
Loggers Arrested on Marble Creek: Aliens Refuse to Take Oath of Loyal Legion and Are Apprehended: Suddenly Show Loyalty: Action is in Line with Campaign Against Trouble Makers in Shoshone County

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WALLACE, Idaho,¹ April 30 [1918].— Deputy Sheriff Arthur Olson arrived today with nine men in charge. These men were arrested by Lieutenant Urick on Marble Creek. Olson said that the men were all aliens and had refused to take the oath of the Loyal Legion of Loggers until after they were arrested, when they suddenly became patriotic and not only offered to sign up, but to buy Liberty Bonds as well.²

The following are the names of those held: Charles Lindquist, Charles Erickson, Hugo Clemenson, John Foss, John Peterson, Nels Magnuson, A. Larson, Charles Erickson, O. Abramson.

¹ Wallace is a small town in the timber-rich Idaho panhandle. The population of the town was about 3,000 at the time of this report.

² This oath read, in part: "I...do hereby solemnly pledge my efforts during the war to the United States of America and will support and defend this country against enemies foreign and domestic. I further swear...to faithfully perform my duty toward this company by directing my best efforts, in every way possible, to the production of logs and lumber for the construction of Army airplanes and ships to be used against our common enemies. That I will stamp out any sedition or acts of hostility against the United States Government which may come within my knowledge, and I will do every act and thing which will in general aid in carrying this war to a successful conclusion."

These arrests were made in line with the resolutions of the authorities to rid the county of undesirables and troublemakers.

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