

# Defiant 'Wabblers' Prepare Barred Papers for the I. W. W.

Hand Distribution Used When Mails Are Closed to Anarchistic Sheet—Chicago Trial Made Subject of Typical Attack

A pallid girl with bobbed hair was directing the activities of half a dozen "wobblers" yesterday afternoon in the headquarters of the I. W. W., in 74 St. Mark's Place. They were preparing the September 1 issue of "The Labor Defender" for distribution, no longer a simple task now that it has been barred from both mailing and express privileges.

The male "wobblers" almost to a man were frowning, black silk ties of the approved rebel type. They were assisting in bundling something more than 1,000 copies of the paper into packages of fifty, and while they wrapped and pasted they chattered about "economic pressure," the "conscientious withdrawal of efficiency" and, in their franker moments, "sabotage." Hanging over their heads was the red flag of the organization.

The girl with the bobbed hair was Mary Koppen, and while she padded about the dingy, dirty meeting room of the One Big Union, she explained she was the official janitor, and threatened to appoint to the scrubbing committee a "fellow worker" who chided her about the littered floor.

George Has Objections

"The Labor Defender" is circulated these days by "underground" methods. A messenger is sent to Chicago with suitcases bulging with the printed matter that has been rejected from the mails and which can no longer be sent by express. From Chicago copies are redistributed by a method known best to wearers of the red and black pin of the I. W. W.

George Karl, conscientious objector to military service, was Mary Koppen's chief assistant yesterday afternoon. He is twenty-one years of age and registered for the draft last June. He appealed from the decision of his draft board that he should be inducted forthwith into the army on the ground that he has conscientious scruples against fighting his "fellow workers" in the army of Germany. His appeal has been overruled, and yesterday George was explaining that he hadn't decided whether to surrender gracefully or to become a martyr.

The cover design of the latest issue of "The Labor Defender" is a cartoon showing a group of overfed figures toasting the news that 95 I. W. W. in Chicago had been found guilty. One of the figures, seated next to an individual labeled "trusts," was displaying large teeth in a wide grin. Nose glasses and the caption "delighted" served to identify the person represented.

"Surprised" at Verdict

The "Great Labor Trial Astounding Verdict" was the headline over an account of the end of the Chicago trial.

"The great I. W. W. trial at Chicago ends abruptly," stated the article, "and to the surprise of all who have followed the case, the jury pronounced ninety-five defendants guilty."

"From the beginning of the trial the

I. W. W. have contended that capitalism was on trial; that the social system under which we live was to be judged, and not the 95 workers known as defendants. The trial has been a fair. Every possible opportunity has been given the system to prove that it was not guilty of the crimes charged to it by the I. W. W. The verdict proves beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the charges were true. But we are not through. We are going to give capitalism another chance. We are asking for a retrial (it has been refused) and if this is not granted the case will go to the Supreme Court. This august body will have a chance to decide just what democracy means in the United States."

Books Are Examined

Another place in New York favored by members of the I. W. W. was receiving the attention of the Department of Justice yesterday afternoon. This was the headquarters of the National Civil Liberties Bureau, which was raided Friday night.

Military intelligence officers and agents of the Department of Justice examined correspondence and pamphlets in the rooms of the bureau and in the office of Walter Nelles, counsel for the organization. Another group of government agents was similarly occupied on the next floor in the rooms of the New York Bureau of Legal Aid.

Among the books and pamphlets found at the office of the National Civil Liberties Bureau were: "War Heretics," by Norman M. Thomas, chairman of the American Parish, New York; "Facts About Conscientious Objectors in the United States" and "The Truth About the I. W. W." In addition, the government agents found a pamphlet written by Attorney Nelles dealing with espionage cases that have been prosecuted since the passage of the espionage act. This contained a list of conscientious objectors who have been court-martialed and sentenced to prison. Nelles said yesterday that he is a pacifist and was opposed to America's entry into the war. We added, however, that now we are in it he should hope some good may come out of it.

Are in Jail or Working

Roger Baldwin, director of the bureau, formerly was a social worker in St. Louis, and at one time was an instructor at Washington University in St. Louis. He said that there are about 1,000 conscientious objectors in the country and that about 800 are working on farms. The others are either in jail or facing courts martial.

According to the letter heads of the organization the following are officers: L. Hollingsworth Wood, chairman; Norman W. Thomas, vice-chairman; Helen Phelps Stokes, treasurer; Roger N. Baldwin, director; Walter Nelles, counsel; Laurence Fodd, Washington representative. Directing committee: John S. Codman, Albert De Silver, Crystal Eastman, John Lovejoy Elliott, Edmund Evans, Alfred Hayes, John Haynes Holmes, Agnes Brown Leach, Judah L. Magnes, John Nevin Sayre and James P. Warbasse.

The agents are said to have discovered a letter in the files from Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, expressing thanks for moral support given him. Evidence also was found of many large contributions. One was for \$1,071 and another for \$500.

## War Workers at Picnic

More than a thousand men and women workers in the munitions plant of the Evans Engineering Corporation spent yesterday afternoon and last night in the woodlands near Old Bridge, N. J., celebrating the completion of a contract with the government to load, assemble and pack 1,350,000 rounds of 3-inch high explosive shells. The occasion was a picnic given by Joseph D. Evans, president of the corporation, as a mark of his appreciation of the splendid work of the employees.

Mr. Evans and Maxwell Lustig, a member of the Mayor's Committee on National Defence, made short addresses, in which they impressed upon the workers the necessity of putting forth even greater effort to speed up work on a new contract to furnish 3,000,000 rounds of shells.

## Club for Enlisted Men Opened

With the military band from Fort Totten playing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the raising of the colors, the new home of the Flushing Soldiers' and Sailors' Club was opened in the old Kyle Institute yesterday afternoon. Percy Beatty, who has been delegated as superintendent of the place, was in charge of the ceremonies. Last night there was a reception and dance for soldiers and sailors from the neighborhood and those who are camped at Fort Totten.

## Uritzky, Bolshevik Home Minister, Is Assassinated

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—Moses Uritzky, People's Commissary for Home Affairs at Petrograd, has been assassinated. The assassin, according to Russian advices received through Berlin, was arrested.

## Photographer Found Murdered In Dark Room

Charles A. Scherer, a photographer, lay dying in his dark room from blows on the head yesterday afternoon, while a woman customer idled about his studio at 15 Hamilton Place waiting for him to return. Scherer died with a few hours of his discovery without regaining consciousness.

Nearly \$200 in bills and gold was found in the photographer's pockets and diamonds which he wore were untouched. His watch, which was still going, contained a photograph of two women, one young and of remarkable beauty, and the other elderly.

Mrs. Ada Bradford, 601 West Thirty-

## Woman Customer Discovers Body of C. A. Scherer in Pool of Blood

sixth Street, had gone to the studio to get proofs of pictures which she had taken earlier in the week. She went up the stairs, past the entrance to a chop suey restaurant, where several couples were dawdling at tables, and past the door of a dentist's office, behind the frosted glass of which was some movement denoting occupancy, to the door of the photographic studio.

The door was ajar, as though some one had just stepped out. Mrs. Bradford, after rattling the knob without getting any response, decided that it was the photographer who had stepped out and settled herself in the waiting room, expecting his return momentarily. When she had thumbed over the old magazines and papers on the table for several minutes and had read and reread the announcements of Mr. Scherer concerning the prices and merits of his sepia and half-tones, Mrs. Bradford's patience wore thin.

Woman Steps in Blood

She rose and walked about the room, looking at the various photographic studies with which it was adorned. As she passed a closed door, apparently leading into another room, her foot slipped and she saw that she had stepped in some dark, thick liquid that had oozed in a stream over the sill.

With a half-formed housewife fear that the photographer, artistically careless, had tipped over some of his chemicals in leaving the place suddenly, Mrs. Bradford cautiously opened the door. The room was in total darkness. There was a smell of chemicals and the sound of water dripping into a sink.

There was something else, too, that transfixed the woman with sudden terror, the sound of rasping breaths, drawn with difficulty at long intervals. At her very feet the darkness took form and substance as her eyes became accustomed to it. The form and shape were human, though grotesquely sprawled upon the floor and, as the

## Many Wounds on Head

Victim Leaves No Clue to His Own Identity or That of Slayer

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## U. S. Soldier Accused Of Firing on Mexican

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 31.—Mexican Counsel Zertuche obtained to-day an affidavit from Refugio Garcia, a Mexican federal soldier in Nogales, Sonora, that he was fired upon by a White American in the uniform of a soldier Thursday morning at six o'clock while at customs station No. 6 on the Mexican side.

Counsel Zertuche said he had reported the incident to Ambassador Bonillas, at Washington. The soldier who made the affidavit is now in the military hospital on the Mexican side.

Following the shooting early Thursday morning in which the Mexican soldier was hurt, Private Edward Stillier, who was slightly wounded in the leg during the shooting Wednesday night, was placed under arrest by order of Brigadier General Cabell commanding the American forces, and is awaiting trial in court martial on the charge that he fired a shot across the international line in direct violation of orders.

Private Stillier made a statement that he had fired only when he saw the Mexican soldier point his rifle at two American soldiers who were turning out the electric lights along International Avenue at the time of the shooting and that he believed the Mexican was preparing to fire on his comrades.

Cleaning Brass Buttons Takes the Mind Off War

Men who are citizen-soldiers of a democracy must always object to what they consider the unnecessary embroideries of army discipline. They know that what they have got to do is to win the war in the shortest possible time, and how the polishing of brass buttons is to help toward that end they cannot see. But the making of a battalion out of raw material so that it will act as one man is a very serious job, and it is claimed by those who should know that the hundred apparently petty matters in a soldier's training make a large factor in the satisfactory completion of that job. The study of the psychology of an army unit would make a fascinating book, and it might help to reconcile our citizen-warriors to some despised tasks. An American writer, in a deeply interesting account of the training of the Republic's soldiers, says the very contempt in which the accouters of army discipline are held by them constitutes no small difficulty in making millions of Americans fit for the battlefields of Europe. This writer holds up the brass button policy of the British War Office for admiration, and says that from such insignificant matters are made armies that have the immense cohesive power needed for successful war.

If the war should lapse into another period of trench monotony, it may be that the value of the punctilious British methods may become more evident to our transatlantic allies. Future writers on the war may judge that, wonderful as was the way in which our clerks and factory hands stemmed the rush for the Channel ports, still more wonderful was the way in which they withstood the enervating influence of position warfare. It is here that brass-buttonism comes in. In one of his novels W. L. George makes an old woman remark that husbands and wives need some exterior influence to take the minds off marriage; even so, the cleaning of buttons and the rest of military etiquette take the soldier's mind off war.—Yorkshire (England) Observer.

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