

NATION-WIDE RAID ON I. W. W. BY GOVERNMENT

Federal Authorities Arrest Many Leaders and Seize Papers as Evidence—Took Drastic Action to Put an End to Anti-War Propaganda.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The government today took drastic action to end the anti-war propaganda and activities conducted in the name of the Industrial Workers of the World, the Socialist party and other organizations throughout the United States.

On orders from Attorney General Gregory, United States marshals in many towns and cities descended upon local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, seized books, checks, correspondence and other documents and in some instances arrested officials found upon the premises.

In Chicago federal agents took possession of the national headquarters of the Socialist party and a warrant authorizing the seizure of its documents was served upon its counsel.

Grand Jury Investigating.
The seizure of documents was carried out in accordance with a plan perfected here by William C. Fitts, assistant attorney general. The department of justice announced that the seizure of papers was made in connection with a federal grand jury investigation of the Industrial Workers of the World now proceeding at Chicago.

The department's action was taken on the eve of a report to President Wilson by Chief Justice Covington of the supreme court of the District of Columbia who was designated recently by the president to investigate the labor situation in the West. Judge Covington probably will report personally to President Wilson tomorrow.

Whether the concerted action of marshals throughout the country was in any way related to Judge Covington's inspection was not disclosed. It is known, however, that Judge Covington made a special study of the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World. It was shortly after he reached the Northwest that 27 leaders of the organization were arrested by Idaho National Guardsmen the day before the time set for a general strike in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

Charges Not Made Public.
The charges against leaders of the organization under arrest or whose arrest is contemplated were not made public here. It was said at the department of justice that these would have to be determined by the grand jury investigating the organization.

Officials also declined to state if indictments had been found by grand juries in Chicago or elsewhere against Industrial Workers of the World leaders. It was intimated, however, that the investigation had only begun. Indications are that federal grand juries in other cities will be called upon.

For many weeks past scores of field workers of the department's bureau of investigation have devoted their undivided attention to alleged attempts on the part of I. W. W. leaders to embarrass the government in the conduct of the war by strikes and other disturbances called in the name of labor.

Charges of many complexions have been received by the department in connection with the organization's activities. Recently it was charged that included in the ranks of the Industrial Workers of the World were many Austrians who have been active in stirring up strife intended to hamper American industries, doing work handled by Germans before the United States declared a state of war existing with Germany.

Continued investigation has failed, it is understood, to connect these activities with Germany money. Many instances of a suspicious nature in connection with alleged labor troubles, however, have been investigated.

As a result of the countrywide seizure of the organization's papers the department of justice tonight finds itself in possession of documents by the thousands, many of which will be submitted to grand juries as the basis of an investigation to determine whether leaders can be prosecuted.

Prosecutions may be begun under several laws, chiefly the espionage act, covering the utterance of treasonable and seditious statements, and the new food control law.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

There will be an ice cream supper at Kelly's school Saturday night. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

PICNIC THURSDAY.

The Bonham Community club will give a picnic at the "Pool" near Bonham on Thursday, Sept. 13th. Everybody come and bring well-filled baskets.

REPORT OF SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Of Union County Red Cross Chapter Read at the Monthly Board Meeting, August 31, '17.

The first material for the chapter was bought on July 24th: Amount expended, \$241.36; 1919 1/2 yards of material, 14 dozen rolls of tape, 19 dozen spools of thread, 16 gross safety pins, 7 papers pins, 1 paper needles (12 papers given), 1 tape measure, 12 dozen buttons, 500 Red Cross emblems, 9 patterns, 6 yards outing donated, 1 handsome bath robe donated.

Three hundred and sixteen garments have been cut as follows: 171 bed shirts, 79 pajamas, 12 operating caps, 24 operating gowns, 30 bed socks.

The cloth varied in price from 7 cents to 15 cents per yard.

The material required to cut garments as follows: Operating gowns, material 36 in. wide, 5 1/4 yards; pajamas, material, 36 in. wide, 5 1/2 yards; bed shirts, material, 36 in. wide, 5 1/2 yards.

Bed socks are cut from large scraps left from pajamas or short lengths. Small scraps are cut in tiny pieces to stuff fracture pillows.

Not a particle of material is wasted. All surgical dressings are made from the unbleached muslin, and some bandages require six safety pins each. Number of bandages made reported by Mrs. T. P. Kennedy, chairman.

The material for the boxes was furnished at actual cost by one of our lumber firms, and a patriotic contractor made the boxes as a donation to the Red Cross.

The chapter will send off several boxes in a few days.

The committee regrets exceedingly that it has been impossible to get the yarn for knitting. Wool is scarce and as soon as it is furnished from Southern headquarters it will be distributed immediately.

The following ladies are in charge of the different branches of the work: Cutting—Mrs. A. H. Foster, chairman committee, morning.

Cutting—Mrs. J. T. Sexton, chairman committee, afternoon.

Distributing—Mrs. R. E. White, chairman.

Knitting—Mrs. B. G. Clifford, chairman.

Packing—Mrs. J. C. Wallace, chairman.

Mrs. L. J. Hames, Chairman Com. Red Cross Supplies.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF W. M. U. MEETS

The executive board of the W. M. U. of the Baptists of the county met Saturday afternoon in the parlors of the First Baptist church to elect a successor to Mrs. H. O. Holcomb, superintendent of the W. M. U. Mrs. Holcomb resigned to take effect immediately as she is moving to another county and Mrs. R. M. Hendley was elected to fill the position.

The executive board will hold another meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church to plan the year's work and discuss other important matters.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

The Equal Suffrage League held a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Saturday, August 24th, the president, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, in the chair.

The treasurer reported that the monthly payments for the upkeep of the State headquarters had been forwarded regularly.

It was decided to "adopt a Congressman" and keep upon his desk a copy of The Woman Citizen, our official organ. Mrs. Duncan agreed to see that this paper is sent to our congressman, Hon. Sam Nicholls.

The league also voted to become an Auxiliary to the Union County Red Cross chapter, to assist in any work undertaken by them, but especially to make comfort bags for Christmas presents for our soldiers. Every member willing to make and furnish her bag will please report to Mrs. Duncan.

There will be another meeting on Saturday, Sept. 8th, at the Chamber of Commerce at 5 p. m. and every member is urged to be present.

UNION COUNTY FAIR.

Union county will have its regular annual fair in October. This is as it should be. The fair is not a money-making venture, it is educational along the very lines that must need emphasis, improved agriculture, better cattle, better fruits, vegetables and better schools. Let us, by all means, give our best effort to making this year's fair a tremendous success.

NEW CONCERN OPENED.

Dr. J. G. Going has opened an office and drug store in the W. Newell Smith block on the East side of Main street. Dr. Going has his office in the rear and has placed a small stock of drugs and druggists' sundries in the front of the building.

American Labor Loyal to Government

Meeting in Minneapolis Declares in Favor of Victorious Peace—Every Delegate Pledges Loyalty in Signed Statement.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 5.—Discussion of terms of peace with Germany was declared to be traitorous to the United States by Samuel Gompers, in the convention here today of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy.

Frank P. Walsh, temporary chairman of the convention, aroused enthusiasm when he declared that no political party, cult or propaganda would be permitted to use the organization, but that behind "our greater leader in Washington we may sweep our armies to a victorious peace."

Every delegate to the convention signed a pledge to stand while the war lasts loyally and faithfully behind the government. Every speaker ridiculed the pretensions of the People's Peace Council for terms of peace and of democracy. Every reference to labor giving its all in the struggle for democracy was cheered vociferously. Twenty-two states are represented at the convention.

Samuel Gompers was made permanent chairman; John Spargo, vice chairman, and Frank Morrison, secretary.

A letter from President Wilson in answer to an invitation to attend the convention was read and President Gompers outlined labor's stand in the war.

United.

"All democracies are now engaged in a titanic struggle to free the world from ruthless autocracy at one fell stroke," said Mr. Gompers.

"Is it not time to see the red blood man shed to safeguard himself or his fellowman or perish in the struggle? When President Wilson saw the people over whom he has been chosen to guide, destroyer, innocent women and children sent to untimely graves, ruthlessly murdered for going where they had a right to go, what was he to do? He knew there was a time in the life

of a man or a nation when they were not too proud to fight?"

Mr. Gompers spoke of how all his life he had been an advocate of peace and after a conference in France several years ago, when leading workmen of all nations declared they never would go to war again and that wars had ended for all time, he returned home with firm conviction that there would be no more wars.

"But war did break out and went on ruthlessly that all peoples might be subject to autocratic rule. As I passed down the street today I saw a heading in a newspaper which said: 'Germans leave Flanders.' This thought was impressed on my mind, is this the beginning of the end? Back from Flanders. Back from France. Back from Serbia and then perhaps we can discuss terms of peace. Humanity will never again be cursed with a war like this thrust upon us.

To Workmen.

"Let me say a word to those labor men who profess to be satisfied because we have been forced into this war and who claim to be conscientious objectors who do not want to fight, who believe in non-resistance. I ask them what would be their attitude in a struggle between themselves and an unjust employer? Suppose three-fourths of the members of your union voted to strike for an increase in wages or against a reduction and walked out. Do you tell me the minority have the moral right to remain a trow? I hold that the man who is a traitor to his country is on a par with the man who deserts his fellow-workers. Expression of dissent may be one thing, but to organize that dissension is not right and should not be tolerated."

Temporary Chairman Walsh praised President Gompers for the stand he took when President Wilson asked the aid of labor.

MONTHLY MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monthly meeting of executive board of Union County Red Cross chapter. Reports from various chairmen were given, showing great activity along all lines of work.

Mrs. Macbeth Young reported the formation of branches at Carlisle and Kelton, and one being organized at Jonesville. Also the application of the Union County Equal Suffrage League to become a Red Cross Auxiliary.

Mrs. Storm, chairman of ways and means committee, reported quite a neat sum in bank as the result of the activities of her committee.

Mrs. Hames and Mrs. Kennedy reported enough garments and surgical dressings on hand to pack a box next week to be sent to Atlanta headquarters.

It was decided to ask for a 25% refund of the amount that Union county raised for war relief, said amount to be used to purchase raw material.

The Red Cross chapter agreed to put on a campaign to sell tickets to the chautauqua scheduled for Sept. 12 to 14 in Union with the agreement that all the profits go to the chapter. Mrs. L. M. Rice was elected assistant secretary.

LADIES ASKED TO HELP.

The committee on sewing and dressings reports the following work finished: Ten dozen triangular bandages, 10 dozen abdominal bandages, 5 dozen head bandages, 2 dozen T. bandages, 1 dozen fracture pillows.

There remains to be finished for the first shipment: One dozen T. bandages and 5 dozen fracture pillows.

This committee sews every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 12, at the Red Cross headquarters, and every woman who will is asked to come and help. There is urgent need for surgical dressings, and the work we've done is but a small beginning of the work that is before us. Come and help.

RUMMAGE SALE.

The ways and means committee of the Union County Red Cross chapter have opened a store room in the Newell Smith block and will have a rummage sale every Saturday until nobody has any rummage left. If you have any clothes, shoes, hats, cloaks, tinfol, dishes, ribbon, ruchings or anything, please send to the store room and help the Red Cross and down the Iron Cross.

TO OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The ladies of the First Baptist prayer, beginning Monday, Sept. 10, church will observe the week of the meetings will be held in the ladies' parlors in the church building at 4 o'clock each afternoon.

TO FARMERS

Who Desire to Order Seed Through the Demonstration Force.

Those farmers who wish to order seed through the demonstration force are asked to get in touch with County Agent A. B. Carville at once. Seed are steadily advancing, and this matter should be attended at once. An order probably will be placed at the first of next week.

Special attention should be given wheat, oats, rye, clovers, vetch, rape, etc. The Department of Agriculture is stressing very much putting in a large acreage of these.

AN EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Buffalo, S. C., Sept. 4, 1917. Saturday night, Sept. 8th, there will be held in the Methodist church at Buffalo an educational rally, the nature of which will be most important as well as interesting to the patrons and friends of Buffalo school. It is earnestly hoped that all the patrons of the school will attend the meeting.

Buffalo school will open Monday, Sept. 10th, at 9 o'clock. The opening exercises will be held in the Baptist church. Patrons and friends, as well as the children, are invited to be present. F. E. Shuford.

OF INTEREST HERE.

Mrs. O. M. Kelly announces the marriage of her daughter Essie Verian to

Mr. J. Len Kesler on Sunday the second of September nineteen hundred and seventeen Parrottsville Tennessee

Mr. Kesler is a native of Union county and has many warm friends here who congratulate him upon his good fortune and wish for him great happiness.

MUSIC CLUB.

The Euterpean Music club was entertained by Miss Mamie Oetzel on Thursday morning. The program was thoroughly enjoyed. Misses Mary Jones, Ludie Jordan, Kathin Layton and Mrs. R. A. Jones sang several beautiful quartets; Miss Minnie Scofield sang in her charming manner and the other numbers were a piano solo by Miss Fannie Duncan, Miss Edith Smith, Mary Jones and the club sang several selections. "The Marseillaise," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning." The hostess served dainty refreshments.

SCHOOL OPENS THE 17TH.

Prof. Davis Jeffries requests us to announce that the city schools will open for the fall session on the 17th of September and the teachers' meeting will be held on the 15th.

CHAUTAQUA HERE SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14

POPULAR YOUNG MAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

John J. Spears of Jonesville, Died in Hospital at Spartanburg Sunday. Buried Monday Afternoon in Gilead Cemetery.

John J. Spears, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spears, of Jonesville, died in the hospital at Spartanburg Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock, and his body was laid to rest in Gilead cemetery, Jonesville, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. His death was a severe shock to his friends and loved ones, for he was a robust young man, in the prime of life, and was the picture of health up to a few days before his death. A few days before his death he made a business trip to Tennessee, returning Friday. He was a very ill man when he got home, but being possessed of a strong will he refused to give up. On Saturday afternoon he went to the hospital in Spartanburg, and immediately an operation was performed upon him for appendicitis. It was found that the disease had progressed beyond human aid, and death ensued the following morning.

Mr. Spears would have been 27 years of age in October. Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Joe M. Spears of Brownville, Tex., a member of the signal corps of the United States army, and E. F. Spears of Jonesville. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. B. Fowler of Jonesville, Mrs. J. G. Cunningham of Greenville, Miss H. Inez Spears and Miss Clara Spears of Jonesville.

Young Spears was an exemplary young man, a useful and worthy citizen, and was held in very high esteem by all who knew him. He was active and useful in his service to the Baptist church, of which he was a member and a deacon, and was faithful in every relation in life. He possessed a genial and happy disposition and won friends wherever he went.

Many sorrowing friends gathered in the Methodist church, where the funeral was conducted, to pay a last tribute to him. Beneath a bed of beautiful flowers his body was laid to rest in old Gilead cemetery, there to await the coming of the resurrection morn. Cut down in the prime of life, yet not before he had revealed a beautiful life, he leaves a record that will be an unceasing comfort to friends and loved ones throughout the coming days.

LIST OF KNITTERS.

Roll of Jonesville. Mrs. Tom Bishop, Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, Mrs. Mary Kelly, Miss Sue Eison, Miss Anna C. Hames, Mrs. Geo. Wood, Mrs. A. J. Wright, Miss Carrie Gault.

Roll of Bogansville. Mrs. L. P. Bogan, Mrs. Sue West, Mrs. Will Gibbs, Mrs. J. Boyd Lancaster, Mrs. R. S. Lancaster, Mrs. Fannie Lancaster, Mrs. J. B. Lancaster, Mrs. C. N. Lawson, Mrs. C. N. West, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. J. E. Holcomb, Mrs. L. B. Lee, Mrs. W. D. Lancaster, Mrs. L. L. Lancaster, Mrs. W. H. Lawson, Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Ella Bogan, Mrs. W. J. F. Mayes.

New Members to Union List. Misses Minnie, Nancy and Leda Ivey, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. S. A. Sinclair.

Mrs. Clifford is in Chester for treatment and writes that up-to-date we have 131 knitters pledged to do work for the soldiers. She says she wishes 389 more names added to the list.

The material has been delayed on account of the tremendous rush of orders, but as soon as it arrives the committee will distribute to the knitters and if this work is carried on with the zeal and enthusiasm with which all other Red Cross work in Union county has been expeditious Dr. Snavely will be calling on our chapter to finish out the assignment of larger cities.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

The ways and means committee, of which Mrs. C. E. Storm is chairman, made a report at the executive meeting of the Union County Red Cross chapter and from various sources they have made \$65.41.

The sale of fruit which was donated by the ladies throughout the county, the sale of Red Cross buttons, the rummage sale, the doughnuts, and silver teas are among the things which Mrs. Storm and her committee have inaugurated to make money.

STUART-MCINTYRE.

Miss Mary F. Stuart of Charleston and Mr. William McIntyre of Atlanta were married Saturday afternoon, September 1st, by Judge W. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre have rented apartments at the home of Mrs. R. M. Estes and will begin housekeeping at once.

These young people have the good wishes of their friends for a long and happy life.

Splendid Attractions at Popular Prices—Gatherings to Be Held in Edsonia Theatre—Profits to Go to Red Cross Society.

Union is to have three big days of entertainment and instruction. Radcliffe Chautauqua will be here September 12th, 13th and 14th. There will be high class music, plays and educational lectures. Twenty-four public spirited citizens of Union put up the necessary guarantee to secure this series of attractions, and the price of admission is to be at a very reasonable figure. A season ticket for adults is \$1.50 and for children 75c.

The entertainments will be given in the Edsonia theatre and is an ideal place for such shows.

The profits, if there be any, are to go to the benefit of the Red Cross society, and the ladies of the local chapter are offering tickets for sale. Tickets may also be had from the management of the Edsonia theatre. The gentlemen who signed for the series of attractions have given over every cent of prospective profit to the Red Cross. You will be helping yourself and you will be helping a worthy cause when you patronize these entertainments. It is to be hoped that there will be a liberal patronage on the part of the Union people and also on the part of the out-of-town people. It is time for you to have a diversion. Hard work and war excitement has made living a considerable burden. This timely recreation will help everybody and will put a new hope into your heart. It will be an investment, not a tax. Come, and bring the children.

FAIRFOREST CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The Fairforest chapter, D. A. R., meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. J. Haile and the assistant hostesses were Mrs. J. W. Mixson and Mr. J. D. Arthur. A large number of the members were present and several visitors were welcomed, among them being Mrs. Sallie Stringfellow Walker, Mrs. Rainey, Misses Katie Hutchinson and Eliza Moore, house guests of Mrs. J. D. Arthur, and Mrs. Whitlock of Jonesville.

The chaplain, Mrs. Ida Perrin opened the meeting with prayer and the members repeated the Lord's prayer in concert and the beautiful ritual was read, impressively. The regent, Mrs. L. J. Hames, gave greetings and outlined the work for the new year and introduced the new secretary, Mrs. Louisa Duncan Eaves, and welcomed two new members into the fold—Mrs. D. A. Boyd and Mrs. W. H. Cobb.

"The Star Spangled Banner" was sung with fervor and musical numbers were given by Misses Mary Jones, Edith Smith and Kathrin Layton. Mrs. J. W. Mixson read a paper on "Old Union and the Homes", which was complete and intensely interesting. She told of the many homes in this town which had a bit of history connected with them; the old roadways, the public buildings and churches, all of which was told in an entertaining way. This paper was so well written and concerned so many people that the chapter purposes having it published at an early date.

Refreshments were served by the young daughters of the hostesses.

SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH.

Rev. J. W. Speake, pastor of Grace M. E. church, wishes us to announce that he will be pleased to meet his congregation on Sunday morning at 11:15 a. m., after an absence of five weeks.

SALVATION ARMY WORK HERE.

Ensign W. F. Brown and Envoy M. Crowell from Spartanburg were with the Union Salvationists and they conducted two fine meetings in the city, one on the street and one in the hall. At the latter meeting there were four souls at the altar. Envoy and Mrs. M. C. Pettit are doing a good work in the city and should receive the support of the people of Union. The Envoy says that he is the servant of the people and anything that he can do to help bring cheer and comfort will be gladly done. Call Phone 210 W.

RAG TACKING.

The rag tacking will be at Mrs. J. C. Wallace's on Friday, the 7th. Every one cordially invited. Bring the rags and new scraps. Also needle, thread and thimble. We are often asked what the soldiers want of rags. The idea is to make the rugs and sell them, and use the money to buy supplies.

So far we have realized \$13.63 from the silver teas, and expect to make a nice profit from the sale of rugs.

Women have a clever way of saying mean things that men can never hope to equal.