

Russia has many millions of I. W. W.'s and they have been raising "hell," vulgarly speaking, in that country for quite two years, and yet they are no nearer the goal of their ambition than they were the very day they began their wild outlawry. What is true in Russia would be doubly true in this country. For a million colored persons to start out on a mission of outlawry it would mean immediate extinction for the whole. The colored man in this country in his general uplift work is making haste slowly, and it's just as well that he does, for he will last longer and travel further. Instead of a million I. W. W.'s, ten million law-abiding educated Christian citizens among the colored folks should be the ambition of every colored man and woman, and in that state of mind he would hasten the millenium between himself and the white man of the United States. Good citizens under pressure are better by far than criminals at large seeking whom they may devour.

Mrs. N. J. Asberry journeyed to Seattle from Tacoma last Monday evening to meet with the Seattle branch of the N. A. C. P. to bring the thanks of a proposed branch in that city for sending to them James Weldon Johnson. Mrs. Asberry said forty-five persons put their membership fees on the table the night of the meeting and hundreds of others have since expressed their willingness to join, and on the whole the outlook is very encouraging for a membership equally as large as the Seattle branch. After listening to the proceedings of the Seattle branch she expressed a fear lest the Seattle branch, like the former Tacoma branch, will split hairs over small matters to such an extent that either the organization will be wrecked or its usefulness impaired. Mrs. Asberry is still the field agent in the Northwest and she is hopeful of seeing other branches established in the near future.

"A female member of this congregation," said Rev. W. D. Carter, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Seattle, "handed me \$50 for the building fund and I hold the same in my hand and others have made promise equally as encouraging." A supreme effort is being made by the pastor and the members to get together sufficient to erect a new church edifice and if the other members are as full of the determination as the lady above, the church will soon be a stern reality.

#### HERE AND THERE

Whenever I hear the claim made that we are unfit for self-government in this country, I feel that it is somewhat justified by our supine attitude toward lynching. A community controlled by a mob is not a civilized community, and should be placed under the control of a more civilized part of the country. One great objection to lynching is its effect upon the community itself, particularly upon the young, and the lawlessness and disregard for order which underlies lynching, when nine times out of ten it is not because of abhorrence of the crime committed, but a desire on the part of a mob to vent barbarous natures in some form or another upon those who are weak and incapable of retaliation. I am decidedly opposed to lynching and have an utter contempt for those taking part in it.—Anna Howard Shaw.

More than 140 Negro soldiers, most of whom served under Colonel William Hayward in France, have obtained places in the last two weeks through the Hayward Unit of the War Camp Community Service. These jobs have ranged from actor to Pullman porter.—Times.

The first town to be constructed by the Housing Corporation of the Department of Labor exclusively for members of the Negro race was dedicated on Sunday at Truxton within the corporate limits of Portsmouth, Virginia. The opening ceremonies were participated in by Government officials.

William Trotter, "delegate to Paris and secretary of race petitioners to the Peace

Conference," has written to President Wilson asking him in the name of the National Equal Rights League, in view of recent lynchings in the South, and for the sake of American Negroes who gave their lives in the war, to send a message to Congress recommending that lynching be made a crime against the Federal Government.

Chicago has a population of 80,000 Negroes—possibly 100,000.

Every unit of this colored population is a potential stick of dynamite. What happened in Springfield and East St. Louis—not to go outside the bounds of our own state—can and may happen in Chicago.

These colored citizens are dynamite, potentially, because they are in Chicago, but not of Chicago. The responsibility for this condition, while divided, lies with the white man in the proportion of his superior numbers and superior opportunities.

Racial antipathy is the fuse which will fire this dreadful charge, if it is every fired. And radical antipathy, translated into everyday terms, means prejudice, injustice, misunderstandings, neglect and indifference.

Thousands of these colored people have streamed into Chicago in the last two years, attracted by war's urgent call for labor. In finding homes, amusement and work, these people have jogged the white man's elbow with increasing frequency and in unexpected quarters. Some bad blood has been engendered. Shootings have occurred. Whites in a panic over invaded neighborhoods, have sold their property at a sacrifice.

This will inevitably continue. The Negro's presence is economically justified, and he will stay. Besides, this is a free country, and the Negro was here before many of us whites. What is to be done about it?

Alexander L. Jackson, a Negro and a Harvard graduate, in a very temperate address to the City Club, recently stated that the Negro does not get the right kind of hearing before the public. By this he doubtless meant that there is a disposition on the part of whites to regard the colored man as an interloper, or at least to let him work out his destiny as best he may.

But the Negro's destiny, as a citizen, is interlocked with our own. This negative and selfish policy will fail. The superior race cannot lay the onus of the situation on his brothers in black. If he does, he will pay the price.

The Negro may be able to work out his economic salvation unassisted, but he must be swung, somehow, by intelligent and sympathetic effort, into the current of civic life. His leaders should receive civic recognition. Points of contact between him and the white race must be multiplied. He must be made to feel that Chicago is his city. Only so can he be expected to assume responsibility for its good name and good government.

It is no hopeless task. All the Negro asks is a chance. He has demonstrated his capacity. He made an ideal soldier. No shadow of disloyalty has fallen upon his race. He is tremendously faithful. Just the other day a colored detective, Cornelius Wilson, died in the discharge of a duty that a coward would have evaded.

The Negro, to be sure, has his part to perform in this adjustment; but we have emphasized the white man's hole. The leadership falls to him. It is up to him to decide whether this potential human dynamite shall ever explode.—Chicago Journal.

#### IN LABOR CIRCLES

The eight-hour day has been established on all Italian railroads by ministerial decree.

The latest returns of unemployed men and women in Great Britain are: For Birmingham, 70,000; for Lancashire, 285,111; for Glasgow, 49,411.

June 25, 26 and 27 have been determined upon as the date for the next convention of the Labor Party, and Southport has been selected as the meeting place.

The acting commission of the Socialist International, in session in Amsterdam recently, assumed virtually the importance of an international conference on the peace situation.

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The three locals of brewery workers, beer bottlers, and beer drivers, of San Antonio, Tex., have merged into one organization that will be known as Cereal, Beverage, and Soft Drink Workers' Union No. 12.

A total of seventy-two unions in Chicago representing about 80,000 members had voted up to and including the returns of May 17 in favor of the Fourth of July general strike for the release of Thomas Mooney.

Virtually every man, woman, and child in London, Canada, now works eight hours a day or less and receives as much if not more wages than when the longer period was worked. This change has all come about within a year.

While a ministerial committee was still considering the question of the legal adoption of the eight-hour day, Danish employers and employes concluded an agreement providing for the eight-hour working day before January 1, 1920.

Members of the Victoria, British Columbia, branch of the provincial Civil Servants' Association have voted overwhelmingly in favor of becoming affiliated with organized labor, by applying for a charter to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The United Mine Workers announce that the verdict of the United States Court penalizing the union \$600,000 for conspiracy to ruin the business of the Coronado Coal Company as a result of the strike, will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Investigation of differences between the Southern Bell Telephone Company and its employes at Atlanta, Ga., which led to the threat of a nation-wide strike of telegraph and telephone workers, was ordered on June 1 by Postmaster General Burleson.

The publication of virtually all newspapers in Buenos Aires was suspended on the 29th, pending the settlement of the dispute between the printers and publishers which arose when the printers refused to set advertisements of a boycotted department store.

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