

# I. W. W. IS BACK OF MOVEMENT

### Further Proof of Fact Found in Circular Now Being Distributed.

Further proof that the present movement to bring about a strike among the miners of the Butte district originated with the I. W. W. element was afforded yesterday afternoon when I. W. W. circulars were distributed at the headquarters of the new organization and elsewhere. This circular bears the label of the I. W. W. organization and frankly states that it was issued for the benefit of the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union, No. 800, of the Industrial Workers of the World. The circular was issued at Phoenix where the Industrial Workers have a foothold, and was sent to Butte.

When the name of the new Butte organization was discussed at the initial meeting at Finna hall one of the leaders proposed the name of "Metal Mine Workers" union, which was adopted. The similarity between this name and the name of the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial union is significant.

The circular is addressed to "all metal mine workers." On the first page is a cut used by the I. W. W. organization throughout the country and carrying the inscription, "I. W. W. coming. Join the one big union." The label of the I. W. W. is printed on the back of the pamphlet. The circular says:

#### Their Platform.

"The metal mine workers have long represented the militant portion of labor in America. They have always given freely of their money, strength, and even of their blood to further the interests of their class, the working class.

"Though the miners have always been militant, it has been years since they have had any form of militant organization. The organization in which they have been organized, or semi-organized, in the past few years has been owned and controlled directly by the greedy mining corporations whom they were supposedly organized to combat.

"But the miner has awakened from the state of indifference and lassitude that has been his in the past. He now demands a real union and he has it.

"It is the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial Union, No. 800, of the Industrial Workers of the World.

"The organization comes out clearly and says to the world at large that it is after shorter hours, more wages and better conditions today while tomorrow we will be satisfied with no less than the complete ownership of the mines, mills and smelters. Of course, an organization such as this is bound to meet with opposition. "The mine owners see in the success of this organization their final doom. The labor states see in the growth of this organization the vanishing of their placards. The apostles of law and disorder know that this organization means the end of their period of misrule. So this holy trinity combines and fights with every weapon at their command this new and growing body of men.

#### Here to Stay, it Says.

"But they cannot crush it. It is here. It is here to stay. Thousands are already in its ranks, and applications for membership are pouring in by the hundreds. You, Mr. Digger, and you, Mr. Mill or Smelter Worker, should be in its ranks also, if you are not already there. The time is soon coming when you will be there. Why not now?"

"It is the organization that you will eventually join. It voices your hopes and aspirations. It is your hope of freedom from the yoke of economic serfdom that has enthralled you in the past.

"It is the industrial union. Quasi-industrial unions have sprung up in the mining industry, such as the United Mine Workers of America, and the Western Federation of Labor, but they never have functioned as industrial unions.

"In the United Mine Workers of America, district organizations have killed every attempt of the miners to show their militant spirit. One district would strike while other districts would remain at work furnishing the market with coal. Time after time the workers have been virtually sold out. The only thing that has kept the I. W. W. A. together is the check-off system whereby the company collects the dues for the union. Any time that the company collects the dues for the union it is dead certain there is something in it for the company.

#### As to W. F. of M.

"The Western Federation of Miners, while it has had its bright spots in the history of the militant working class, is now decadent. It has lost its once militant membership, and its officials today are spending more time in legislative halls and company offices than they are at the mouth of the shaft. It has lost its punch.

"All of the red blood that was once in the organization has come into Metal Mine Workers' union No. 800, and the headquarters of 800 has more W. F. M. cards that have been turned in in lieu of initiation fees than are being carried in the pockets of W. F. M. throughout the country.

"The I. W. W. is the union for you as a digger to belong to. It is not an organization to restrain your rebellious spirit, but it realizes that you who work in the mines know the conditions in the mines best. It is you who should determine when to strike and how to strike and not some set of officers holding down an office chair. It is your union to use to better your conditions.

"It is the union that is going to get the pay dirt for the miner. We are starting out with real modest demands. Among the demands that we want at once are these:

in the hot stoves a decree has gone forth that six instead of eight hours shall be the length of a shift. That decree, backed up as it is by organizations, must be complied with.

"Second—No less than two men on a machine. This demand is exceptionally modest. Years ago we worked two men to a machine, and today, after 24 years of W. F. M. organization, one man to a machine is the rule. In the drifts and crosscuts we have held our council and have decided to abolish that rule. Our decision, backed by real organization, must be the law.

"Third—No more speeding up. Too many of our fellow workers are rustling on the hills now. By the curtailing of production we not only will make life more bearable for ourselves, but we will also provide more jobs for the boys rustling on top of the hills.

"Fourth—Abolition of the physical examination. We do not propose to be stripped before going to work and then be stripped again when we get our pay check. One of the strippings must be abolished now. We will tend to the other one later.

#### Only a Start.

"These demands are only starters. When we get to making and getting our demands in earnest we will make the boss squirm. In fact, he is squirming now with anticipation. We want no more local strikes. Our future strikes will be industrial in scope, embracing not a locality, but an industry.

"Our form of organization provides for admittance in our ranks of every person working in the mining industry, regardless of creed, color or nationality. Industrial union No. 800 covers the entire mining district of the west from Alaska to Mexico. We have branches in every important mining camp. In the smaller camps we have delegates who represent the organization. There is one in your camp. See him, or write to headquarters and we will give you any and all information that you require.

"Now is the time. Arizona is teeming with agitation. Utah, Nevada and Idaho are doing wonderful work. Butte, Mont., is a tower of strength for the new union. You need its help. It needs your help. Send in your application today. The initiation fee is \$2.50. The dues are 50 cents a month. Organization is the key to success. When we are organized, then, and not until then, can we come into our own—the ownership of the earth."

The I. W. W. is opposed utterly to the United Mine Workers of America and organized labor generally.

## BUTTE IN BRIEF

W. S. Hollingsworth, until a few months ago proprietor of a rent car in Butte, has joined the United States ambulance service in San Francisco, according to word received by friends in this city.

A nine-pound baby girl was born June 3 at Murray's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Irvine. Mrs. Irvine was formerly Miss Marie Knight.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. James M. McIntyre, 912 North Main street.

George Woodworth, the Wisdomville man, is registered at the Avonm hotel.

Sterling M. Wood and wife of Billings are registered at the Leggat hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Browning of Dillon are spending the day in the city.

E. E. Patten and wife of Phillipsburg are registered at the Thornton hotel.

R. Lee Word of Helena is greeting old-time friends in the city today.

Alex B. Ringling of Phillipsburg is making a short stay in the city.

John Kent and wife arrived here from Billings for a short visit.

Theodore Gibson of Great Falls is making a short visit to Butte.

J. E. Rice of Big Timber is registered at the Finlen hotel.

W. S. Smith of Lewistown arrived in the city this morning.

Olson violin studio, 314 West Granite.—Adv.

E. M. Hall, the well known Helena attorney, is in Butte today.

Emil Torgeson of Anaconda is registered at the Grand hotel.

Harry Bush, the Helena mining man, is here for a short stay.

Charles Scharf and son of Helena are here for a short stay.

E. D. Hodges reached here from Livingston this morning.

Edison Phonographs, 126 W. Broadway.—Adv.

George Lloyd of Great Falls is stopping at the Butte hotel.

Mrs. George Finnegan has gone to Iowa to visit friends.

J. E. Henry of Helena arrived in the city this morning.

Y. F. Peterson of Missoula is one of the day's arrivals.

J. O. Gilkerson of Lewistown is here for a short stay.

Mrs. C. F. Knolls of Helena is in the city on a visit.

C. R. Bryant of Missoula is one of the day's arrivals.

## GERMANS DECLARE POSITION SECURE

### They Expect No Great American Force in War for a Long Time.

Copenhagen, June 16 (via London).—Representatives of the German press were told yesterday, at the regular weekly press conference in Berlin, that the arrival of American troops in noteworthy numbers in the European theater was to be expected only in 1918. The general staff lecturer also took the ground that the American forces had been treated as a negligible quantity in the general reckoning owing to the difficulties of finding sufficient tonnage for transporting. The opinion was followed in numerous articles in the newspapers yesterday and this morning. The newspaper representatives were told that a new Russian offensive was highly improbable, but that artillery and aviation activity and reconnaissance raids indicated a new French offensive was in preparation. The British also were certain to try their fortune again, but no surprises in offensive methods were expected from either the French or the British and the only variant from the earlier offensives would be a change of geographical location.

#### Germany's Position.

Germany's situation was described as absolutely secure and German victory as certain owing to the relentless working of the submarines. Heavy estimates of French and British losses were supplied to furnish encouragement to the readers.

England's losses in 50 days of the spring offensive were placed at 225,000 men from 21 divisions engaged. The same proportion was applied to 72 French divisions, producing an estimate of French losses of more than 400,000.

The correspondents were told that the purpose of the air raids on England was to keep in the islands trained men of the aerial corps and guns for defense and that the submarine warfare also served to weaken the British offensive by keeping from the front men and guns required to arm merchantmen.

#### FAST NINES TO CLASH AT BASIN TOMORROW

The Butte Athletics, one of the fastest amateur teams in this part of the state, will play the Basin nine at Basin tomorrow. The Butte boys won from Basin last year, but the latter team has been considerably strengthened and is out for revenge. Earl LaDuke, who was with the Black Rocks last season, is now playing with the Basin aggregation. The members of the local team are as follows: O'Brien, O'Neill, Frost and Wager, pitchers; Rivett, catcher; Shea, first base; Cotton, second base; Jimmie Clark, third base; Walter Clark, shortstop; Mike Monaghan, Stodder, Rodgers, Curran and Savard, outfielders. Monaghan is manager of the Athletics and he is endeavoring to arrange a game for his team with the Salmon (Ida.) nine for the Fourth of July.

#### TOM MANLEY ENLISTS IN THE MEDICAL CORPS

Thomas Manley, one of the best-known miners of the city and a man who rendered valuable aid as a member of the rescue crew during the fire in the Granite Mountain shaft of the North Butte property, has enlisted in the medical corps and leaves this evening for Spokane, where he will receive further orders. Mr. Manley was one of the most courageous of the men who assisted in the rescue work, and his enlistment is considered a great addition to the medical corps at this time.

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#### JUDGE WORD PRESIDES.

Judge R. Lee Word of Helena is in the city today, occupying Judge McClerman's department of the district court, hearing a motion to relax costs in the case of the Rachael E. Williams estate.

#### NOTICE.

Having disposed of my interests in the Shamrock Cafe at No. 9 North Arizona street, Butte, Mont., I will not be responsible for any debts contracted after June 9, 1917.

#### NO JOKE.

At dumbness we should never sneer. To silence 'twould endeavor us. If we poor dubs could only hear Ourselves as others hear us.

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