

## CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DEFAMES CITY

### CIRCULAR SENT BROADCAST TO INJURE CITY

Labor Organization Sends Out Mis-  
sive Containing Knocking, Libelous  
and False Assertions Regarding  
Medford and Rogue River Valley.

Thousands of Circulars Printed by  
Guernsey—Union Officials Plead  
Ignorance.

The Central Labor Council of Med-  
ford and vicinity, W. E. Johnson,  
president, C. W. Harrington, secre-  
tary, has sent out several thousand  
circulars defaming this city and the  
Rogue river valley. These circulars  
have been hurled broadcast over the  
middle west and are calculated to  
keep homeseekers from visiting this  
section of Oregon.

The Central Labor Council had the  
circular printed five or six weeks ago  
by W. D. Guernsey. Guernsey stated  
this morning that he was sworn to  
secrecy at the time and refused to  
make a statement today. Since the  
circular was published it has been  
sent broadcast over the middle west-  
ern states.

W. E. Johnson, a barber employed  
in "Bates Bros." shop is president of  
the council and as such his name ap-  
pears at the head of the circular as  
does that of C. W. Harrington, a  
painter, who is secretary of the coun-  
cil. Johnson claims that he knows  
nothing of the matter, and that he  
had only heard it discussed briefly.  
Other members of the council say  
they know nothing of the circular.  
Each member is side-stepping the  
matter—getting out from under as it  
were.

Members of organized labor in  
Medford today expressed themselves  
as very much disgusted with the cir-  
cular. They openly charge that it  
was the work of one or two "sore  
heads" who have leanings toward the  
I. W. W.

O. O. Parker, a member of the  
council states that he did not even  
hear of the circular until it had been  
published and distributed. He openly  
charges the work to one or two men  
who are trying to gain recruits from  
the ranks of organized labor in Med-  
ford for the I. W. W.

Secretary Harrington defended the  
circular, said that the statements  
were true and all facts could be sub-  
stantiated.

### PINCHOT SAID HE'D STICK BY WISCONSINITE

When La Follette First Became Can-  
didate He Stated Would Not Pull  
Out and Had Promise of Roosevelt  
and Friends to Stand by Him.

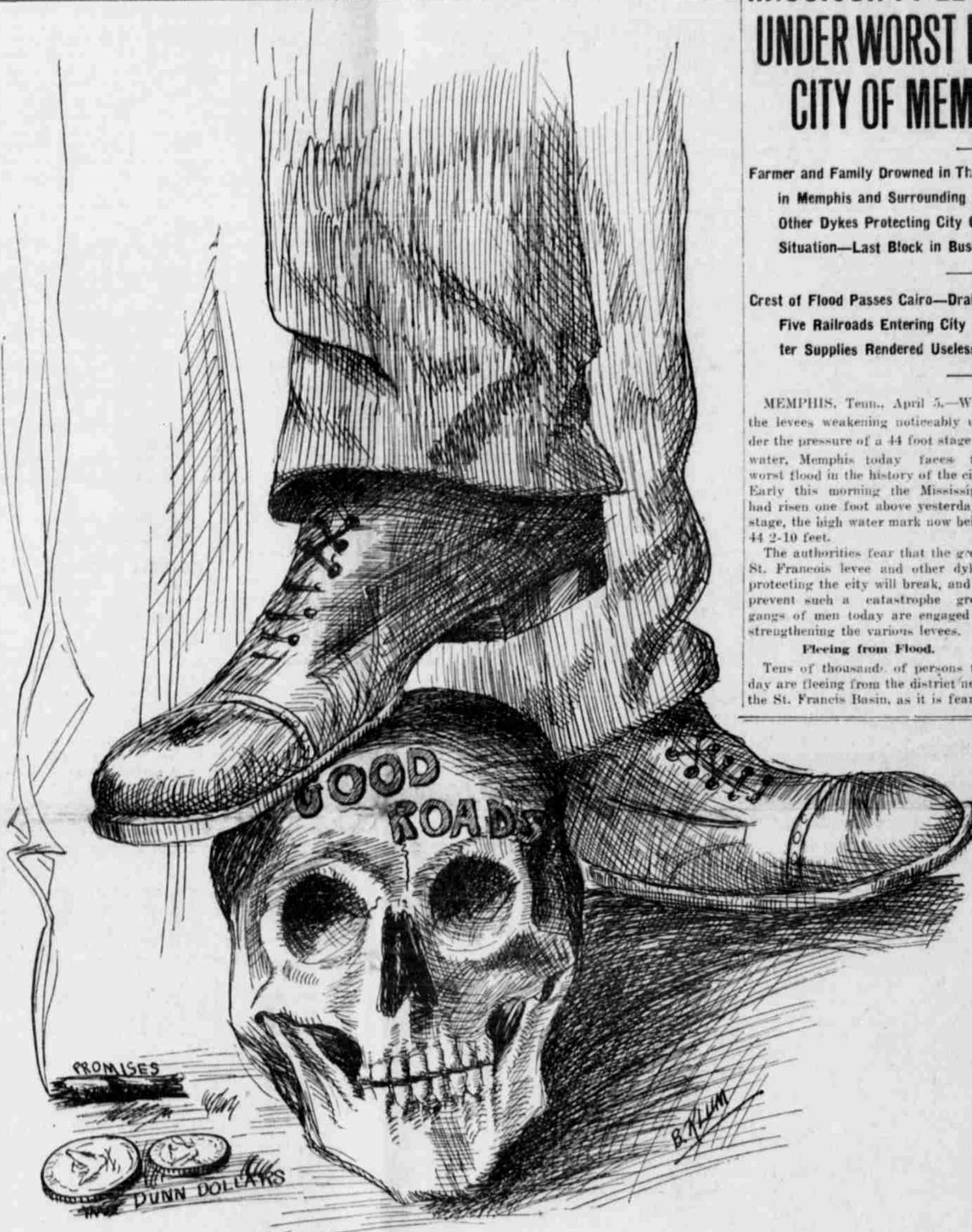
Houser Declares Issue to Be Between  
Trusts Supporting Roosevelt and  
Taft and People for La Follette?

FRESNO, Cal., April 5.—Replying  
to the charge of Governor Hiram  
Johnson of California that the deser-  
tion by Johnson, Amos and Gifford  
Pinchot and other progressive lead-  
ers of the candidacy of Senator Rob-  
ert M. La Follette was the result of  
statements he had made, Walter  
Houser, La Follette's campaign man-  
ager, issued a long statement here  
today.

"Whatever may or may not have  
been said concerning the withdrawal  
of the La Follette candidacy, final  
determination of the course he should  
pursue was made by himself and he  
personally notified Gifford Pinchot  
and others who are now urging him  
to withdraw that once he had entered  
he would go through to the end, that  
there would be no turning back or  
surrendering, and addressing Pinchot  
personally he said to him: 'You  
promised to go through with me,  
Gifford, and I will not release you  
from that promise. If you leave me  
now it will be on your own motion.  
I shall remain a candidate until the  
nomination is made at the Chicago  
convention. This is final.'

"The issue is not whether or not  
in the hour of discouragement and  
perplexity due to intrigue and treach-  
ery of those who had been supporting  
La Follette that I might have favored  
La Follette's withdrawal in order to  
preserve his health and strength, but  
the issue is between the interests in  
this country, represented by men of  
the McKinley, Penrose and Murray  
Crane type who are supporting Taft,  
and men of George W. Perkins,  
Frank A. Munsey and Dan Hanna  
type, all powers in the steel trust,  
who are supporting Roosevelt and  
who are the real backbone of his  
campaign on the one side, and the  
rank and file of American people on  
the other, to whom La Follette looks  
for support and to whom he has been  
true all these years in order that  
true representative government be re-  
established."

### Dunn's Stand on Good Roads



A vote for Dunn is a vote to kill the good roads movement in Jackson county.

### MISSISSIPPI LEVEES WEAKEN UNDER WORST FLOOD IN HISTORY; CITY OF MEMPHIS ENDANGERED

Farmer and Family Drowned in Their Home—Seven Thousand Homeless  
in Memphis and Surrounding Country—Great St. Francis Levee and  
Other Dykes Protecting City Giving Away—Natchez Faces Serious  
Situation—Last Block in Business District of Hickman Inundated.

Crest of Flood Passes Cairo—Drain Pipe Clogs and City Receives Scare—  
Five Railroads Entering City Unable to Resume Operations—City Wa-  
ter Supplies Rendered Useless by Contamination.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.—With  
the levees weakening noticeably un-  
der the pressure of a 44 foot stage of  
water, Memphis today faces the  
worst flood in the history of the city.  
Early this morning the Mississippi  
had risen one foot above yesterday's  
stage, the high water mark now being  
44 2-10 feet.

The authorities fear that the great  
St. Francis levee and other dykes  
protecting the city will break, and to  
prevent such a catastrophe great  
gangs of men today are engaged in  
strengthening the various levees.

**Fleeing from Flood.**  
Tens of thousands of persons to-  
day are fleeing from the district near  
the St. Francis Basin, as it is feared

the levee will go. It is estimated that  
7,000 persons are homeless in Mem-  
phis and the surrounding country.

City officials today discovered  
that the city's supply of water in  
sections of Memphis has been con-  
taminated as a result of the seepage,  
and an epidemic is feared. All resi-  
dents have been instructed to boil  
all water before drinking it.

Natchez, Miss., today faces a ser-  
ious situation, the Mississippi river  
there being expected to reach a 55  
foot stage. All river steamers are  
swamped by the demands of farmers  
to move livestock.

**Situation Worse Hourly.**  
The flood in Memphis is growing  
more serious hourly. Already the  
water is flowing over the St. Francis  
levee in a score of places and with a  
45 feet stage predicted within two  
days enormous damage is sure to re-  
sult.

Great apprehension prevails over  
the probability of the levee being un-  
able to withstand the great pressure  
of water and hundreds of persons are  
engaged in strengthening the dykes.

President Kollough of the levee  
board is greatly alarmed over the  
situation. He said:

"The city is in grave danger of a  
most serious flood. An east wind  
would cause a catastrophe and it is  
impossible to predict what the out-  
come will be."

**Seven are Drowned.**

CAIRO, Ill., April 5.—William  
Lynch, his wife and three children,  
were drowned in a flood near Bird's  
Point, Mo., today according to re-  
ports received here. The farm house  
in which they lived was surrounded  
by water and the family met death in  
an effort to reach higher ground.

J. S. Carey and Henry Baker, far-  
mers, also are reported drowned.

Great apprehension and excitement  
prevailed here today for a time, the  
rapid rise of the water on Tenth  
street leading to a report that the  
Mississippi levee had given way. Af-  
ter preparation had been completed  
to combat a serious flood, officials  
discovered that the water rushing in-  
to the city was the overflow from the  
discharge race of a drain pump. The  
race, becoming clogged, resulted in  
great volumes of water flowing back  
into Cairo instead of being emptied  
into an open river beyond the city.

**Worst of Flood Over.**  
Cairo authorities at noon today is-  
sued a statement in which they ex-  
pressed the belief that the worst of  
the flood had passed.

The drainage district north of her  
is desolated, with lumber, barns and  
houses floating about in the flood.  
None of the five railroads entering  
Cairo has been able to resume oper-  
ations. Of these the Illinois was the  
last to suspend, abandoning the line  
when 3,000 feet of tracks was wash-  
ed out early today.

HICKMAN, Ky., April 5.—Most  
critical conditions prevail here today  
as a result of the floods. Refugees  
with no money left and little food, are  
fleeing here from the surrounding  
country.

The last flock in the business dis-  
trict of Hickman was inundated yester-  
day.

**NEW WORLD'S RECORD  
IN TORPEDO FIRING**

PENSACOLA, Fla., April 5.—In  
the face of adverse conditions the  
United States schooner LaTrappe  
and Monaghan made a new world's  
record in night torpedo firing in this  
harbor last night. Every torpedo  
sent from these struck the bullseye  
of the target. The entire group of  
five vessels made an average of 79  
per cent, above the average for day-  
light firing.

### Fouling Their Own Nest

(Copy of circular sent out by Medford Labor Council.)  
W. E. Johnson, President, C. W. Harrington, Secretary.  
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF MEDFORD AND VICINITY

We, the Central Labor Council of Medford and vicinity, deem it necessary  
that some steps should be taken to inform the workingman who is  
thinking of changing his location to benefit his condition, of the true  
conditions as they exist in the Rogue River valley. A bunch of organized  
promoters, "boosters" and real estate men are advertising this country in  
glowing colors. They do not hesitate at any statement to catch the un-  
suspecting, prospective settler.

All of the really good land, which comprises about two-fifths of the  
Rogue River valley, has been bought up by millionaires and speculators,  
who have boosted the price out of the reach of the man of moderate means,  
and who are at present advertising desert land, with hardpan only a few  
inches under the surface, in which they must needs blast holes for fruit  
trees that cannot survive more than a few years, at from three to five  
hundred dollars an acre.

This entire country is overrun with an unemployed and disappointed  
army of men who have responded to this unscrupulous advertising. The  
churches, lodges and municipality of Medford have made many contribu-  
tions to charity in order to tide their unemployed through the winter—and  
still men, willing and anxious to work, are begging for bread in Medford.  
And these deplorable conditions are not confined to Medford alone, but  
exist quite generally over the state of Oregon.

Skilled mechanics are in the same boat with the common laborer and  
are having a hard struggle under these adverse conditions. Very few are at  
work.

This letter is not put out, as some "boosters" claim, "to get a corner  
on labor," but to protect the workingman. Any sane man knows that a  
"corner on labor," in these times of depression and unemployment is an  
impossibility. The day of the homesteader is passed in this vicinity, and  
unless you are prepared to support yourself by other means than day labor  
our advice to you is, do not come to Oregon, until such time when matters  
have been so adjusted that you can at least find employment and not be  
compelled to walk the streets looking for work while your savings, accumu-  
lated by hard work and sacrifice, dwindle and disappear.

### STRIKERS RIOT JERSEY MILLS

PASSAIC, N. J., April 5.—Serious  
rioting broke out today among the  
textile workers at Garfield, across the  
river from here, resulting in five  
arrests.

The trouble started when Charles  
Rothsinger, an industrialist organ-  
izer, defied a manifesto against public  
meeting issued by Sheriff Conklin.

The organizer was arrested, but  
when a number of the textile strik-  
ers attempted his rescue the sheriff's  
deputies used clubs and revolvers, fir-  
ing one volley into the crowd. Ap-  
parently no one was hit.

Sheriff Conklin yesterday posted  
notices reviving an obsolete law pro-  
hibiting public gatherings. The  
striking textile workers declare this  
action is a violation of their constitu-  
tional rights.

### NEW WAR MINISTER NAMED FOR JAPAN

TOKIO, April 5.—Lieutenant Gen-  
eral Yusaku Uyara today was ap-  
pointed minister of war of Japan,  
succeeding the late war minister  
Shiroyuki Ishimoto.

Yyara served as a staff officer in  
the China-Japanese war, and in the  
Russia-Japanese war was chief of  
staff to General Nodzu.

### LA FOLLETTE IS JUST BEGINNING

FALLS CITY, Neb., April 5.—"I  
am just beginning to fight," declared  
Senator Robert M. La Follette, candi-  
date for the republican nomination  
for president in an address before  
hundreds of people at Plattsmouth,  
where he opened his campaign tour of  
Nebraska today.

"I expect to carry both Nebraska  
and California," continued the sena-  
tor, "and I expect to go to the na-  
tional convention in Chicago second  
in the number of delegates."

In his speech at Plattsmouth, Sen-  
ator La Follette discussed the recall  
of the judiciary, direct legislation,  
and other people's power methods,  
which were also the principal topics  
of his speeches throughout the day.  
He spoke in Maynard, Murray, Un-  
ion, Wyoming, Nebraska City, Au-  
burn, Stella and Vernon.

### ROOSEVELT SPEAKS TO WEST VIRGINIA CROWD

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., April 5.  
—With direct legislation and "peo-  
ple's powers" measures as his theme  
Theodore Roosevelt spoke for 40  
minutes before a crowd of 3000 here  
today.

### MADERO'S FRIENDS ARE TREACHEROUS

MEXICO CITY, April 5.—Support-  
ers of the regime of President Ma-  
dero were thrown into a panic here  
today when it was learned that a  
number of former prominent officials  
of the Mexican government had been  
charged with plotting to aid Zapata  
in the overthrow of Madero. Among  
those accused are Alberto Granadas,  
former secretary of the interior un-  
der Madero; Jorge Estanol, former  
minister of education; and Francisco  
Gomez, brother of Emilio Gomez.

Madero was greatly affected by  
the charges and the foreigners here  
fear that he intends to flee from the  
capital.

Fifty rebels and federals were kil-  
ed, and 100 wounded today in a bat-  
tle at Yuatepec, a short distance from  
the capital. The fight was still in  
progress at noon today.

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—  
The house committee on the District  
of Columbia today unanimously or-  
dered a favorable report on the Norris  
bill providing for a presidential pri-  
mary in the district.

### I. W. W.'S OUSTED FROM SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 5.—Eighty  
deputy constables, wet and tired, but  
determined to remain on guard  
against the threatened invasion of  
the I. W. W.'s from the north, are  
patrolling the north border of San  
Diego county today. The first squad  
was reinforced by 48 more men last  
night, and all expect to remain at  
the county line until the invading hordes  
have been turned back.

Fifteen more I. W. W.'s were taken  
out of the city by citizens last night.  
They were arrested during the day,  
and at midnight, with the jail lights  
extinguished, were escorted to a big  
fire department automobile truck and  
taken to the county line. This pro-  
cess will be continued, Chief of Po-  
lice Wilson declares, until every I. W.  
W. is out of the county.

### KILLED FOR 75 CENTS BY GAS PIPE THUGS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Lur-  
ed into a room in his apartment  
house and attacked by two gaspipe  
thugs, Julius Majaulet is dying to-  
day from a blow on the head. The  
men got 75 cents for their pains.  
Both are still at large.