

MISSISSIPPI LEVEES BREAK, FLOODING HUNDREDS OF MILES OF TERRITORY

WHITE, I. W. W. LEADER, BACK OF CIRCULAR

Says He Drafted and Submitted it to Labor Council—Says Johnson and Executive Committee Read and Approved it and Guernsey Printed it.

Union Men Who Are Not Socialists or I. W. W.'s Are Most Indignant at Issuance of Defaming Circular.

D. C. White, carpenter, late socialist candidate for councilman from the third ward, organizer of the proposed branch of the I. W. W. in this city, and member of executive committee of the Central Labor Council, wrote the circular defaming Medford and the Rogue river valley, issued by the Central Labor Council. He not only drafted it, but brought it before that body and championed it throughout. Later he was one of a committee of two which carried it to D. W. Guernsey, a printer, had it printed and later mailed it east.

Mr. White makes no attempt to "get out from under" as did other members of the Central Labor Council. He states that he is "class conscious" and that in writing and championing the circular he is fighting for his "class interests." When told that Guernsey, the printer, was attempting to deny that he had printed the circular, and that W. E. Johnson, whose name appears on the circular as president of the labor council, denied all knowledge of the affair White stated that he had himself given Guernsey the order, and that he could not believe that Johnson had said that he knew nothing of the matter.

Says Johnson Knew.

"You are a stranger to me," stated White to a representative of the Mail Tribune, "and I have known Johnson some time—he is a friend of mine. Therefore, I tell you frankly that I cannot believe you when you say that Johnson denies knowledge of this. He was president of the council which authorized the circular, and I know that he had read and approved it."

Guernsey, who printed the circular attempted to "get out from under." Friday morning he admitted printing it and told a representative of the Mail Tribune that he had been asked to keep quiet about the matter and that he could not make a statement. In the afternoon he had had a complete change of heart. He then denied

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RUEF TO TELL FULL STORY OF 'FRISCO GRAFT

Stung to Reprisal by Recent Criticism Former Boss Writes Complete History of Corruption for Publication—Will Explain Fully All Deals

Calhoun, Herrin and Dunn Mentioned as Having Strenuously Tried to Keep Convict from Confession.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Stung to reprisal by a recent editorial in a San Francisco morning paper in which he was described as a "human hyena" and "surling, cynical rogue," whose parole from San Quentin prison would "lose for the city the respect of reputable men the world over," Abraham Ruef, once all-powerful political boss of San Francisco, today in the San Francisco Bulletin publishes a partial statement of his connection with the graft which made his name notorious.

The Bulletin directly mentions the names of Patrick Calhoun of the United Railroads, William F. Herrin of the Southern Pacific, and Frank Drum of the San Francisco Gas company as men who have moved Heaven and earth to prevent the inside of Ruef's life becoming public. Herrin, it says, sent a personal message to Mrs. Henrietta Sittenfield, Ruef's sister, to urge Ruef to refuse to testify against former Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz at his recent trial here.

What Ruef will tell when the indictments against him are dismissed—as has already been advised by District Attorney Fickert—is set forth in a signed statement, which says in part: "Whatever corruption existed in San Francisco or was in my knowledge, I shall frankly declare and avow. Without reservation I shall relate my actions and the parts played by others. Without malice or bitterness, without personal feeling or ill-will, I shall endeavor to show the political system which made politics what they have been and the influences which controlled and corrupted."

"I shall show how the public service corporations, large and small, through their political and financial control, dominated the government and corrupted politics. I shall show the relation between big business and big and little politics and how Mr. Herrin and others, through their corporation and allied influences, secured general control and special privilege. I shall cover as fully as I can the entire ground."

Marking Time---Dunn's Idea of Progress



A vote for Dunn is a vote for Jackson county to mark time during the next four years.

DUNN'S MOSSBACK MARCH

"You're doing fine, you're doing fine," the whiskered mossback said. "Sure, marking time is just my line," said Dunn while on parade. "Be careful now and do not step the smallest space ahead." "Leave that to me, leave that to me," the bearded mossback said.

"For I'm makin' lots of motions And I vow I shall not flinch; 'You'll find if I serve four years more 'I'll never budge an inch."

"March as you marched years ago," the whiskered mossback said. "There never was a march so slow," said Dunn while on parade. "I am standing on my record and I'm after Merrick's goat." "I don't believe in roads and so I'll get the mossback vote."

"I'll practice strict economy And yow 'tis my intent, 'To rest four years at Jacksonville 'And never spend a cent."

WOULD BOYCOTT CITY'S DEFAMERS

President Colvig of Commercial Club Thinks Only Few Printed for Local Effect—Advises Authors to Move Elsewhere—Employment Should Be Refused Them.

Speaking of the circular issued by the Central Labor Council, President Colvig of the Commercial club said: "I think only a few of these circulars were issued, and sent to citizens supposed to have influence in public matters. "These mal-contents make particular mention of the 'Desert enterprise.' Allow me to ask our friends, the laborers, what good it does them to criticize this project in anyway. This company has paid out to the laboring people of Jackson county more than \$150,000 in gold coin in the past couple of years. Has it been an enemy to the laboring man in any way?"

"The Medford Commercial club, and the live business men who make up its membership, are trying to build a railroad to the Blue Ledge copper mine; they are trying to institute a cement factory in Rogue river valley; a large canning establishment; a vitrified brick plant; and many other enterprises that must of necessity employ labor. The laboring man who is in any way opposing these propo-

sitions is but little better than a brainless idiot. "The circular is filled with falsehood. It says 'Men who are anxious to work are begging for bread at Medford.' "There is no truth in that statement. There have been, during the past winter, a few 'L.W.W.'s' pass through, who crawled out from under the eaves, and appeared at the back doors of our residences and asked for bread, and when they were shown the wood pile they immediately departed. "I would advise the men who issued the circular to move elsewhere. Why do they not go to Hoquiam or Aberdeen up north, or to the balmy skies of San Diego, or to Lawrence, Mass., or to England where 50,000 men are on a strike? "The men who are constantly agitating the labor question are among the poorest workmen in the unions. They put in too much time agitating, and too little time at work. The people should not employ any man who had any part in the issuing of such an infamous circular."

REQUEST MORE MEN TO CONDUCT MANHUNT

MOUNT AIRY, N. C., April 6.—Detective Baldwin, who is in charge of the search through the mountains here for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the Hillsville courthouse bandits, today issued a demand for more

Utah Endorses Taft

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 6.—By unanimous vote the republican state committee of Utah today endorsed President Taft for renomination at the national convention in Chicago. The state convention will be held at Provo May 15.

WARRANT REPORTED ISSUED FOR HAYWOOD

PASSAIC, N. J., April 6.—Police authorities here today refused either to confirm or deny a report that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of William D. Haywood, the labor leader, who has been prominent

Wilson at Galesburg

GALESBURG, Ill., April 6.—Addressing a crowd at the depot here today Governor Wilson attacked the methods of selecting candidates in vogue in most states as "boss rule."

DYKES BURST DELUGE SWEEPS ALL BEFORE IT

All Hope of Saving St. Francis Basin Abandoned—Entire Eastern Part of Arkansas Submerged—20,000 Persons Homeless.

People Perched on Houses and Trees Floated Away—Rise in Waters Continues Hourly.

HICKMAN, Ky., April 6.—Heavy loss of life is now feared to have attended yesterday's break in the levee near here which resulted in 500 square miles of land being submerged under several feet of water.

MEMPHIS, April 6.—Five hundred refugees who arrived here today from Tiptonville, Tenn., reported that every house in Lake County, Tenn., was completely submerged. The sudden break of the levee yesterday is said to have left many persons stranded on housetops and trees. Mayor Crump of Memphis today "shanghaied" 200 negroes and sent them to Bridge Junction to stop a break in the levee there.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6.—All hope of saving the St. Francis levee and the St. Francis basin was abandoned today by government officials and engineers. A dozen weak spots were reported simultaneously shortly before noon in the St. Francis levee and it appears certain that the dykes will soon go out. This means that hundreds of thousands of acres of tillable soil in Tennessee and Mississippi will be inundated.

It is feared that a break in the St. Francis levee will destroy the \$5,000,000 railroad bridge here. The crest of the flood is not expected before Sunday and with the bursting of the levee it is not believed that the structure will be able to withstand the terrific pressure which will be placed on it.

Practically the entire eastern part of Arkansas is covered with the back water from the flood. Thousands of refugees are arriving from the low lying districts. They are being temporarily quartered in the public buildings and private homes. The situation in the surrounding country is growing worse hourly. It is conservatively estimated that 20,000 persons are homeless.

In Louisiana and Mississippi the farmers are gathering their families and live stock and are hurrying to higher ground. Warnings to farmers to leave the threatened district at once were sent out from here today.

ALL CAIRO WORKS TO STRENGTHEN LEEVE

CAIRO, Ill., April 6.—With the Mississippi river here today at a 54 foot stage and still showing a tendency to rise nearly every able-bodied male resident of Cairo today is at work strengthening the dykes in the threatened territory.

The supply of fresh meat was exhausted here today but the city officials established a commissary department and are distributing food prepared at restaurants and private homes.

FLOOD AREA IN VALLEY WIDESPREAD

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6.—The flood area in the Mississippi valley here is widened and lengthened today, it being estimated that 150 square miles of tillable soil is inundated. Suffering in the flooded territory is intense, and becoming more acute hourly.

The 100 workers marooned on the (Continued on page 8.)