

AMONG THE WORKERS IN THE FIELD, MINES AND FACTORIES

EIGHT WEEKS' WORK IN SPOKANE.

As national organizer, I have completed eight weeks' work in the city of Spokane, and with the co-operation of the local workers we have accomplished some good.

Spokane is a city of something like sixty thousand, but it becomes an important center of the movement because of its geographical location, which makes it the hub of a great industrial district.

A great amount of propaganda has been carried on in this city and in the past eight weeks we have added 50 more meetings to the list, besides the goodly sales of literature, as well as the cash disposal of about 300 Bulletins each week.

"Our thoughts are traitors, And oft times make us lose, The good we might gain, By fearing to attempt."

An attempt on the part of all of the western cities, on the one cent plan, I believe, would double the circulation of The Bulletin and do an estimable amount of valuable propaganda work.

Since arriving here we have organized a local of Public Service Workers and a Servian and Italian branch. We have taken 300 new members, and the future is bright, provided constructive work is constantly the watchword.

There is a great amount of work to be done here, and still more of the same, when we take into consideration the great industrial district surrounding this city.

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Once the above mentioned work is under way, an effort will be made to hold a convention in this city to form a District Council covering all the territory adjacent to Spokane.

During the eight weeks' work we have sent something like \$300 to headquarters, and the locals have bought

literature and other supplies of me to the amount of about \$265. They have also paid their local organizer fees, and cleared off all their back debt to headquarters.

J. H. WALSH, National Organizer.

FROM ORGANIZER J. P. THOMPSON.

I addressed a Jewish literary society in Lowell; was given good attention and secured seven applications for Local Union 436.

A very big crowd was present at the meeting in English and Webert in Polish; afterward we secured enough names to make a total of 200 on the application list for a Polish branch.

The meeting in the new headquarters in Lowell was a dandy. It is a good sized hall, and it was packed to the doors. Workers were sitting in the windows, on the tables and standing deep behind the last row of seats.

Enclosed find charter application for granite workers in Quincy, Mass. The languages spoken is as follows: One-half are Finnish, one-quarter Italian, while the other quarter is about equally divided between Swedish and English.

The meeting Sunday in Quincy was a dandy. The hall seats 500 and every seat was full, with about a hundred standing up.

As you will see by the enclosed program, speeches were made in four different languages, while the Finnish band furnished music between each speech. We sold nineteen subscriptions to The Bulletin and took up a collection. A remarkable feature of the meeting was the fact that there were fully as many women as men in the hall.

In spite of all this, our meeting was fairly well attended, mostly by members, however. I explained the principles and form of the organization to them, answered quite a number of questions and assisted the secretaries in getting their books properly started.

The meeting in Boston Friday night, at which we organized a branch of Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 56, was a dandy.

The men in this shop recently had a good illustration of what Industrial Unionism can do for them. On April 15th the company sent each one of them the following letter (enclosed find letter) announcing a cut down of 10 per cent in wages, and asking each of them to sign it.

I would like to respectfully submit this little incident, as well as that of the "dock mill" in Lawrence, where they also recently raised a cut down to the earnest consideration of Mrs. Olive M. Johnson and other Utopians who say no immediate benefits can be gained through Industrial Unionism, and who would have us try to organize the working class by teaching what any slave with "brains enough to give him a headache" knows is not.

J. P. THOMPSON.

From the Windy City on Lake Michigan.

Fellow Worker W. E. Trautmann, General Secretary, spoke before a union of Italian Building Constructors April 25th. Being in full accord with the principles, form and aims of the I. W. W., he also was of the opinion awaiting them, they nevertheless decided to join in a body of 500 strong, with fair prospects of getting more to do likewise.

A few active workers are also anxious and willing to carry the propaganda of industrial unionism amongst their countrymen working on the railroads.

One fellow worker, who had just returned from Italy, after an enforced vacation of four months, caused by the industrial depression in that country, in the discussion following the address hit the nail right on the head when he exclaimed:

"Workers of Italy say: American Federation of Labor is a bad organization, because they don't want the 'backward' races to be put on equal footing with the free born Americans; we Italians are good enough for them when they appeal to us not to take their places when they are on strike, but then they give a kick to the 'dago,' when we ask them to help us in organizing the millions of Italians in America!"

Bills of Organizers.

Under this caption we will publish every week the bills, as well as receipts of national organizers. This will avoid confusion and save answers to questions by members.

J. H. WALSH

Week ending April 18— Salary (6 days).....\$18.00 Hotel.....4.00 Meals.....3.50 Postage.....2.80

Week ending April 25— Salary (6 days).....\$18.00 Hotel.....4.00 Meals.....3.50 Postage.....2.80

Received for sales of literature and buttons in week ending April 18.....\$17.10 Received for literature and buttons in week ending April 25, including \$30.00 received for railway fare from Local in Portland.....\$53.25

ORGANIZER J. P. THOMPSON.

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Correspondence.

Paterson, N. J., April 19, 1908.

William E. Trautmann, General Secretary, I. W. W.: Dear Sir and Fellow Worker:—The Industrial Union Bulletin, issue of April 18th, contains a communication under the heading, "A Letter of Resignation." Well known S. L. P. Man Tells Why He Leaves It. The letter was written by Justus Ebert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former employe on the staff of the Daily People.

The editor of The Bulletin, or some one high in the organization of the I. W. W., should be interested in the letter which will prove of general interest, and is published on that account.

To whom will the letter of resignation prove to be of general interest? Will it prove to be of interest to the portion of the working class who are organized in the I. W. W.? If the I. W. W. is not a political organization, how can the letter of resignation of a member of the S. L. P. interest the members of the I. W. W.?

As a member of the I. W. W., and one who is not a member of either of the Socialist parties, I hold it is my duty as a member of the I. W. W. to enter my protest against the action of the person or persons who are responsible for the publication of Brother Ebert's letter of resignation from the S. L. P.

When I tendered my resignation as a member of the Socialist party I did not ask permission to air my opinions in the official organ of the I. W. W. I wish to be of interest to the I. W. W. members. I am interested in the fact that Brother Ebert has left the S. L. P., any more than I am interested in the fact that William J. Bryan had gone over, bag and baggage to the Republican party.

I am a member of the I. W. W., and at present am in sympathy with the aims and objects of the S. L. P., but I am aware of the fact that my membership in the I. W. W. does not guarantee me the right to use The Bulletin, as a means to attack the Socialist political movement. I hold that no person has a right to use The Bulletin as a means to drag the organization into a conflict with Socialists, or with any other persons with whom he may have a grievance.

The I. W. W. must not be used as a tail to the Socialist political kite, and we must not, and will not, allow it to be used as a trip-hammer to smash the Socialist political movement. I wish to see the I. W. W. members of the I. W. W. stand together, and the company backed down. To make a long story short, they all stood together, and the company backed down.

using The Bulletin as a means to attack the Socialist Labor party, or the Socialist party.

If the members of the General Executive Board lack the courage to act, then let them resign their office and give the membership a chance to elect others who will take steps to stop the practice of certain members who are ever ready to use The Bulletin to wash Socialist political linen.

I believe the time has come for the rank and file to take a stand—to act and thus take steps to prevent the possibility of the I. W. W. again going through another struggle similar to the Charles O. Sherman affair. Therefore I suggest that this communication be published in The Bulletin.

Yours for a Socialist Industrial Republic, WILLIAM GLANZ, 419 River street, Paterson, N. J.

P. S.—Not able to speak for A. S. Edwards, who, as you know, has resigned, and whose services in that capacity have ceased with the issue of April 25th, we wish to state, in justice to him, that he pointed as justification for the publication of Ebert's letter of resignation, to the fact that the resignation of Ebert was published also in The Bulletin, because that resignation was due to his attitude toward the I. W. W. As in Ebert's resignation he draws comparison with method which, according to his reasoning, led to the castration of another body, which claimed to be an economic organization, the editor thought members of the I. W. W. were entitled to that enlightenment on that particular subject.

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An Alphabet for Workers.

(By John Riordan, Phoenix, B. C.)

A—is for Arch-thief—Morgan is chief; B—is for Baer, the general coal thief; C—is for Capital, a system of plunder; D—is for Death of the system, by

E—is for Energy, by so many wasted; F—is for Freedom, by many ne'er tasted; G—is for Greed, very hard to surmount;

H—is for Honesty, now almost unknown; I—is for Idiots, who now rule the land; J—is for Judges, who obey their commands;

K—is for Kings of Finance, not a few; L—is for Laborers, and Liberty, too; M—is for Masters, for whom laborers toil;

N—is for Nature, dethroned and despoiled; O—is for Octopus trusts at your throat; P—is for Power, which they get from your vote;

Q—is for Quackness in ending our woe; R—is for Robbery we seek to overthrow; S—is for Socialism, which tyrants fear; T—is for Trusts, which are bringing it

U—is for Union, all in the fight; V—is for Victory, already in sight; W—is for Wealth, now held by the shirkers;

X—is for Xiphoid in the hands of the brute; Y—is for Yearning from all strife to forever keep mute;

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