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I. W. W. AGITATORS JAILED IN DENVER, COLO.

(Special to Solidarity.)
Denver, Colo., Aug. 17. Local union No. 26 had a taste of Russified America on Monday night, Aug. 15, when Fellow Workers Carl Rave and Walker C. Smith were thrown into the city bullpen.

The whole affair was a frameup by enemies of the I. W. W. but it failed of its purpose, that of preventing street meetings.

Fellow Worker Smith was on the box handing hot shots to the enemy, despite the continued interruptions of a drunk placed in the crowd. This drunk had been led away from the crowd several times, no uniform police being around, and each time was brought back by opponents of the I. W. W. Upon being led away for the fourth time he was advised to return by one Dr. Hamilton of the Victor Hotel a cheap lodging house just adjoining the corner of 13th and Larimer streets. Upon returning and re-commencing the disturbance the drunk was taken across the street by fellow worker Carl Rave. In crossing the street car tracks, the drunk, being already heavily overloaded, stumbled and fell into the adjoining gutter. Dr. Hamilton immediately secured an officer, several appeared as if by magic, and had Rave arrested claiming he struck the man. Fellow Worker Smith ceased speaking and crossing the street, offered his services as a witness. An officer grabbed him making the remark "Witness nothing! You come along too!" Fellow Worker Mrs. Smith told the officer to take her and baby into custody, claiming she was guilty if her husband was. The officer refused to do this.

Rave and Smith were then taken to the city jail, carefully searched for dynamite and dangerous weapons, and were thrown into the tank. They were kept excommunicated, no one being allowed to see them, no messages allowed to be transmitted, and all offers to talk turned down by the police officers in charge. The cell into which they were thrown had sleeping accommodations for less than a dozen people, but the prisoners were 28 in number. In this filthy, unsanitary, foul smelling, vermin infested hole the men were forced to sleep without any blankets or bedding whatsoever, in company with drunks in every stage of filth. One man in particular had such a stench coming from his person that even the strong nosed jailers were forced to make him take a bath in the morning. The ordinance of the Board of Health did not seem to be in force for upon the floor, the toilet and the faucet for drinking purposes, were seen the vomitings of the drunks, the hawkings of consumptives and liberal splashes of tobacco juice. The recently enacted laws regarding public drinking cups did not seem to be effective for one battered and greasy tin cup was supplied for the entire bunch.

SUPERIOR ON I. W. W. MAP

Enemies of Free Speech Get Setback Number Two.
(Special to Solidarity.)
Superior, Wis., August 18. Another victory for free speech can be recorded by the I. W. W. in Superior, Wis. After a trial that lasted three days, G. H. Perry, organizer for the Superior I. W. W. was found not guilty of the charge of obstructing the streets.

Perry was arrested on July 29th, while holding a meeting in Superior. He was criticizing the police force when one of them had objected. After arriving at the station house he found that instead of the charge being "arresting an officer," it was "obstructing streets and using lan-

NEW YORK HOODLUMS

Attack Organizer Etter With Knife. Good Agitation in Big City.
(Special to Solidarity.)
New York, August 20. Local 179 has been carrying on live agitation during the past week. Thursday, Aug. 17, we held a good sized meeting at 43d St. & 8th Ave. Saturday night, August 19, we spoke to the men on the water front, and pointed out the necessity of the transportation workers on this side of the water putting their shoulder to the wheel to help their fellow workers over in England to gain better conditions.

In the evening we held a meeting at Bleeker and Thompson streets in front of the Mills Hotel No. 1, better known as "Lucky Jacks," a resort well known as a house for scabs. Fellow Workers, J. J. Etor, Jack Walsh, Earl Ford, Ed Morrison, Richard Whalen (a member of the longshoremen's union) and the undersigned were the speakers. The street was blocked with men who seemed eager to hear the message of industrial unionism. Things progressed nicely until as I was about to close the meeting, I mentioned the facts of the high initiation fees in the A. F. of L. and also that we did not believe in such things. At this stage two men butted into the meeting and made themselves such a nuisance that they had to be led out of the meeting. Fellow Worker Walsh mounted the platform a second time, closing the meeting.

On our return to headquarters we found we were being followed by the two men who had disturbed our meeting, also a gang of half grown kids. At the corner of Bond & Broadway, Etor turned back and asked these men the reason we were being followed. In reply one of the men stabbed Etor over the left eye. We were in the act of arming ourselves with the legs of our speaker's platform, to give battle, but the police arrived on the scene too soon, so there was nothing to do but have the men arrested. At the police station seven stitches were taken in Etor's forehead. It was also learned that the names of these men were Frank and George Dechaamps. One of them claimed membership in Franklin Pressman's Union No. 25. The men were charged with felonious assault and are held under \$1,000 bond. Their trial comes up at 2 p. m. Monday.

We are going to hold a meeting at the same corner next Saturday night and may have more trouble for this scab infested section.

AUGUST WALQUIST NEW YORK AGITATION

Local 179 is holding three open air meetings a week:
Saturday, August 20—47th st. & 3d av.
Monday, Aug. 22—125th st. & 7th av.
Thursday, Aug. 31—138th st. & Willis avenue.

Saturday, Sept. 2—39th st. & 7th ave.

We also hold noon meetings whenever possible.

Business meetings every Wednesday.

Literature sales are growing. All readers of Solidarity are asked to come around to open air meetings and drop in at headquarters, 212 E. 13th St. any night in the week.

MORRIS MESSNIKOFF, Sec'y.

I. W. W. CONVENTION

The Sixth I. W. W. convention will be held in Schweizer Turner Hall, formerly Ulich Hall, 348 North Clark St., Chicago. First day's session will convene Monday morning, Sept. 18, at 9 o'clock.

The general secretary informs us that from all indications it will be a good convention.

Order literature and sub cards.

FURNITURE STRIKE ENDS IN DEFEAT IN GRAND RAPIDS

(Special to Solidarity.)
Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 18. The strike is off. At a mass meeting of strikers, Thursday night, under the jurisdiction of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, the following motion was carried by a three to one vote: "Mr. President, I move that our members return to work as individual union men." And this was brought to an end the strike of furniture workers inaugurated four months ago.

The original demands of the various divisions of the furniture workers, who had been divided up in conformity with craft union "organization," were abolition of piece work, 10 per cent increase in wages and a nine hour day. The manufacturers made no concessions whatever, no recognition of the union; it is an unconditional surrender.

There is, however, one thing these workers have gained—the bitter experience of a craft union strike, and if they profit by this lesson then this strike has not been in vain, and from the ruins of this out of date, conservative, reactionary craft union they will spring a modern, class conscious revolutionary industrial organization which shall have for its watchword, SOLIDARITY, whose motto stands out boldly, "An injury to one member of the working class is an injury to the whole class," and whose ultimate object will be the complete overthrow of capitalism, thus ending wage slavery. There is only one such organization—the Industrial Workers of the World.

This strike has been of the usual craft type, and has ended in the way that most craft strikes have ended for the last decade or more—defeat.

Strike Benefits Run Out.
The reason for declaring the strike off was the same old craft union reason—no longer able to pay strike benefits. The executive board of the B. of C. and J. decided, in Indianapolis, that it was useless to continue expending money in the strike and that settled the business. When the craft union treasury gives out, the ball is over.

A Braggard Leader.
Never were workers handed so much bunk; never was a strike inaugurated amid such bluster and bragging statements as was this. At a big mass meeting held at Ramona (owned by the union-hating, scab employing street railway company, the place where the craft union "Labor Day" has heretofore been celebrated) prior to the strike, Peaceful MacFarlane loudly

stated that the strike benefits would be six and eight dollars a week; that strikers would be cared for according to their needs, and that many strikers would receive more in benefits than they formerly had received in wages. This statement, after the men had been on strike two weeks, when the first strike pay arrived, resolved itself into \$4 for strikers irrespective of their needs. The head union paid \$1 to the man m. MacFarlane also stated at the meeting, and many times thereafter, at in the national and local treasury of the 250,000 members of the B. of C. and J. there were millions of dollars and that the "union" could and would finance the strike for a year if necessary; that they never would ask aid from anyone and never would. These are only a few of the weird hallucinations that possibly have been developed in Peaceful MacFarlane's brain by the large amount of 15 cent whisky he is all ed to have consumed while in this city.

When the advisory board was created by the Trades and Labor Council for the purpose of raising funds in order to take care of men on strike whose national organizations had not sanctioned their going out, and others who had no organizations to belong to, Peaceful Mac was very busy, saying it was unnecessary. But he became very angry when the Trades and Labor Council refused to appoint a representative of Mac's union on the board. Perhaps Mac thought he was going to throw a scare into the manufacturers when he handed out all this bunk.

Organizer Leaves on Jumping Trip.
Mac was not present at the strike obsequies held at Powers' theatre Thursday night. Mac is, too lucky for that. He still remains a hero—maybe. Mac departed for England two weeks ago as a fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress, and possibly at this moment may be telling the British crafters how he, Peaceful Mac, conducted, single handed, to a successful issue, the strike of 9,500 furniture workers in G. B., U. S. A., and only missed one 15 cent whisky. Doing it. On the night that Mac "regretfully" tore himself away from this city, strikers held a mass meeting at a theatre, which was addressed by the usual bunch of labor fakirs, politicians and sky pilots and Mac—you can't lose Peaceful. Here are some of the bon mots that Mac worked

IDaho POLICE Attempt to Stop I. W. W., With the Result That a Local is Organized.

(Special to Solidarity.)
Boise, Idaho, August 15. Max Dezettel of Spokane recently came to Boise to organize an I. W. W. local. On Saturday night he talked on industrial unionism and the U. S. army, and the police and farmers did not like this, but it suited the workers all right. On Sunday he talked on sabotage and the power of the I. W. W. and this made the cockroaches and the police mad.

Monday night when Fellow Worker Dezettel got on the box to talk, there were about five by bulls and one policeman with a big club. The policeman grabbed Dezettel just as he was going to explain why there are breadlines and soup houses, and on the way to jail the cop choked Dezettel and punched him twice.

The chief of police called Dezettel into his private office and said to him: "The police have been keeping an eye on you from the first day you got here. The police are willing to allow anyone to use the street, but the citizens of Boise" will not allow anybody to get on the street corner and make these remarks: (Dezettel said in his talk Saturday night): "No man can fall lower than to become a detective, militiaman or soldier."

The police say that the fake medicine man and the Salvation Army are all right, and the socialist speaker is all right, but Boise will not stand for any industrial unionism or I. W. W. When the meeting was broken up Monday night there were about 350 men on the corner. We cut Dezettel out by paying a bill of \$50. About 100 workmen waited outside of the city hall to prove to the farmers and the police that the I. W. W. and the talk Dezettel made suited the wage workers of Boise.

An application for charter to start an I. W. W. local was filed out and sent to the general headquarters of the I. W. W. in Chicago. The trial is to come off at 2 p. m. today and we will send you more news after the trial.

Yours for one big union in Boise City and the world.

PRESS COMMITTEE,
Boise Local I. W. W.

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