

22 I. W. W. TAKEN IN RAID ON ROOMS OF LOCAL ORDER

Radical Posters and Literature Found by City and Federal Agents in a Sudden Descent.

POLICE CHIEF LEADS RAID

Twenty-Two I. W. W. Arrested and Marched to Jail; North End Being Infested by Them.

In a joint raid conducted by the federal, county and city authorities on the I. W. W. hall at Second and Couch streets Tuesday afternoon, 22 members of the organization were arrested, and a quantity of literature and posters were seized. The raid was led by Chief of Police Johnson, assisted by inspectors and uniformed police, and two officers from the department of justice. Of the 22 radicals arrested five were foreigners. Those of American birth were charged with vagrancy while proceedings will be commenced for the deportation of the aliens.

The raid was the result of the influx of a number of radical agitators from various Northwest points. Reports from officers stationed in the north end to the effect that the city was being filled with the men preaching Bolsheviki and I. W. W. doctrines led to the concerted action of the authorities.

I. W. W. Play the Martyr

No trouble was experienced in the course of the raid, the I. W. W. taking the proceedings as a joke, laughing and jeering with their captors. Three of the members made a break to get away from the hall when they thought the eyes of the police were not on them, but were recaptured without trouble. At the city jail all assumed the air of martyrs, and spent their time singing revolutionary songs.

The raid was organized by Chief Johnson. With him were Sergeants Ervin and Lewis, Inspectors Morak, Gordon and Wright, and six uniformed policemen. Deputy Sheriff Hurlburt, with three of his assistants, and Charles Grism and John Price of the department of justice made up the personnel of the raiding party.

Building is Surrounded

When the authorities entered the hall about 100 members were present. All were searched and questioned by the authorities, and those who could show that they had been recently employed or had legitimate means of support were released. A large crowd of north end idlers gathered about the building, and rumors were started of mob action by sympathizers of the radicals for the release of the prisoners.

Though all desks and other hiding places in the hall were searched the police were unable to find any of the records or documents of the organization. A large quantity of stickers which the I. W. W.'s have been pasting up in the city were taken by the officers. A painting representing a black cat crawling out of a wooden sabot which occupied a prominent place on the walls of the building was also taken to police headquarters. According to one of the prisoners, the black cat was a symbol of the organization, who are sent out for the purpose of destroying property.

Runaway Boy in Catch

The majority of the prisoners were well dressed and several had considerable sums of money in their possession. Their ages ranged from 59 to 16, the youngest being a runaway boy who was picked up by the radicals.

Of the five foreigners who were caught in the hall, not one is a citizen and all will probably be deported as undesirable aliens. One is a Russian, one a Finn, another a Swede, one Norwegian and the other a Dane. They are being held without bail for the action of the United States authorities.

The majority of the prisoners arrested Tuesday had drifted into the city by box car and blind baggage transportation from various Northwest points. A number, alarmed by the determined action being taken by the city and federal authorities, have arrived in Portland from that city, and are said to be engaged in preaching radical doctrines to Portland workers. According to the officers on duty in the north end, these men hang about from week to week, without work or other means of support, and live by begging and intimidating other working men who come to the city.

One Sent to Jail

Reginald Bender, an avowed I. W. W., who occupied about an hour's time in the municipal court Tuesday with an explanation of the doctrines of the I. W. W., was given a 90-day jail sentence by Judge Rossman when convicted of vagrancy. Bender, who comes from a respectable family in Iowa, according to his statement, had so enraged the other occupants of a north end rooming house by his attacks on the government, existing institutions and religions, that one of the parties called the police, and caused his arrest.

None of the prisoners were able to furnish the required \$250 bail, and all spent the night in jail. Whether any determined legal fight will be made for the freedom of the 22 is not known. Their cases were set for today in the municipal court.

Credit Men to Hear Dr. Johnson, Noted Finance Authority

The monthly meeting of the Portland Credit Men's association, to be held at the Benson hotel tonight, will be addressed by Joseph French Johnson, dean of the school of commerce and finance of the University of New York. This meeting was postponed from February 19 that the credit men might hear Dr. Johnson, who is considered an authority on economic and business administration in the United States.

As head of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, Dr. Johnson has done a tremendous amount of constructive work in preparing men and women for efficient business management. Many heads of the largest industrial and financial concerns in the country received their training under his tutelage, it is said.

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