

some to earn a living, some to assist Uncle Sam, others to escape the draft, and a considerable number simply to agitate against the Government and bring about chaos in our country. There is no use lying about these things. There were many bad men, many Revolutionists, and many slackers in the Government works everywhere, and there were many aliens and I. W.W.'s who spent a goodly share of their time talking and agitating against the Government they were receiving their bread and butter from. As a matter of fact, there were several thousand I. W.W.'s who had formerly operated in Butte, Montana, who came to work in the yards, feeling that they were secure from arrest in the larger and more cosmopolitan city of Seattle. A great many more came here from Arizona, Idaho, and California. Everyone knew that Seattle was the home nest—the headquarters—the central station—for their organization in the United States.

During the war a great many kept under cover through fear of prosecution and the draft law, but when the armistice was signed, anti-government activities increased overnight. A carefully planned propaganda of discontent was spread among the workers, especially in the shipyards. The increased cost of living, the fact that many of the men were away from their families, and living in over-crowded quarters, aided the agitators. It was a strange sight to see men from Russia, the land of tyranny and poverty, preaching against the Government of the land where they had sought refuge. The doctrine of syndicalism was especially effective with the young men in the yards. American-born youths,