arrested every day since the fight started. Last Sunday three men were run in. On Monday several more, and on Tuesday seven. The city jail being too small the prisoners were taken to the county jail, with sentences of 15 days each. The working people of Missoula are with the I. W. W. in the matter of free speech and the more decent class of residents. The city government is afraid of the influence of the "Chamber" of Commerce of Missoula, and also afraid of the exposures threatened by the local press. The "Missoulian" a scab sheet, has been getting very moral for several weeks. It appears that the editor of this rag has just learned that Missoula is infested with prostitutes and that the local police protect them! Probably this editor did not get his share of the boodle and is sore in consequence. However, the "Missoulian" is the solid supporter of the criminal element, the international scabs and the city officials, and therefore opposed to the I. W. W.

The response of the I. W. W. membership to the call for assistance has been prompt and many members have gone to Missoula to help in the fight. But not enough—not half! There should be several hundred men on the road to Missoula within the next 48 hours. This will mean that the Missoula crooks will have either to let our speakers go, build a bull pen to hold them or start in clubbing and shooting on an extended scale. This last move, however, is a failure if the men know what to do to resist it.

On October 4 nine of the I. W. W. men were turned loose to make room in jail for some prostitutes, who presumably had money to pay fines. There is a military post of the



Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, now in Missoula, Mont.

## THE GENERAL STRIKE STILL ON IN SWEDEN

Funds are coming into the Swedish strikers from all over the world. The proletariat is coming grandly to the rescue. They are at last beginning to realize the import of international solidarity.

This is the most important, as well as the most peculiar battle between the forces of capital and labor, that the world has ever known. To begin with, the Swedish National Employers' Association threw down the gauntlet to the National Organization of Workers in Sweden when they announced that they were going to inaugurate a general reduction in wages and if the organized workers refused to accept this, they would lock out 80,000 of them, and from time to time more of them until they were starved and beaten into submission.

It was immediately seen that this threat was directed against their organization, that had taken years of effort to perfect and which was rapidly moving along lines that were assuming dangerous proportions. (At the next convention of the N. O. of W. in S. there will be a series of motions, in number, tending to make an Industrial Union in every way, shape and form.) Two conditions, that practically resolved themselves into one, confronted the workers. Either they could choose being locked out and starved, or they could strike and strike out. The first would have presented the alternative of a portion of the workers of Sweden meekly submitting to being locked out and taking no retaliatory action. A sort of a craft union sacrifice so common among obsolete conservative trades unions. The second presents something entirely unlooked for by the employing class and a condition that they cannot comprehend and, furthermore, that inspired them with awe.

**General Strike a Reality.**

Time and again has the general strike been spoken of and debated upon, as an abstract proposition, but never have the capitalist class expected to be confronted with a concrete example. Here was a situation wherein the entire organized body of Sweden, the "yellow unions," similar to those found in this country, went out together and along with them, over two hundred thousand of the unorganized workers laid down their tools and quit work. This forced many thousands of others out and practically paralyzed the industries of the entire country.

Great stress should be laid upon the very important fact that this is one of the most orderly big strikes that has ever occurred and is such 'By the Will of the Workers.' They will not be led into any disturbances of any character and as a result of this grand display of discipline, they have won the sympathy of the army and navy, rank and file, who are sending their financial contributions to the strike headquarters and resolutions expressing regret that their low wages does not permit them to send more.

For tactical reasons the great bulk of the

## LANDLORDS UP AGAINST IT!

Even the landlords (poor things) are affected. The Swedes pay their rent quarterly and the next quarter's rent is due October 1st. The Workers' organization issued a proclamation that their members would pay no rent while the strike lasted. In other words, there is a rent strike also. The landlords, appreciating the fact that they could not dispossess this enormous body of people without considerable damage to their property and much useless expense, announced that they would wait for their money.

I am unable to give the figures of amounts contributed in America at this date, but, that a considerable sum has been contributed, there is small doubt. From the manner that the appeal has been met all over the world, and further, from the gloomy, silent view the international capitalist press takes of it, the strike will put a feather of victory in the cap of the International Labor Movement.

At this time, when the capitalist press is silent and no amount of "coaxing" will force them to speak on the subject of the Swedish strike, the duty of the hour for all class-conscious proletarians the world over, is to strike your bank-roll, or your fellow-workers, and send the sinews of war to your fellow-workers at the front, in Sweden.

S. A. STODEL.

## A. F. OF L. OR I. W. W.?

(From "Syndicalist Bulletin," Paris.)

At the International Convention of Central Union Secretaries, the affiliation of the American Federation has been much discussed; many of the delegates were astonished at the attitude of Gompers, who did not know what answer to give concerning the intentions of his organization regarding their adhesion. Now we learn from America that at second central organization from ever since demands its adhesion to the International Secretariat: the "Industrial Workers of the World," which has its headquarters in Chicago. It is remembered, that the International Secretary, Legien, declared the last day of the convention to have received from the I. W. W. a long document, of which he could not get a translation, for lack of time, but the text of which will be sent to all the central unions. In this document the I. W. W. sets forth its claim for admission, referring to its past and its opposition to the American Federation of Labor. In fact, the constitution of the International Secretariat don't permit the admission of more than one central organization of each nationality, and as the I. W. W. is an organization based on the principles of the class struggle (same as the other affiliated central organizations) it is they which must be admitted, rather than the A. F. of L., which places itself on the basis of understanding with the employing class and the harmony between the two different classes of society. The difference between the two organizations is clear: it is known in America that the one is of revolutionary character, the other conservative. Over there, even the socialist parliamentarians themselves, when placed between the two movements sometimes give preference to the I. W. W.

It is thus that in America the revolutionary organizations, which form the I. W. W. are opposed to the old trade unionism, only the A. F. of L. has the members in its favor, in the face of two million adherents the revolutionary organization has not yet attained its first hundred thousand.

## DISMISSED IN COURT.

He-hen Durham has the following in the Spokane Review of Oct. 7:

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 6.—Attempts on the part of the police to quell the incendiary speeches of the members of the I. W. W. on the public streets has thus far proven utterly unavailing and the situation becomes daily more tense, and the authorities seemingly unable to cope successfully with the conditions.

Tonight the police were kept busy for two hours arresting and escorting I. W. W. orators to jail and when the 35th man had been taken in charge the multitude surrounded the authorities and jostled them all the way to the jail.

Mrs. Charles Fernette, a Spokane woman member of the I. W. W. and a member of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Jones' advisory committee, was arrested last night. An attempt was made to hold a trial today, but the attorney for the prosecution finally dismissed the case and the woman was turned loose.

## Grand Forks, B. C., Sept. 23d, 1909.

To the Secretary, I. W. W., Spokane Local.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have been instructed to notify you that there is a surplus of labor in the Boundary district, particularly in Grand Forks.

At the Granby smelter in Grand Forks there are now 200 idle men, rustling for a job.

We have good reasons for believing that the Granby management are shipping men in here for the specific purpose of keeping the wages down to its present miserable low level, and to offset the efforts of this organization to organize non-union men and improve local conditions.

We also ask you to keep a tab on Spokane employment agencies (for sharks) and notify the work they are doing at the behest of this capitalist-divided-producing company.

Believe me to be yours for Industrial Emancipation.

WALTER E. HADDES.  
Sec. No. 180, W. F. M.  
Grand Forks, B. C.



I. W. W. AND A. F. OF L. "GRIPE NOTS" POST

I would like to monopolize a little of the space in the paper. I note the request in the issue of the 15th, re a leader on industrialism...

In a considerable number of papers in all parts of the country there appeared an advertisement from "Gripe 'Em, Post Mortem..."

Most of the papers that published the advertisement are what are called "Union Shops." That is, the force that gets out the paper is composed of members in good standing in various unions connected with the printing trade...

Trades Unions Fight Each Other. In the whole process of producing the papers that this trade appeared in union men were employed. The "Post Mortem" statements were true...

They may not come out into industrial unions as prosecuted by the I. W. W., but, nevertheless, they will be forced into a semblance of the position that we stand for...

Industrial Union Advocate. Advocating industrial unionism, printed on the 1st and 15th of each month by the I. W. W. locals of New York City and vicinity.

I. W. W. Song Books Now Ready. The Classic Songs of Revolution and the Songs of the Modern Blanket Staff. 25 Songs in All.



Funeral of Fellow Worker Stephen Horvath, I. W. W. man killed by deputies at McKees Rocks.—(From International Socialist Review.)

and deception from the misleaders in labor's ranks. Great Falls Industrial Union No. 41, I. W. W., is having a fight to keep from being starved out of town...

AMERICAN FREEDOM IS NOT FOR WORKERS

The silence of the capitalist class in this burg has been finally broken, but as the I. W. W. thrives on opposition, which is the best possible sort of advertisement, we are not at all alarmed...

THE I. W. W. TO THE WAGE SLAVES. (With Apologies to Robert Burns.) Slaves who have for capitalists' bled; Slaves who are by masters led;

Now's the day, and now's the hour; See the front of battle lower; See approach the master's power; Chains and slavery!

Who would be a scab and knave? Who not in our cause be brave? Who so base as be a slave? Let him bow the knee.

Who for freedom, home, and law? Who would draw the monster's claw? Who would choke the vulture's maw? Join the Union Red!

By oppression's woe and pains; While the toilers held in chains; We shall fight till Labor reigns; And they all are free.

Lay the industrial tyrants low; Masters fail with every blow; Oh! we'll hear their wail of woe; When we all are free.

Then us no more will soldiers shoot; We'll make the hogs disgorge their loot; And put them in the fields to root; For their stomach's sake!

Who would be free, throw down the gage; Accept no more a master's wage; Inscribe this day on history's page; The earth is ours!

W. W. PANTON. Local No. 64, I. W. W., Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 15, 1909.



Strikers' children at McKees Rocks eating garbage.—(From a photograph taken for a Pittsburg paper and afterward sketched by a reporter for the International Socialist Review.)

tail, thin policeman said to me: "If he doesn't stop soon, I'll take him off the box," and I answered, "That's up to you, it isn't up to me."

I. W. W. Literature Free to Soldiers. The night previous we sold 25 copies of Herve's "Anti-Patriotism" and I remarked that they would be given free to soldiers who are usually broke after their "booze-bills" are paid...

Persecution Helps Us. Our receipts for Saturday night, aided by the opposition, were \$17.05. What hurts the middle class and police of this town is that we are here to stay and are paying our running expenses...

THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS OF FRANCE RIDICULE THE PRETENSIONS OF SAMUEL GOMPERTS AND THE A. F. OF L.

At the Industrial Conference of the Secretaries of Labor Confederations the American Federation of Labor was represented by Samuel Gompers, who has been globe trotting on his will of the wisp mission to found an enlarged model of the A. F. of L.

"It has not the same methods, for it repudiates all violent action, injury to plant, the general strike, etc., and it loudly asserts that socialists and anarchists are enemies of the workers' interests, silencing such revolutionaries or even expelling them from its fold."

Contrasted with that organization the class-conscious workers of the United States have recently founded the Industrial Workers of the World (I. W. W.), an organization which conforms to the ideal of revolutionaries...

The Federazione Socialista Italiana, in its valiant organ, "Il Proletario," published an appeal to the General Confederation of Labor and concludes thus: "The Syndicats of Europe must repel every proposition emanating from Samuel Gompers..."

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