

AN OPEN LETTER TO JESUS CHRIST

Dear Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Halls of Aiden: Dear Friend of Publicans and Sinners...

though the foxes still have their holes and the birds of the air their nests, the son of man hath not where to lay his head...

COVINGTON HALL. P. S.—Also please tell God to send some heat and spirit along with the backbone...

THAT SPOKANE AFFAIR. Editor The Tribune: The authorities of the city of Spokane, Wash., cut a grim figure in the face of the grim determination of the hosts of the I. W. W. It is great practice for the fighting section of the union...

SPOKANE APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE

To all sympathizers, friends and members of Industrial Unionism in the United States and Canada, greeting: Fellow Workers: At the present time in the city of Spokane, Wash., a situation exists that should bring the attention and assistance of every working man and woman that has a drop of red rebellious blood...

It is indeed very sad. Pray for us and ask God to please put more backbone in the common people he is sending down here, for great and sore is our need thereof. This letter is from the heretic.

IT'S A SURE THING.

All animals, fishes, birds and plants pass through the same process of the natural law of evolution. That is to say, they all have their conception, birth, life, death and decay.

Being satisfied that all living things must face death and decay after having performed their useful function on earth. We find that not only the individual, in any species of living creatures is subject to this law of nature...

Returning to the human race, we find two distinct branches in particular, which interest us, as we belong to one of these two branches of society. In the superficial we find hundreds of races and nations of mankind inhabiting this earth. Some are known as civilized who live in savagery. Others are designated as savages living amicably together.

The robbery class has lived in one form or another ever since, and according to the laws of nature, having come to a time where they are no longer necessary to the life of the workers, their kind must cease to be.

THE FIGHT FOR FREE SPEECH IN SPOKANE

Samuel Compers said in a public meeting held in Paris, "It is astonishing, but in two years I had not to occupy myself with those Industrial Workers of the World, till I came to Paris and here I heard speak about these people as if they were the real labor movement in America."

At this moment about 300 comrades are imprisoned for having used the streets for speaking. The I. W. W. has organized peculiar sections of comrades who every day, one after another, hold open air meetings and who regularly are led off to prison afterwards.

Even the unions of the A. F. of L. in Washington supported our revolutionary comrades in Spokane so that their movement rapidly has taken the character of a true popular movement in which all American papers now take great interest.

NOTICE. All mail for the I. W. W. officials in Missoula must have Box No. 745 or the letters "I. W. W." on it, as there are three "J. A. Jones" in the city.

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"SOLIDARITY"

Our new weekly to be published in New Castle, Pa., has been delayed in publication through the necessity for installing new machinery.

Publication is now expected every week and the first issue will probably be out by the time this reaches our readers.

"SOLIDARITY"

This victory, after the victory at McKees Rocks, will compel the respect of the world. With an army so uncompromising that the A. F. of L. thought them not worth organizing the I. W. W. organized them while in battle and won one of the most remarkable victories in the history of labor.

We have several families to take care of while the husbands and fathers are serving long sentences. We are feeding hundreds of men every day who are either going to jail or just coming out. Several attorneys have been engaged to defend our men in the different courts.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS.

With the searchlight of Truth here to guide us To freedom of body and mind; With a vow that no power shall divide us...

We workers in lowlands and valleys, Ye tollers on summit and hill, Ye idle, in byways and alleys...

High money, high mass will provide us; With glory and grace when we're dead; Low money, low mass will subside us...

O why should good preachers implore us To be satisfied with our lot? Poor millions that listened, before us...

Our brothers and sons are enlisted To guard what the big fellows steal; And makers of law have insisted...

To prove how our masters despise us For constantly filling their maw; At their beck many courts disfranchise us...

MARY QUINLAN LAUGHLIN. Buffalo, N. Y., 318 Carlton Street.

OPPRESSION! Oppression! I have seen thee face to face, And met thy cruel eye and cloudy brow...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. A few questions and answers culled from an up-to-date first reader.

Q.—What are the law courts? A.—Drug stores for the dispensing of law to its customers in an inverse ratio to their standing in society.

Q.—What is the police force? A.—A body of men who wink the other eye, and club the feller that is down.

Q.—What is the army and navy? A.—Two military organizations, organized from a portion of the working class, to quell and oppress the other portion, and prevent them from organizing to better their condition.

Q.—What is the church? A.—An organization for the spread of ignorance and bigotry.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to the fact that persecution is being carried on in a high-handed manner by those who hide under the disguise of law and order, the Executive Committee of the I. W. W. in Spokane has moved the Defense Fund headquarters to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho...

No man who is a prominent and active worker in the I. W. W. is safe from arrest under the trumped-up charge of "Criminal Conspiracy"...

LAW AND ORDER.

The race learns by experience. Anything painful or destructive to the common welfare is gradually discarded. It is by the fearful sufferings and pains, conflicts and struggles, that we have come to where we are today.

FRED W. HESLEWOOD, National Organizer I. W. W., P. O. Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Workingmen of the World: You are requested to stay away from Matto-Grosso, Brazil, on account of the miserable conditions which exist there for the men working on the railroad under construction.

Men work eighteen hours per day—in mud up to their waists. Get very poor food; unable to sleep nights on account of the mosquitoes, and as a result are full of malaria...

Liberty of thought and speech have, after a prolonged struggle, been conceded, although there may be found people who, on their own pet failings, even yet refuse to allow the right unreservedly.

Our new paper published in New Castle, Pa., will probably appear next week. Delay in publication has been due to the necessity of getting a new press, which the Fellow Workers are now setting up.

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THE REASON WHY WE ARE PERSECUTED

Fellow Workers:

I note that you have in Spokane a paper that is well known as the "Morning Star." We have one of the same stripe here in Minneapolis. It is the Journal, which came out several days ago with the statement that nine little boys had been arrested in the Union Headquarters. After being detained in the city jail for one night they denounced the I. W. W. and destroyed their buttons.

Ever since the day when one class was subjected by another we find that the dominant class has used all means within their power to keep the working class in subjection. 'Way back during the Roman Empire, we find the slaves rebelling against their masters. For instance, the army of Spartacus, who, with an army of slaves successfully fought against the Roman government for a period of four years. When finally defeated we find that the ruling class of that day and age picked out from among the army of Spartacus, six thousand men and hung them on crosses, on the Appian Way, the most prominent thoroughfare of Rome. This was a warning, so they said, to the other slaves to never again undertake to rebel against the government.

The rulers wanted to entirely crush the spirit of the workers. From that time until now, we find that every page of history is written in the blood and the tears wrung from the subject class. Not only did they torture the slave class, but they did not even hesitate to hound and persecute and murder the best educators at all times.

Gallileo, for instance: what was his crime? This: Telling the truth, that the earth revolved around the sun. One who depicts the fact at the present day is deemed a fool. And yet was he not starved to death in a dungeon? A Bruno who proclaimed the today well recognized fact, that man is only digested food, that from vegetation arises all animal life, and that there were planets rotating in space, far larger than the earth upon which we live. Who is there at the present time will deny the correctness of these statements? And yet was not Bruno burned at the stake at Rome in the year 1600 A. D.

And of later days, what was the crime of Professor Ferrer of Spain? Telling the truth, and for that crime—if such you can call it—he was killed. And it not every uprising against prevailing conditions drowned in blood? Were not hundreds of thousands during the middle ages killed because they would not bow to the will of the Pope? These victims were killed as heretics because they dared to express their opinions.

But now, in modern times, we are not hounded on account of disbelief. The crime today consists in demanding more bread. Every strike waged by the working class is ample proof of this fact. At the Homestead strike were not the Pinkertons, and also the troops brought out against the workers? At the A. R. U. strike in 1894, were not the same troops brought out to help defeat the workers, and in the Couer d'Alene did not the troops club the workers and assault the women? And today we find the same law and order brigade busying themselves at Spokane, violating the highest law of the land, the Constitution, which is supposed to guarantee the right of Free Speech and peaceable assembly. But a little thing such as the constitution does not bother the ruling class when they seek to crush a labor organization. In order to accomplish this scheme they are today in the city of Spokane clubbing and torturing men and women in such a brutal manner that the brutalities of the Russian Cossacks sink into insignificance, compared with the punishment meted out in this so-called land of the free and the home of the brave.

The reason for this is the same as that which led the Roman government to crucify the 6,000 slaves, namely, to by brutal punishment crush the spirit of revolt in the subject class, and the editor of the Spokesman-Review came out straight some days ago when he said: 'We must crush this anarchistic organization. Why? Is it because the free speech fighters are violating any laws of the land? No. They are hounded because they dare speak the truth, that Labor and Capital have nothing in common. And because they advocate an Industrial Union embracing all who toil.'

The issue is clear. It is a fight of life or death between capital and labor. The capitalists have at their command policemen, soldiers, judges, the press and the sky-pilots. What have we, the wage workers, for our defense? We slaves are in the possession of the most important commodity in the world, namely, our labor power. What would become of the so-called civilization if you should refuse to work, or if you should organize into one organization to take and hold that which labor produces?

The way we are acting today we are acting an injury to one another. I hold that we today are supplying our very enemy the means by which to torture us. We furnish the meal ticket to Bill Shannon, Sullivan and all the rest, and they will torture us as long as we fight amongst ourselves. Therefore let us organize. Organize a new society within the shell of the old. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of future society. And who will deny that even today, by sticking together at the place at which we work, we could shorten the hours and better the conditions of our employment. Join the union of your class, the Industrial Workers of the World. Get into the fighting line and do your part. Keep in mind the age-worn truth that Might is Right, united we are strong, separated weak. Join with us and do your part.

C. H. AXELSON.
Minneapolis.

so far survived the shock, joins me in her best wishes for the chattled wage workers and that they will eventually succeed in their honorable endeavors. Yours very truly,
C. C. COLE.

1118 North State St. WHO ARE THE CONSPIRATORS?

What is congress?
Congress is the law making department of this government.

What are the other departments?
Executive and judicial.

What are the duties of each department?
Congress to make the law, executive to enforce it and the judiciary to judge its breakers.

What governs them?
The United States constitution.

Does it?
No.

What does?
A decision rendered by Chief Justice John Marshall.

Why was it rendered?
To benefit the ruling class.

What was the decision?
That laws passed by congress were lawful until reversed by the judiciary.

Does that conflict with the constitution?
Yes.

How?
The constitution says "Congress shall make no law" that shall interfere with it.

Then a law should not be made until its constitutionality is decided?
Yes.

Then just passing a law that is afterwards reversed is unconstitutional?
Yes.

To pass such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.

To enforce such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.

To decide that a person can break such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.

Who are the conspirators?
Cincinnati Fatty, president of U. S., for not enforcing the constitution.

Hays, governor of state of Washington, for not enforcing the constitution.

Pratt, mayor of Spokane, for conspiracy against the constitution by helping him enforce laws contrary to it.

Lambert, Sullivan, Shannon, Burns, Mann, Stocker, Hinkley, Pugh, Blair, et al.
J. A. JONES.

RESOLUTIONS FROM MISSOULA.

Whereas, the General Managers' Association refused to comply with the switchmen's demands for better conditions; and

Whereas, the switchmen have struck to enforce their demands; therefore be it

Resolved, That we call upon all men, union and non-union, to refuse to assist the said General Managers' Association to defeat the said striking switchmen; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Industrial Worker and the labor press.
LOCAL 40, I. W. W.

LATE LABOR NOTES.

The long expected revolt of the shirt waist workers of Philadelphia has been inaugurated. Several thousand workers have quit work, and it is expected that before the trouble is over (July) 50,000 wage workers will be involved. Mrs. Oliver Belmont and Anna Morgan, daughter of J. P., are active among the shirt waist workers. It will be well for the workers to beware of this gentry.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has served notice on 75 roads east of the Mississippi of a demand of a wage increase of 5 to 40 per cent. A strike would call out 75,000 men on the roads mentioned. As usual the Brotherhood has given the railroad sufficient time in order to recruit scabs and strike-breakers, before they decide whether or not the increase will be granted.

The Homestead mines of Lead, S. D., are experiencing a lockout. It came about when the miners refused to give up their union when the mine owners announced that only non-union men would be employed. The mines belong to Mrs. Hearst, the mother of W. R. Hearst, the self-styled friend of labor. Twenty-five hundred men are involved in the lockout.

Ninety-five per cent of the telegraphers of the U. S. Four railroad voted to strike. One thousand men are involved. The walkout is now up to the committee of seven and the National organization.

Despite the increased cost of living, the Union Pacific has cut the wages of bridge carpenters and helpers 35 cents per day. The workers were unable to resist the cut, not being organized.

NEW UNIONS.

Building Constructors' Industrial Union No. 18, Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 2, 1909. W. R. Sauter, 243 East Second St.

Building Constructors' Industrial Union No. 137, Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 26, 1909. Peter Johnson, 104 Washington Ave. S.

Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 1, Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 26, 1909. Geo. Paff, 243 East Second St.

Public Service Workers' Industrial Union No. 43, Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 27, 1909. Wm. Erickson, 243 East Second St.

Fresno Industrial Union No. 66, Fresno, Cal., Oct. 27, 1909. W. F. Little, 394 Poplar St.

Martins Ferry Industrial Union No. 294, Martins Ferry, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1909. Evan Knoech, 301 Hickey St.

Glass Workers' Industrial Union No. 200, Muncie, Ind., Nov. 23, 1909. Ben Wasson, 711 East Twelfth St.

Packing House Workers' Industrial Union No. 142, Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 30, 1909. Michael Reinhard, 5904 Harvard St.

Iron and Steel Workers' Industrial Union No. 293, Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 30, 1909. Th. Besemic, 826 Green St. Alleghany, Pa.

Kroatian Branch No. 293, Dec. 7, 1909. Th. Besemic, 826 Green St. Alleghany, Pa.

Bellingham Industrial Union No. 337, Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 30, 1909. Henry Larson, Bellingham, Wash.

Lorain Industrial Union No. 75, Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1909. G. A. Storck, 1860 East Twenty-ninth St.

Oakland Industrial Union No. 174, Oakland, Cal., D. C. 7, 1909.

Wood Workers' Industrial Union No. 316, Anaco-tes, Wash. Bert Verral, Box 660.

LABOR EXCHANGE NEWS ITEMS

Report of the Auburn Lumber Co. mill at Wynaco, Wash., five miles out of Auburn on the N. P. R. R.

Went to work Wednesday; had a talk with the boys that night and found they were sick of the layout, they have had three foremen during the last two months, and have entered into a contract with the Pacific Coast Employment Shark outfit, where they only give you three to five days' work, and no chance, unless you come from the Shark.

Work from 7 to 6 o'clock, and it is nothing to be hauling logs by the light of a lantern, have poor bunk houses, but feed well (if they would not you would not be able to stand the graft). The foreman they have now is a slave driver of the first water, and cheap skato at that. Wages are from \$2 to \$2.75, board \$5, hospital fee \$1. JNO. MURDOCK.

Loggers' L. U. 432 I. W. W., Seattle, Wash.

Tolt, Wash.
R. M. Blake, Local No. 382, Seattle. Working on county road near Stillwater. Name of boss S. H. Goerog. Wages \$2.50 for nine hours. Pay at any time asked for. Board is fair. Sleep in rotten old tent. No hospital fee, poll tax or discount. Hires men from employment shark. I. W. W. men can secure work, but must hold mouth shut in order to hold job. Fare from Seattle, \$1.40.

Dakor Saw Mill & Logging Co.
Wages \$2.25 to \$2.50. Pay the 10th of every month. Grub is rotten. Sleep in a bunk house, bum one. There is no poll tax, hospital fee or discount. Boss hires men from Pacific Coast employment sharks. Remarks: Only good for road stake; better keep away. This place is four miles from end of East Lake car line—poor walking. R. M. BLAKE.
Local No. 382, Seattle.

Crosoti, Wash.
Wages \$2. Pay once a month. I. W. W. man cannot secure a job here. Sleep in a bunk house. No poll tax or hospital fee. Hire men from employment shark. Remarks: Was discharged because I was an I. W. W. man.
FRANK McDONALD.
Local No. 432.

Brinnon, Wash.
Name of company, Itself Lumber Company. Wages \$2.25 to \$5.00. Pay whenever you want it. Grub is fair. I. W. W. men can secure work here. Sleep in bunk houses. Hospital fee \$1. Mattress 40c per month. Hires men from employment shark. Remarks: Steep hills to climb. More rain than other places.
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Chicago, Dec. 7, 1909.
Editor Industrial Worker, Spokane, Wash.
Dear Comrade:
Your paper of December 1st was handed me last night, in which copy was a mention of our Darling Son's James Kelly Cole's (not John) terrible fate caused by the Capitalist system, which I charge was murder in the first degree. Our only child, a man in every sense of the word, who believed in a practiced freedom of speech, especially in the cause of the working comrades, he was willing to use his ability as an orator, and did, and volunteered his services, which were accepted; and was authorized to go out and organize, and was on his way to Spokane with the object in view of using his best efforts to the end that the working man should be allowed a fair percentage of the profits of his LABOR he sacrificed his life for that purpose. I, his father, 75 years of age, was not a member of the I. W. W., but will be at their next meeting. His mother, who has