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THE I. W. W.'S IN THE NORTHWEST

From Chicago, where the 113 I. W. W.'s are on trial, reports come daily of the dastardly work which the members of that organization did among the farmers of the Northwest. The purpose of the farm sabotage in the northwest was two-fold — to keep down food production and thus disrupt the government's war program, and to place hundreds of thousands of farmers in Minnesota and the Dakotas at the mercy of the I. W. W. demands. Most of the revelations came from a letter which passed thru the hands of "Big Bill" Haywood, the I. W. W. King in Chicago, and Forest Edwards, head of the I. W. W. organization at Minneapolis.

Here are some of the things that happened in the northwest last year, as revealed by their letters:

I. W. W. hired out to farmers with the intention of driving off the "scissorbills," as they called the farmhands who were not members, and then striking themselves.

I. W. W. drove copper nails into the fruit trees of their farmer employers, for the purpose of killing the trees.

Edwards expressed confidence that the I. W. W. some day would be stronger than the state and said that when that time came they would "open the jail doors." This was in an article he wrote for "Solidarity," a now defunct I. W. W. organ.

"John Farmer's wheat fields have suffered in strikes," said a letter written by Edwards to headquarters.

"Glad to know the farmers are up against it for men," read a letter written by Ted Frazer at Minneapolis headquarters to a friend at Appleton, Minn.

Haywood cautioned Edwards not to mention in his article that there were "high jacks" or farm-hand robbers, among the I. W. W. membership. He told Edwards that while the "high jacks" held up and robbed many "scissorbills" last season, there wasn't an instance where an I. W. W. was the victim of such a robbery.

Haywood advised Edwards to "get into the swim" with the people's Council, which last year tried to stage a national pacifists' convention in Minneapolis.

Edwards' letter to Haywood describing "picketing" the trains on which the workers go into the fields. A letter to him from Thomas O'Day

of Aneta, N. D., told of a case where three "wobblers" hired out to a farmer one day for \$3 a day, intending to strike for \$4 the next day, after driving the "scissorbills," or non-I. W. W., off the job. The "scissorbills," it appeared, were forced to stay outside the bunkhouse all night in their stocking feet.

These letters also describe how copper nails had been driven into fruit trees and how other acts of the "cat" had curtailed production.

"We are feeding the cat rich cream," ran one of these letters.

The convention of the People's Council, planned for last year in Minneapolis, came in for discussion. Haywood, Aug. 20, 1917, wrote Edwards at Minneapolis, saying, "their fight against conscription" denotes a sympathy between the two. In this letter Haywood also said "as the A. F. of L. is split on the People's Council, we may be able to drive a nail in their coffin by getting into the swim with them."

Here, Mr. Farmer, is the organization that you have been up against before and which you are surely going to have trouble with again, only ten times worse, unless the I. W. W.'s can be headed off. This is the so-called labor union that you have been asked to deal with. How do you like 'em?

The British casualties published for the past week's fighting totals 39,000 killed, wounded and missing. It is hardly conceivable that so many were lost in any recent week's fighting however, and it is entirely possible that many of the men listed were lost during the big drive and that Great Britain has just gotten around to give publicity to these figures. England lost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million men during the drive, but for the past two or three weeks, the fighting has been rather quiet on the western front. That the Germans are preparing for another big offensive is certain and it is expected to begin at any moment. That the Germans will succeed in pushing the Allies back still further is to be expected. The Austrian army is likewise preparing for an offensive against the Italians, but Italy will not let them pass.

America now has between five and six hundred thousand soldiers in France, nearly as large a number of soldiers as Canada has furnished for the war. The Canadian soldiers have saved the day for the Allies many a time and America can be depended upon to do the same. General Foch is holding the American army back to a certain extent, waiting until we are there in great force and will not call our men into the great battle until he is ready for his offensive, unless compelled to do so.

"Red" Pariott, who is in jail, awaiting trial for burglary, wants to plead guilty in case he is sure that he will not get more than two years. Pariott has been caught with the goods, as Buck, now serving time for murdering Gowin and Devaney, brot Pariott's name before the public and Shirley, a self-confessed burglar, who is now serving four years, told of Pariott's connection with the various burglaries pulled off in this section of the state. Pariott would never be willing to plead guilty if the authorities did not "have the goods on him" and he ought to be forced to go to trial and take just what he gets. There should be no compromise in his case.

President Wilson in a Red Cross address delivered in New York City, stating that in his opinion there is no use limiting the number of men to be called in order to whip Germany into submission. Some army officials recently declared that steps should be taken to increase the army to five million, but the President is willing to go still farther. Some officials believe that it is better to set a mark, and then work up to it, inasmuch as supplies and munitions must be manufactured just as fast as the soldiers are called to the colors. All America is behind our President. We'll go to the last man if need be.

Plant more potatoes—not just a little patch in your back yard, but acres of them. The potato acreage for the

northwest is less than common and there will be a serious shortage of tubers it is feared. Potatoes are easy to grow. The seed is plentiful and cheap and one is never without food when he has potatoes in the house. The price is certain to be high enough that the crop will pay. Potatoes can be planted safely up to the early part of June.

MINOT and VICINITY

M. H. Putney, one of the old time Willis township farmers, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. C. H. Passenger has returned from a visit with her sisters at Sumner, Ia.

Ben Otterness of the Economy Department store returned Saturday from a week's vacation spent visiting friends in the Twin Cities.

Memorial services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning by Rev. P. W. Erickson. Special music will be rendered.

Will Watson manager of the Middlewest Grain Co. elevator at Tagus, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

F. J. Steffick, superintendent of schools of McKenzie county, motored to Minot Tuesday to attend the W. S. S. meeting Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinney of Foxholm, are the proud parents of a fine husky baby boy born at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday morning.

John Myers, a farmer, was given a nominal fine for closing a road which crossed his land, neglecting to place a board at the place of crossing.

Officers made a raid on a coon joint Monday and landed a couple of white men, who are lower even than the coons, in their net.

Wm. Owens, Assistant Attorney General, arrived from Bismarck, today where he is attending to matters of state.

W. J. Gerding, cashier of the First International Bank, has moved his family to the city and is now occupying the Bank's cottage on South Hill.

Doctors Lang, Sweet and Sandberg are among the Minot dentists attending the state convention in Grand Forks this week.

E. W. Parker, J. Charlson, Fred Woodworth and N. G. Nelson from Tagus were here last night attending the meeting of the Glacier Park National Highway Association.

Elder D. M. Shorb of Surrey is in Minot today enroute to the state university to visit the Surrey students. He will preach at Osabrock N. D., Sunday.

J. H. Reavis, well known Drady farmer, returned home today after spending several days in the hospital wrestling with appendicitis which threatened to get the best of him.

Miss Mary Lee, who has been spending the past year at the home of her cousin, Howard Myers, returned to her home Monday, much improved in health.

Walter W. Wilson, formerly connected with the International Oil Co., and a brother of H. S. Wilson, the manager, is now connected with the Tank Corps at Gettysburg, Pa.

James Bivins has been spending several weeks with a Minot specialist, having a cataract removed from an eye. He has been blind in that eye for five years but is O. K. again.

ESTRAYED—One blue-gray pony mare, 3 years old. Mane and tail cut. Weight about 750 pounds.—Theo. O. Mork, Des Laes, N. Dak. 5-23-17

Mrs. Ernest Schultz and children of Donnybrook, passed thru the city Wednesday enroute to Henderson, Minn., for an extended visit at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Charles McKenzie and son Donald, went to Palermo Wednesday, where they will make arrangements for spending the summer on the McKenzie ranch.

Mrs. Lucy Upton, aged 80 years, arrived from Forland, Wyoming, for an extended visit at the homes of her sons, A. Upton and F. C. Upton. She made the trip alone despite her advanced age.

Manager King of the Raudenbush Piano Co., accompanied by Mrs. King, left Friday on a motor trip to Minneapolis, and to Mr. King's old home town, Winthrop, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ash of 123 Eighth street, S. E., announce the engagement of their daughter Corrine May, to Louis Hoffman of Fargo. The wedding will take place in June.

The proceeds of the Sons and Daughters of Norway celebration of May 17 netted \$275.60, which amount was turned over to the treasurer of the local Red Cross society. A very handsome contribution indeed.

Mrs. W. M. Graham of Oberlin, O., is visiting at the home of her son, R. M. Graham, general manager of the Rogers Lumber Co. Mrs. Graham will in all probability remain thruout the summer as she is delighted with North Dakota's climate.

J. S. Welty, prominent Sawyer farmer, is in the city today. Mr. Welty has finished planting his potatoes, using eleven bushels of seed. He planted just 9,375 hills, marking his patch off into squares. He always gets good results.

The weekly Red Cross meeting was held Saturday night at the home of ship. The children of the district Mrs. Pearl Stakston in Torning township a number of patriotic songs and lunch was served. The collection amounted to \$14.37. Music was furnished during the evening by Bob and Jesse Evans' string orchestra.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our friends for the many acts of kindness during the last illness of our beloved husband and father and for the beautiful floral offerings.

—Mrs. A. B. Wilson and Children.
J. T. Phillips, prominent farmer from Van Buren township, Renville county, is in the city today. He had charge of collecting Red Cross funds in half of his township, getting \$55.50. L. A. Armstrong has charge of the other half. The quota of the town-

ship is \$100, and Van Buren will easily go over the top. In the recent Liberty Loan sale the quota of the township was \$2,000, but the subscription amounted to \$2,450.

D. A. Dinnie, who never farmed before this year, is showing some class. He has put in 640 acres of crop at the farm southwest of Minot which he bot from C. Aurland and Olof Olson, using three four-horse teams. He has plowed all of this land except 80 acres.

W. J. Broyles, old time resident from north of Burlington, was in the city Monday. He says that Saturday's storm was a regular twister. Durbin's barn, which is 38x60 feet, was moved from its foundation. Chester Phifer's granary was torn to pieces and blown over a telephone wire. Eugene Landphere's barn was torn down and several of Frank Clouse's buildings were wrecked.

A program and supper will be given at Ednabelle school No. 1, in Grassland District, on the evening of May 29th. The supper, under the auspices of the Grassland Girls' Club, will be served cafeteria style. Everyone come and come prepared to eat a big supper as the proceeds go for Red Cross and Refugee Garment work.—Signed, Bernia Ross, teacher and president G. G. C.

Coal Operators Confer with Garfield E. E. Devoil returned from Washington, D. C., Tuesday where he has been for the past three weeks, in company with D. H. McMillan of the McMillan Investment Co. and with A. M. Traux of Noonan, conferring with the fuel administration in reference to the fuel situation with special reference to its aspects as regards the lignite coal of North Dakota. These gentlemen were sent to Washington by the North Dakota Coal Operators Association for this purpose and stayed on the job until they accomplished their object. They had several conferences with Mr. Garfield as well as with the heads of several of the affiliated bureau chiefs. They submitted data regarding the cost of production and maintenance and felt confident that prices will be adjusted so as to allow both operators and dealers a nominal profit.

J. W. Deemy of Kenmare, who has charge of the railroad rates on lignite is at Bismarck this week in conference with the Railroad Commissioners on this subject.

Normal Students Doing Red Cross Work.
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Red Cross work, occupying the third floor of the institution and they are working like bees, enjoying every minute of the work.

Some are knitting, others are making garments and the young men are making game tables used in the cantonments.

The idea was thot out by Miss Winsted, member of the faculty, who suggested it first at a faculty meeting. There are 125 students engaged in the work.

File Petitions May 25.
All petitions for the primary election must be filed not later than May 25. Get busy!

50 Examined for the Draft.
A class of fifty young men for the deferred draft was examined by the county board early this week. It is not known just when they will be called.

Attorney Halvor L. Halvorson laid aside his Blackstone early in the spring and for several months has been engaged in putting in a crop of 800 acres at his farms south and west of Minot.

Red Cross Sale at Burt Hall.
A Red Cross sale and entertainment will be held at the Burt Farmers hall near Drady on the afternoon of June 7. A good speaker will be secured. In the evening a dance will be given. More particulars later.

The Income Tax and the Farmer

For the purpose of being able to figure out the profits you have made from your farm and your other money transactions during the year, our Government insists that you, as well as every other individual resident of the United States, keep a record of these matters and be able to know what your actual income has been when called upon to report. We have secured a supply of handy and convenient Record Books in which to keep such record and will supply them to our farmer friends, free of charge, as long as the supply lasts.

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