

dred of the unemployed banded together for the purpose of opening up a sort of a co-operative commissary.

Provisions were gotten by applying from store to store. Meanwhile the men were endeavoring to secure employment which was not available, although the newspapers are carrying columns of want ads that are luring outsiders to Chicago to become part of the hungry army.

Union labor has made the charge that these columns of want ads are the result of a conspiracy on the part of Big Business to flood the labor market and in that way reduce wages.

Over on the West Side the conditions have been poorest. In the congested districts poverty has walked hand in hand with sickness. The fathers of such families were desperate. But at no time did their protest against conditions take the shape of a violent outbreak.

A great many of the unemployed, particularly in the Maxwell street district, are Jews. When hard times had enmeshed them they applied to the Jewish societies for aid and then they realized the game that organized charity really plays, whether it be the United Charities, the Jewish societies or any similar organizations.

So the men have been very bitter against all forms of organized charity. And that feeling was one of the causes that led up to last night's riot.

The Jewish Woman's Aid Society yesterday announced they would serve refreshments at the Workingmen's Hall.

There was much grumbling heard. Several garment workers were railing against the conditions. There were protests against the system of distributing food. Then half of the bread line that had gathered left the hall.

Outside in the street Harry Weshnevsky and Morris Bernstein, who admitted they were members of the I. W. W., began to address the crowd.

The talk was very radical, probably

very visionary. But it was the talk of men who had suffered much from oppression. And the hungry crowd that gathered around them listened attentively.

Those who heard the speeches declare there wasn't anything in them very inflammatory. It was the same old talk about the lack of equality in the world. There would have been no disturbance but for a peevish old gentleman, Samuel Franklin, a very wealthy and comfortable furniture man, in front of whose door the speakers were holding their meeting.

Franklin looked out at the crowd in disgust. Then he went to the telephone and called up the Maxwell street police station with the information that there was a mob that looked dangerous outside his door.

A squad of police rushed over. They saw the mob. One or two of the braver of the policemen drew their revolvers and crashed through the crowd. The crowd fell back.

Weshnevsky, Bernstein and Louis Grossman were arrested at the time. The crowd scattered but hissed the officers from the nearby corners.

Some of the crowd made jeering remarks. At the station the story was given out that the police force had been threatened; that a rampant, howling army had broken loose. Reporters got sore eyes last night searching for the army.

On the way to the station the police came across an elderly man who was muttering to himself. He looked disgustedly at the police. He was immediately arrested and thrown into jail.

In Judge Fry's court a very questionable bit of justice was handed out.

The man who had been arrested for muttering to himself was arraigned. He gave the name of Samuel Rosenberg, 1242 Newberry avenue. He is out of work and has a wife and four children to support.

"I was on my way after searching for work," he told the police, "when I was arrested."