
IWW Secretary Arrested: Hall is Raided by Officers at St. Maries

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ST. MARIES, Idaho, Dec. 22 [1917].— Sheriff Noland, Deputy Sheriff Bouts, and Chief of Police Steele raided IWW headquarters today and arrested William F. Nelson, the secretary, on a charge of criminal syndicalism and advocating sabotage.

Mell Hathaway of Kansas City, an IWW organizer, was billed to talk here tonight, but the meeting was called off.

The arrest of the IWW secretary was largely the result of the activity of the Benewah County Defense Council, which has planned a vigorous campaign to promote patriotism and stamp out disloyalty. The council will keep a record of all persons who indulge in disloyal talk and who fail to back the government by assisting in war activities.

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