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THE I. W. W.'s HEATED SEASON

(Minneapolis Tribune)

One might almost believe that the I. W. W. members are getting them-
selves disliked in these parts. In polite circles the manner in which hats
are being handed to them would be called rude. Books on etiquette are
shy of formulae as to accepted methods in the application of boots to speed
a parting guest, but the emphasis on the procedure this season smacks
somewhat of uncouthness. A sharp "Move on!" always is more or less
inelegant and suggestive of churlishness, and to keep kickin' things
'round and 'round is quite a frank form of incivility.

We should say that some of our northwestern citizens who have rights
that they think others, including the I. W. W., should respect, are not so
polished as they might be in defense of those rights. They incline to a
surliness to which they are not accustomed when dealing with the "I
work for Wilhelm" contingent of society. Some of them are prone to
impetuosity, some to inward turbulence, some to unwonted inconsiderate-
ness and some to a kind of inclemency. Few go after the objective in
what might be called good form. There is a certain lack of ceremony
and courtliness, and there remains something to be imagined, if not de-
sired, in refinement, in chivalry, in geniality and in serenity of spirit.

Somebody may yet give us a standard work on the proper rules of the
game in dealing with the itinerant exponent of sabotage. Until then it
is quite probable that programs of ways and means will vary widely.
Bemidji seems to prefer the vulgar boot, the outgoing "freight" and the
defensive shotgun and other things like that. The governor of Michigan
lets the details of action largely to the imagination, simply enjoining his
fellow citizens to get the I. W. W. out of the mines, out of the commu-
nities and out of the state. Otherwise his welcome is cordial. The farm-
ers of North and South Dakota decline to have any traffic with them, but
will be ready with guns—possibly ropes, who knows?—to keep safe what
they raise by the sweat of their brows. Verily, it looks like a "rough-
house" heated season for the I. W. W.'s

APOTHEOSIZING DISLOYALTY

Sunday, June 3, was the anniversary of Jefferson Davis' birth. That
day found the United Confederate Veterans in session at the capital of
the nation they had tried to disrupt. They had a memorial service at
historic Arlington, the wonderfully beautiful resting place of so many
nameless Union dead. The young men training at Fort Meyer were
turned out to parade in honor of the butternut boys. The president of
the United States went over to betoken his respect. Southern orators
made melodious speeches—and the treason of a half century ago was
glorified. The same day the Department of Justice ordered the arrest
of men and women in different parts of the country for attempting to ham-
per registration and to resist the draft. We wonder if these latter-day
traitors will come to their own as the years roll by, if they will have their
day when men who wear the uniform of the nation will parade in their
honor, when a president will grace the occasion and when orators will ex-
tol them as having been "right" and as having no apologies. We wonder.

HOOVER, WOMEN AND THE WAR

If this war is to be won on the basis of food, then it will be won
through the efforts of the women of America.

Hoover says: "If they do this job well, and I have every confidence
that they will do it well, they deserve the vote as soon as the present crisis
has passed."

The women honor and appreciate Mr. Hoover, but venture to correct
his statement. If it is a question of "deserving" then "NOW" is the time.
There has never been a time of stress in this nation's history when the
women haven't done whatever "job" was assigned to them to the last iota
of their strength and ability.

We were also among those who believed that the difference between
a soldier and a woman was that one faced the powder while the other
powdered the face. But we've changed our mind since those Russian
women organized a fighting unit and went into the trenches of Russia
to battle for their country.

Again, we remark, Uncle Sam is slow at starting, but he pushes the
breeze and kicks up the dust and raises hum-hum when he does get to
going.

The cost of everything is still soaring, and congress is still twaddling,
and the speculating sharks are still sucking the warm blood of the nation.

Yes, the slackers are getting three meals a day from the wardens and
cousins from the rest of the prisoners.

Occasionally, through charity, we permit Senor Carranza to squeeze
a word or two onto an obscure page.

The circumference of the earth is said to be 25,000,000 miles. Who'll
join us in a hike?

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