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**CITIZENS PROTECTIVE LEAGUE AND LOYALTY LEAGUE, BISBEE (ARIZ.)**  
**Papers, 1917-1920**

**DESCRIPTION**

This small collection contains two folders of materials relating to the Copper Miners' Strike in Bisbee (also known as the Bisbee Deportation) in 1917. The first folder contains the list of jurors chosen for the trial in January and February 1920. The second folder contains an affidavit written by the League (but only signed as "Chairman") concerning a trip that the "committee appointed by the Citizens Protective League and the Loyalty League" made to Washington, D. C. in September 1917, concerning copper prices and the deportation in Bisbee.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The "Bisbee Deportation" was the forced removal of 1,200 striking miners and sympathizers from Bisbee, Arizona to Columbus, New Mexico. The deportation was the result of a strike called by the Industrial Workers of the World. Although there were fewer than a hundred IWW members in Bisbee, more than 2,000 miners joined the strike called in June of 1917. On July 12, 1917, the strikers were rounded up in a ballpark and loaded on cattle cars, where they were shipped to New Mexico. In 1919-20, Harry Wheeler, the sheriff in charge of the deportation and a mining company official named Wooten were tried for violating the civil liberties of the workers, but they were acquitted.

**ACQUISITION**

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