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# US Officers Raid IWW Headquarters Over Nation

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### *Indictments May Follow.*

MAGNOLIA, Mass., Sept. 5.— Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory was a guest at the summer home of Colonel E.M. House here this evening when he received word that raids on the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World in many cities had been carried out as arranged by the federal Department of Justice.

“It is no secret,” said Mr. Gregory, “that the Industrial Workers of the World have been under suspicion for some time. The Department of Justice conducted a quiet investigation until I was convinced that we were warranted in taking such action as this.

“I do not need to say the the raids will be followed quickly by indictments if we find anything to warrant them, and the men will be prosecuted to the extent of the law if they deserve it.”

### *Raid Haywood's Residence.*

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.— Eight places were raided by government officials here today. The places raided were:

Residence of William D. Haywood, International Secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Headquarters of Industrial Workers of the World, where Haywood has his office.

Residence of Ralph R. Chaplin, editor *Solidarity*, the official weekly paper of the IWW.

Residence of Vincent St. John, local secretary of IWW.

Residence of Harrison George, editorial writer for *Solidarity*.

Residence of John Farley, worker for the IWW.

Headquarters of American Socialist, which were also headquarters of Socialist Party.

Plant of Rogers Hall Company, where socialist paper and some of the socialist pamphlets have been printed.

Haywood and J. Louis Engdahl, a writer for the socialist paper, were taken into custody, but after questioning, they were allowed to go under guard.

### ***Raid Headquarters in Butte.***

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 5.— Federal authorities, aided by the police, raided alleged IWW headquarters here this afternoon and confiscated all papers. Seven other places about the city were raided.

In the headquarters of the electrical workers armament consisting of 8 revolvers and pistols, several high-powered rifles, and considerable ammunition were found. In the doorway W.A. Carte was placed under arrest on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

The raids were made under the leadership and direction of E.W. Bryn, Special Agent of the Department of Justice, United States Marshal J.L. Ashbridge, and Chief of Police J.J. Murphy, assisted by a squad of policemen and detectives.

Hundreds of men stood outside the Finlander Hall during the proceedings and uttered jeering remarks. The raid was a complete surprise. Peter Petrja, secretary of the Metal Mine Workers' Union, readily yielded to the order of the officials and turned over the contents of the files and material desired.

The enrollment book of the Metal Mine Workers' Union was found to consist of nothing but figures. When accosted by Bryn with the demand to turn over the membership book, Peterja is said to have declared, "That is it. The IWW is prepared for you fellows. Our fellows are known only by number. You are welcome to the book, but it is no good to you."

### ***Raid Copper Miners' Plae.***

DENVER, Col., Sept. 5.— The federal dragnet was effective in Denver and in Miami, Ariz. At Miami several thousand copper miners have been on strike for two months, under the direction of the

IWW and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

In Denver the government officers seized all the records, correspondence, and literature in the Industrial Workers' headquarters.

### ***Confiscate Printed Matter.***

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 5.— Deputy United States Marshal A.G. Sathre headed a raid today upon IWW headquarters and three other places and all printed matter was confiscated. A crowd lined the street in front of the headquarters while the raid was in progress, but no violence was attempted.

### ***Active in California.***

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.— Five reputed IWW gathering places in San Francisco were raided today by deputies from the United States Marshal's office and agents of the Department of Justice. Books and papers were taken. Deputies also were sent to other central California cities on like errands.

### ***Raid Philadelphia Headquarters.***

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5.— Two local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World were raided by federal agents late today. All literature and documents were taken. The agents said they did not expect to make any arrests here.

### ***After IWW in Pittsburgh.***

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 5.— Search warrants have been issued and executed for the seizure of documentary evidence in the hands of alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World in the Pittsburgh district, federal officials announced today.

### ***Seize Pictures of Frank Little.***

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 5.— The homes of eight members of the IWW were raided by government officials and police here today and 2,000 pictures of Frank Little, who was hanged by “vigilantes” at Butte recently, were seized. Literature was also taken.

### ***Arrest Editor of Los Angeles.***

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.— The headquarters of the IWW and a branch office where the organization’s printing plant is located were raided. Carl Kaesemyer, assistant editor of the *Imprinta del Rebeido*, said to be an IWW publication, was arrested as an alien enemy.

All persons found at the two places were searched and certain papers taken from them. A truck load of material was seized.

### ***Raid New Headquarters Here.***

[SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 6.]— A raid on the new IWW headquarters in the Logan Hotel, Main Avenue and Stevens Street, and of a storeroom in the G.N. Hotel resulted in the accumulation of a truckload of records, literature, and other printed matter yesterday afternoon

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