

ARRESTS FOIL I. W. W. SLACKER PLOT IN MILLS

What the federal authorities believe was a well organized I. W. W. plot to spread sedition and German propaganda among workers in the steel mills at Joliet was broken up yesterday when deputy United States marshals arrested John Varco and Mike Poda, alleged leaders in the conspiracy and hurried them to Chicago. They were held under \$5,000 bonds each late in the afternoon by United States Commissioner Lewis F. Mason.

The marshals raided several places in Joliet and one in Chicago, seizing a large quantity of literature that urged open opposition to the war and extolled the kaiser and Germany.

According to the federal authorities the object of the plotters was to induce the workers to slow down production and to encourage sabotage. The two men arrested are said to have been identified as having also been active among steel workers of foreign nativity in other parts of the country.