

ARREST 6 I. W. W. AT BOUNDARY

Canadian Immigration Officials Comb "Invading" Army For Agitators

FEAR PLOT TO PREVENT HARVESTING OF CROPS

Canadian immigration authorities will comb thoroughly the American "invading" army of harvest hands to prevent the entrance into the country of any I. W. W. agitators.

Six members of the anarchistic labor organization already have been arrested at Portal, Sask., and other boundary points, J. Bruce Walker, commissioner of Dominion immigration, announced today.

To Arrest All Suspects

Drastic steps to prevent the possibility of the spread of I. W. W. doctrines in Canada and the occurrence of strike riots, such as have characterized activities of the Industrial Workers in the western states, are to be taken. Immigration agents have been instructed to cause the immediate arrest of any person suspected of membership in the I. W. W. who attempts to cross the border.

The "invasion" of thousands of American harvest hands to help save Canada's crop, under the agreement announced in Washington Tuesday, will become a disaster if Industrial Workers are permitted to enter Canada, Mr. Walker said.

Would Tie Up Harvest

The agitators, immigration officials believe, will attempt to enter Canada to prevent, by strikes, the reaping of the harvest.

The I. W. W.'s in the United States

are avowedly opposed to war. Many have been arrested for protestation against compulsory military service. In Oklahoma and Arizona entire towns have armed themselves against I. W. W. invasions. One leader of the organization was lynched at Butte, Mont., recently.

Dominion immigration officials Commissioner Walker declared, will not deal leniently with agitators. Severe penalties for crossing the Canadian boundary will be imposed upon I. W. W.'s by immigration men.

The Canadian immigration law, according to Commissioner Walker, sets the minimum penalty at a fine not less than \$2,000 or imprisonment not less than two years.

"And this law will be carried out to the letter," he declared.

The six men arrested are believed to have entered Canada with the first train of United States harvest helpers which arrived five days ago. More than 200 American laborers are now at work in the grain fields of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The membership card of one I. W. W., now under arrest is held by Commissioner Walker. It bears the name of Thomas Callahan. But the point at which he joined or his home address is omitted.

Won't Suspend Regulations

Because of the probable influx of agitators, Dominion immigration officials have issued a denial of the statement given in a dispatch from Washington Tuesday.

"Suspension of immigration laws will not be permitted," Commissioner Walker asserted, "but reciprocal systems of checking on the entrance and departure of bona fide laborers is planned."

Each American laborer, under this system, will carry identification papers, certificate of registration, and affirmation from his employer that he has done harvest work for at least two months, it is believed.

With such a system enforced, Commissioner Walker asserted, entrance of I. W. W.'s will be virtually impossible.