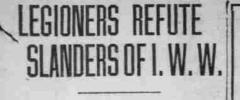
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Red Reports of Centralia Murders Branded Lies.

ATTACK NOT PROVOKED

Speakers Appeal to Americanism, With Demand for Suppression of Radical Publications.

"It's a lie! It's a lie! It's a lie!" With these graphic words H. E. Veness, accredited representative of

With these graphic words H. E. Veness, accredited representative of Grant Hodge post, Centralla American Legion, threw down the gauntlet to the I. W. W. and the campaign of misrepresentation which this un-American element has spread concern-ing the Centralla outrage on Armis-tice day. November 11, when four young veterans of the war were shot down in cold blood while commemo-rating the victory overseas. "Everything the wobbly says about the Centralia affair is a lie and I can prove it," he emphasized as he de-tailed the events of that tragedy which awakened all the American people to the foe at home. "When the wobbly says that these brave young soldiers started that at-tack, I say it's a lie! When the wobbly says that members of the close up the I. W. W. hall. I shout, it's a lie: When the wobbly, through his ourageous newspaper printed at Chi-cago, anys that the body of the I. W. W. who 'committed suicide' in Cen-tralia that night was taken to the county jail and hung up for those huide to view it, I say again it's a lie!

lie! "And I want you people to learn the truth. I want you to know of this Centralia outrage just as it happened; as we at home know it happened; and when the I. W. W. and their sympa-thizers attempt to tell you that that attack was not unprovoked and not without justification or excuse, I want you to tell them that you know it's a lie."

Wobbly Paper Scored. "This is grim business we have be-fore us tonight," he cautioned. "We have a fight on our hands, so please be quiet in order that I may tell you as quickly as possible the facts-the whole truth of that Armistics day outrage.

Country Must Be Redeemed. "But the tragedy is over," he said in conclusion. "The bodies lie on the stage, but the curtain is not going to fail until we work out the redemption of this country for which those brave men died. I say to you that they died for the flag just as did those brave young men on Flanders field. They have awakened the American people to the crusis which is at hand, and it is up to you and I and all other American citizens to see that the paved road was put in condition for ican citizens to see that the



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months in Clarke county on account of road building and paving, was yes-terday opened to the public. The un-paved road was put in condition for travel until road building begins in the spring. In some places the road was planked.

fight is not over until this internal foe is defeated for all time." Too much temporizing by govern-ment officials at Washington was given by Rev. H. W. Thompson, also of Centralia, as one of the reasons for the Centralia outrage. "Those 150 shots which were fired at Centralia bat day by their balling

Rabbi W. Gold, well-known Miz-"Those 150 shots which were fired at Centralia that day by that hellish band of anarchists were heard all over the world." he said. "It has wakened the American people. They realize now there has been too much temporizing at Washington. "I say that it is a crying share rachi leader and orator will address Ladies see M. Sichel's ad. page 5.-Adv.

"I say that it is a crying shame that the government would allow such a filthy sheet as that L W. W. paper to be printed and sent through the malls," he challenged as the audience thundered its approval.

Murder Is Described.

Rev. Mr. Thompson then gave a pathetic account of the actual murder of the young soldiers as they stood with heads erect marching behind the American flag on their day of cele bration As they marched down the street

"As they marched down the street with heads high and flags waving it was a magnificent sight," he said. "And then"-and here his voice fell to a choking whisper—"the shots of the assassing rang out upon the air. Those brave young men fell in their tracks, dying like soldiers with their heads toward the front. I never have wit-nessed anything more terrible or more pathetic than the feelings of the peo-ple of Centralia that afternoon and night."

And then the speaker told of the And then the speaker told of the funeral services at which he deliv-ered the final orations over the bodies of the four young soldiers who fell. "In all my 40 years in the ministry never was I called upon to take part in a service more pathetic than that. With the lids of the coffins lifted. I could look this the four faces of those dead boys who seemed to be appealing to heaven to awaken this country to the peril which has come upon us." "Shall the starry flag trall in the dust beneath the red flag of anarchy." he questioned, his voice choked with deep emotion. deep emotion.

"No, never," was the instant cry which came from every part of the

which came from every part of the auditorium. Then it is time for every red-blooded American to stand up and be ounted." was his reply. "Put Amer-icans on guard tonight before our country is divided." Mayor Baker introduced the speak-mand gave a short talk in which he promised that Portland is ready to give the I. W. W. all the direct action that radical organization might want. The mayor was warmly commended by the Centralia speakers for his vigorous denunciation of the I. W. W. Cassius Peck, president of Portland fast, American Legion, presided. Mrs. fane Burns Albert rendered a vocal solo, while the audience joined in singing "America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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