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### ARRESTED IN BOISE, IDAHO

DEZETTEL AROUSES IRE OF POLICE IN BOISE—IS ARRESTED—NEW LOCAL IS RESULT.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 15, 1911.

Fellow Worker: We wish to inform you that M. Dezettel of Spokane arrived in Boise, Idaho, to organize an I. W. W. local. On Saturday night he talked on the U. S. Army and industrial unionism. 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. On Monday night when Fellow Worker Dezettel got on the box to talk there were about five flybills 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. The policeman choked Dezettel on the way to jail and punched him twice. The chief of police called Dezettel into his private office and said as follows: "The police have been keeping an eye on you from the first day you got here. The police are willing to allow any one 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 got Dezettel out by paying a bond of \$50.00. About 100 workmen waited outside the city hall to prove to the farmers and the police that the I. W. W. and the talk Dezettel made, suited the wageworkers of Boise. An application for a charter to start an I. W. W. local was filled out and sent to the general headquarters of the I. W. W. in Chicago. The trial is to come off at 2 p. m. this afternoon and will send you more news after the trial. Yours for one big union in Boise City and the world.

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S. N. WILSON,

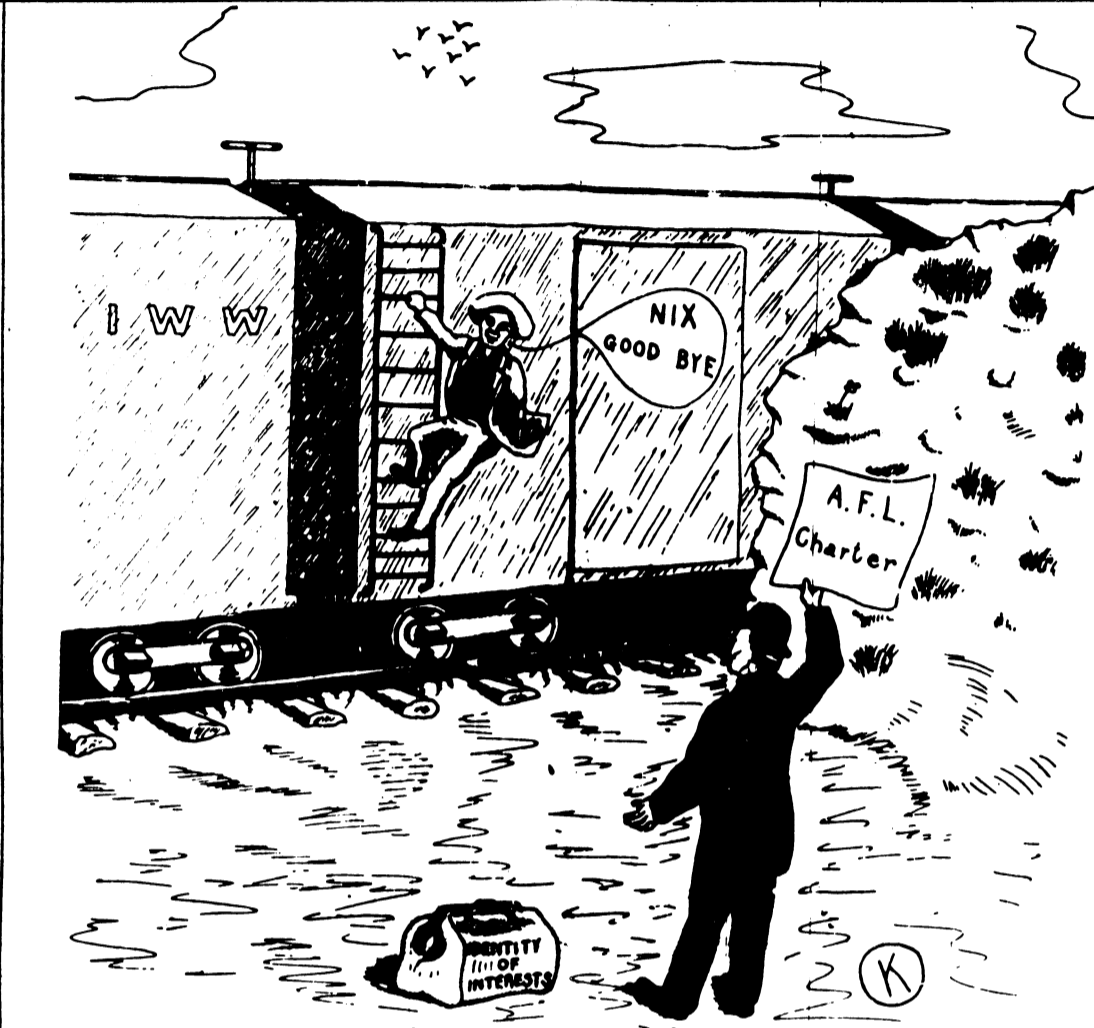
Press Committee of Boise Local, I. W. W.

### SENTENCED TO PRISON

VICTORIA I. W. W. FREE SPEECH FIGHTERS FINED \$20.00 OR TEN DAYS—WILL GO TO JAIL—NO FINES WILL ENRICH ANY CAPITALIST STATE BY THE I. W. W.

True to the principle of the I. W. W., the members who were arrested for exercising their so-called right to speak on the streets, will serve out the sentence in jail. The city of Victoria will have to feed the prisoners and in the end of ten days the city fathers can figure out how much it has cost them to try and stop freedom of speech in Victoria and which attempt has been a dismal failure. Imagine seven I. W. W. men paying \$20.00 each to a lot of capitalist mugs to help pay their fat salaries with? The very thought of such a thing is absurd in the extreme; \$150.00 will remain in the pockets of the workers and the city will feed the prisoners. The fare will not cost much and the accommodations are not very good, but it beats all hollow this old game of handing your money over to the judge. If the city of Victoria can show us just where they have won anything in this free speech fight, we will be more than glad to hear about it. We have freedom of speech, the food and lodging and the fines stowed away in our pants. What did you get out of it Mr. Boss?

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A. F. OF L. WILL ORGANIZE THE UNEMPLOYED?

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEN WANT SOME FREEDOM

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEN DEMAND BETTER CONDITIONS—SPY SYSTEM MUST GO—PERSONAL RECORD SYSTEM AN INSULT TO ANY MAN—ONE BIG UNION THE CRY.

A blow has been struck at the Southern Pacific and Harriman system for the shorter work day. On August 3rd formulative demands were made for an eight hour work day, abolition of personal records, and physical examinations, 7 per cent increase in wages and various other demands, showing the men to be wide awake to their immediate needs.

I say a blow has been struck which merely means a slap on the wrist; yet it has made the hounding officials squirm.

In the past few months a system federation has been formed, composed only of a few shop crafts. Yet the management is protesting, against dealing with the crafts in a body, but quite willing to meet them in their separate crafts. The men see the folly of dealing with such huge corporations, with separate crafts, and are working hard for the ONE BIG UNION. Many on the S. P. are joining the I. W. W. The slaves of the Southern Pacific are ripe for Industrial Unionism, in fact it is the only thing able to hold and properly direct the ever increasing anger against their driving masters. I have worked on railroads from coast to coast, but never have I seen such slave driving foremen or accursed spies and police as I have on the S. P.

This rebellious feeling is not only among the so-called unskilled workers, but among the better paid employees such as Conductors and even some Engineers.

Their employment and spy system are two great factors in making agitation ripe. Their examination methods does not apply to all employees, but does so in the majority in train, signal and car department inspectors' service.

For those who are not familiar I shall tell in detail how the above named department employees get a job:

First, your time is never considered; you may be hungry, awaiting to go to work, so

you may eat but they don't care. You may wait several hours or a day to see the employing officer. In the same way you wait on every other official you are sent to. You are questioned on most anything from the color of your great grandmother's hair to the date your great grandchildren are to be born. After the first foreman gets through with you you are then given a letter and directed to the head of the department. Answering his questions satisfactory you are then sent to his chief clerk, then to another clerk who hands you three blank applications with instructions to fill in all the space. These applications include personal record blank and all-time for your past five years must be strictly accounted for. There may have been several months you did not work; you must tell them why and what you were doing. All employers you have worked for are written to and if you lie, or your record is not satisfactory you are discharged.

This ordeal over, the clerk closes by giving his personal opinion of you, such as your intelligence and general appearance. You are then directed to take a technical examination and the department in which I work, it is the air-brake. This generally requires an hour or better to go through. Then you go to another foreman for examination on rules. That over you are now ready for the doctor's examination. You have undoubtedly watched stock buyers examine before buying, but that is small compared with the way the S. P. examine their men.

They have a standard for hearing and for sight, then the weight limit and age limit. They also have their wage limit which in my case is but 2 3/4c per hour. Then the mental limit. If you know too much they won't hire you.

Now you are ready to pose for your picture. No, gentle reader, this is not a story of a convict's life, just merely the horror of getting a job in free America.

Your photograph is numbered and then placed in their gallery. And now at last you are ready to report to the foreman and go to work.

But don't think they are through learning

who you are. The great spy system gets in its dirty work, conducted by a Mr. Kendolan. With the quietness of a reptile and far more dreaded, they sneak about the box cars in the yard, around the engines in the shop listening to an employee's conversation.

On the vacant side of a partition in the coaches and Pullmans riding as passengers everywhere watching and waiting to hear some one tell their fellow workers to organize in One Industrial Union. When found out, you are very soon discharged. In my case they have followed me from job to job; at least I have been told this by a few friendly foremen.

The slaves of dead Harriman are awakening. They gather in small groups in the shops, yards, and on the road, discussing their condition.

Agitation was never so rife, discontent never greater.

Organized they will strike! They must! Cowards if they don't!

General Manager Calvin and Superintendent Small say they are ready and are increasing the police force, building stockades, preparing bunk houses about the shops, yards, etc.

I believe these preparations are in vain. The slaves are going to have one great union of workers. Then their power will be tremendous! Greater than the company, yes, greater than the government. Then we could operate the railroads and all industry for our own enjoyment.

It remains to be seen whether this progressive move shall be flagged and headed into a blind siding by the high salaried officials of the railroad unions.

Or to keep on the main line toward Industrial Unionism, under the banner of the I. W. W.

R. L. B.

"Hitch your wagon to a star," says the sky-pilot. Its all right, but how is a fellow to do that when his nose is hitched to a grindstone? RED.

### ENGLAND IS TIED UP

TRANS-ATLANTIC LINERS TIED UP IN ENGLAND—THOUSANDS OF TONS OF MERCHANDISE ROTTING ON THE WHARVES—TROOPS USED BY THE THOUSAND—RAILROAD MEN WILL STRIKE ALSO.

The greatest strike of modern times is on in England. The old conservative English worker, who was supposed to be a mere crawling piece of machinery and fettered with contracts with the boss, has awakened in all his might and has completely paralyzed the shipping industry of England. Troops by the thousands are doing the bidding of the master class and are shooting down the strikers. Policemen are kicked about by the strikers in a way that will teach the ordinary scissorbill "bull" of what a small thing he is when once a united working class stands shoulder to shoulder. Tom Mann, one of the leaders of the strike who only recently tendered his resignation as a member of the socialist party of England and which appeared in the "Industrial Worker," has consented to allow milk and bread to be taken into London to feed the babies. This will be attended to by union men. The strike is general in the shipping industry and will spread to the land transportation industry if the demands of the dockers and others are not conceded immediately. The following is clipped from the Associated Press dispatches:

MANCHESTER, Eng., Aug. 15.—The strike in the transport service is entering serious consequences. The supply of provisions is running low and the retail traders' association has appealed to the home secretary for immediate protection by the military in the movement of goods to avert a famine.

Nearly all the cotton mills in Oldham have exhausted their supplies and will be compelled to shut down unless they are quickly renewed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Local officers of the trans-Atlantic steamship companies and forwarding agents have been advised to cut down the receipts of consignments to the barest limits on account of labor disturbances in England. For this reason the Campania, sailing tomorrow, and the Cedric, which leaves Thursday, will have light loads. No new orders are to be taken here except at the shipper's risk. The chances are that goods will be brought back to this port.

Forwarding agents and exporters have informed their correspondents at Buffalo and other main points that consignments should be detained if possible, but in the majority of cases shippers decided that it was too late to stop carriage and took chances of having their shipments returned or hoped that the strike would be over by the time they reached the other side.

#### General Railroad Strike.

That intervention by the government with a view to ameliorating conditions has not come a moment too soon is to be seen in the fact that the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants tonight, DESPITE THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO with the railway companies in 1907, decided to call a general railway strike, throughout the country and gave the companies 24 HOURS in which to decide whether they were willing to meet the men and negotiate their grievances.

This is the reply of the men to the decision reached by the railway managers Monday night to refuse all concessions to their employees.

The situation has become so serious that already there is talk of parliament prolonging its session in order to pass special legislation dealing with industrial problems.

In Manchester the situation is acute and martial law may be declared. It is estimated that 25,000 carters and railway men are out there tonight. The city is practically cut off from outside railway communication.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The representatives of the railway men's unions declared the strike would take place at the expiration of their ultimatum tomorrow.

#### Soldiers Ordered Out.

At Aldershot the military authorities are taking every precaution to insure the working of the railways if a strike is called. Every soldier

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## BIG RAILWAY STRIKE IN ENGLAND IS OVER. MEN WIN BIG VICTORY IN TWO DAYS





