

THE SWEAT-BOX

SWEDISH STRIKE VICTORY

Incredible Brutality of the Spokane Police -- Vivid Details

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SPOKANE, Dec. 4.—Some of the boys recently released from the city jail report police brutality there that seems almost incredible. If it were not for the constant reiteration of substantially the same story on the part of dozens of men who went through the "Third Degree," one would be inclined to doubt that beings calling themselves human would ever torture prisoners as the I. W. W. street speakers are being tortured by the Spokane police.

One of the most devilish of these tortures, and one that apparently leaves no marks upon most of the prisoners, is the system of changing them from hot to cold cells, exposing them to all the suffering that such a change entails. Many of the hardier men go through this ordeal and suffered, but the discomfort of freezing for the time being, but others break down under the treatment, and rather than let them die the police turn them out on the street to secure aid wherever they may.

Recently there was a wholesale sweating of prisoners in the hot cell. They were mostly men from Chicago, who turned out en masse for arrest the day after the arrest of Miss Flynn and others at the Hall meeting. So angry were the police with them for their method of showing their contempt for the police that they decided to give them a lesson. As a result 29 men were packed into the hot cell and sweated from 12 o'clock noon until 10 p. m. So close were the men packed that they were unable to take their coats off even though they were being stifled by the heat. This cell, known in police circles as "The Dungeon," is air tight when the sheet-iron door is closed, and is heated by steam. It has no ventilation whatsoever except when the door is open, so perhaps the condition of the air in this second "black hole," after 20 or 30 men have been confined in it for several hours, may be safely termed indescribable. The door would be kept shut until the cries of the men warned the guards that it must be opened or they would be stifled. So hot is this cell that in a very short time one's clothes are wet with perspiration. After the required period is served in this torture chamber the prisoners, in their weakened condition, are taken to cells which are exposed to cold drafts, and there they freeze until their clothes become dry and their bodies more or less accustomed to the great change in temperature. Needless to say, this has terrible effects on some of the men, and when they are fit cases for the hospital, the police turn them adrift. One of the Chicago boys passed through this ordeal, and after two days' stay in the jail he is a physical wreck. The sudden change of temperature acted upon his bowels in such a way as to produce a bloody flux, which so weakened him that he could hardly walk, though a strong man when he went in. Broken in health and almost in a dying condition, he was released and made to shift for himself.

Several men have been kept in this hot cell for the past ten days. Their condition can be better imagined than described. These men are active members of the I. W. W. and an attempt is being made to torture them to the point where their spirit will be crushed and be forced to take a stand against their fellow-workers who are being held for "Criminal Conspiracy." So hot is it in this cell that these men strip themselves of their clothing and go almost naked. So far they have bravely refused to hearken to any of the police bribes, and state they will die in the sweat-box rather than take the stand against the so-called "leaders" or go to work on the rock-pile.

To the credit of the I. W. W. it may be said that there has not been a single traitor developed in this fight, although many of the men were tortured almost to the point of death.

The city authorities are up against it. They never have dealt with such men as the I. W. W. is composed of. Heretofore they have been accustomed to see men wither before their "Third Degree" and do just as they bid them, but for the once they have failed. These men not only refuse to give evidence against their fellows, but also to work on the hated rock-pile. However, Chief Sullivan still has hopes, and in trying to realize them he will subject his helpless prisoners to the tortures of the damned if an outraged public sentiment doesn't stay him in his cowardly course.

Many prisoners are now being released from Fort Wright and the Franklin schoolhouse, as their time is up. They report a horrible state of affairs in these jails. At Franklin school scurvy is beginning to put in its appearance, and many of the men are suffering from boils and sore gums. Some suffer from loosened teeth and have been advised to chew tobacco, as that, being a vegetable, will alleviate their trouble.

A member of the board of health visited this bull-pen the other day and ordered that the filthy slop-bucket be removed, but after this worthy had departed a milk can was put in its place.

Last week a prominent state senator visited this place and inquired of the guard where the sleeping quarters of the men, after he had been shown the vile place where the prisoners are kept. The guard apologized for the wretched quarters and stated that they were only temporary, and that they are going to furnish blankets for the prisoners.

In answer to a query from the senator as to how much bread is allowed the men, the guard drew on his imagination and stated that each was given a loaf per day. He was interrupted by "You are a damned liar! We get only half a loaf," which was shouted by one of the prisoners. **IN REVENGE FOR THIS THE REGULAR RATION HAS BEEN REDUCED ALMOST A HALF, AND A FIVE-CENT LOAF OF BREAD NOW SERVES AS A MEAL FOR FIVE MEN.** At the rate of two meals a day, this would make two cents a day for each man if the bread were bought at retail prices.

Cousins was convicted this morning by a farcical trial lasting about half an hour. The evidence was so extremely doubtful in character that even the servile Judge Stocker couldn't give him the limit, but let him off with four months' sentence.

The authorities are anxiously contemplating the suppression of the "Industrial Worker." Pugh knocks it on all occasions, and states that it should have been suppressed long ago.

THE PRISONERS OF SPOKANE

(Adapted from Byron.)
"Eternal spirit of the chainless mind!
Brightest in dungeons, Liberty, thou art,
For there thy habitation is the heart—
The Heart which love of these alone can bind;
And when thy sons to fetters are consigned—
To fetters and the damp vault's dayless gloom—
Their class shall conquer with their martyrdom,
And Freedom's fame find wing on every wind."

Spokane! thy prison is a holy place,
And thy sad floor an altar—for 'twas trod
Until their very steps have left a trace,
Worn as if thy cold pavement were a sod,
By Workingmen! May none those marks efface!
For they appeal from Tyranny to God!"



HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

(December 18, 1859, just half a century ago, Wendell Phillips spoke his great oration in Boston over the execution of John Brown at Charleston, Va., December 2, 1859. We give a few sentences from that oration, which fit the present occasion in Spokane.—Editor.)

"When our Puritan fathers stood in London, under the corporation charter of King Charles, the question was: 'Have we a right to move to Massachusetts?'"

"The Lawyers said, 'No.'"

"The Fathers said, 'Yes, we will remove to Massachusetts and let law find the reason fifty years hence.'"

"They knew they had the substantial right. Their motto was not 'Law and Order,' it was 'Freedom and our Rights.'"

"Charles I. and James, in order to rule, were obliged to persecute. Under the guise of what seemed government they had hidden Tyranny. The bourgeois Puritans tore off the mask and said to the enlightened conscience and sleeping intellect of England, 'Behold, that is Despotism.'"

It was the first lesson. It was the text of the English Revolution. **MEN STILL SLUMBERED IN SUBMISSION TO LAW. THEY TORE OFF THE SEMBLANCE OF LAW; THEY REVEALED DESPOTISM.**

"Law and order" are only names for the halting ignorance of the last generation"—letters by which a dying class seeks to blind the Revolution which a new class ushers in.

DAILY SPOKANE DESPATCHES

(Specials to "The Workingmen's Paper.")

SPOKANE, Thursday, Dec. 2.—Capt. Burns raided the hall again last night and got eight small boys, members of the Newsboys Industrial Union. They are arrested under the statute on delinquents, which makes it a gross misdemeanor, punishable with one thousand dollars fine or one year in county jail, or both, for any parent or any other to encourage or contribute to the delinquency of any child under seventeen.

A child is "delinquent" who "violates any law of this State or any city or town ordinance," or who "knowingly associates with immoral or disreputable persons."

Under this last clause it will be easy for the judge of the juvenile court to convict parents and associates of the children arrested.

The "Industrial Worker," just out, says Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (Mrs.

Jones) was swayed by brutal questioning of several policemen, notwithstanding her delicate condition. They refused for a while to let her see her attorney.

Wilson Convicted.

(Special despatch to "The Socialist.") **SPOKANE, Friday, Dec. 3.**—Editor Wilson, Substitute Editor Foote and Organizer Thompson were "tried" today for "conspiracy," convicted and sentenced to six months in jail. These cases are all appealed and will never be convicted by a jury. There is no attempt to prove actual conspiracy; that is, agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime.

All the same, notwithstanding the appeal, the men are to be forced upon the chain gang immediately to work

out their sentences, just as if an appeal to a jury had not been taken.

Cousins Gets His.

(Special Despatch.) **SPOKANE, Saturday, Dec. 4.**—Cousins' trial occurred today. Nothing proved against him, but Justice Stocker gave him four months.

Go In Again.

SPOKANE, Sunday, Dec. 5.—Fifty men released today, having served their thirty days. They are haggard and starved; but announce their determination to go in again in a few days, or as soon as they get renewed strength and health.

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By Arthur Jensen

Since following was written, reports have come, through the Scandinavian Socialist press, to the effect that the great struggle has come to an end.

The employers retreated from their lock-out in the iron and steel industry, thus practically admitting defeat.

The following is taken from "Social-Demokraten" (Danish) and is authentic:

CAUSE OF LOCK-OUT.

The lock-out in the iron and steel industry was declared because 500 men at the Munkfors Iron Works had gone out rather than submit to a reduction in wages. In order to force these men to work the twelve or thirteen thousand iron and steel workers in other plants were thrown out of employment. The lock-out has been declared off in the plants and the men have been given back their old places. However, the strike at Munkfors is still being continued.

The employers have thus failed to reach their aim—to force the 500 men in Munkfors to return to work at reduced wages.

Another reason why the employing class was forced to end the lock-out was that several of the large iron works had notified the executive office of the Swedish Employers' Association that unless a settlement was reached they would withdraw from the association and settle with their own men.

Forced by these two circumstances the war-crazed employers had to 'order a retreat.'

OUTLINE OF BEGINNING OF THE STRIKE.

July 28th, 82,000 men were thrown on the streets. The plan was to extend the lock-out in the beginning of August to include 162,000. The reply of the workingmen was given August 4th, in the form of a great strike including in the neighborhood of 400,000 men and women. This gigantic walkout paralyzed Sweden for weeks. Through the influence of the strikers the serving of all intoxicating liquor was prohibited. The whole world admired the heroic stand taken by the Swedish Working Class. Contributions from all over the world began coming, but as a matter of course, not enough to support over a million people.

The first two weeks the workingmen struggled along without asking for any assistance. In tens of thousands of Swedish workingmen's homes the bill of fare in those days consisted of herring and bread.

CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT.

A few weeks ago the conflict was nearing its close. A conference took place between the leaders of Organized Labor in Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden, and it was here decided to limit the contest to the iron and steel industry, comprising twelve to thirteen thousand men. These workers are admirably organized and not one of them had given up during the four months' struggle.

Our comrades concentrated their fight on this fortress of labor. The employers at once made a ferocious attack. The workingmen, of whom many had been at the plants from twenty to thirty years, were, together with their wives and children, thrown brutally out of their homes. But they did not cower and large portions of

the Swedish people arose in wrath against the latest brutality of the employers, and under pressure of a strong public sentiment the government was again forced to let Cederborg call a conference to end the battle.

The situation now is that the employing class have accomplished absolutely nothing with their giant lock-out beyond laying waste great parts of Sweden's industry and creating a bitter feeling which, in the long run, will be mostly felt by the capitalists.

UNIONS 200,000 STRONG.

At the close of the conflict there were about 200,000 members in the Swedish labor organization, or more than at the beginning. It is true that about 30,000 let themselves be forced out of their organizations. But this is only temporary. In the course of a short time they will all be gathered again in the organization. These 30,000 men, forced out, are being counterbalanced by 40,000 new members.

It will be a long time before Sweden rises from this battle begun by brutal and overbearing capitalists; 150,000 workers are still going idle and thousands have turned their backs to the country and emigrated to America.

SWEDISH WORKERS MADE HEROIC RECORD.

The entire international Working Class will greet the Swedish comrades in admiration of the heroic struggle which they have carried on against an insanely brutal tyranny of the employing class. Workingmen in all countries have sacrificed for their Swedish comrades, but they have sacrificed most themselves. The chapter on the Swedish Strike will fill one of the pages of honor in the history of the international Labor Movement.

King's Picture Jeered.

(Ed. Note.—This article was crowded out last week, but is none the less needed to complete the record.)

Battles between Capital and Labor are common occurrences in our modern industrial "civilization." Just now the attention is being drawn toward Spokane, where the Industrial Workers of the World are waging a great fight for maintenance of the "right" to free speech. It is but a short time since the Steel Workers at McKee's Rocks, Pa., made their winning fight against the Pressed Steel Car Co., in spite of the fact that they were a lot of "unskilled, ignorant foreigners." But perhaps greater than any other battle in the modern class war, and undoubtedly the most fiercely fought, is the combined lock-out and strike which has been on in Sweden for almost four months.

EVICTIONS OF IRON WORKERS.

As mentioned in my last report, many of the iron workers had been served with notices to the effect that they would be evicted from the company houses. The Stockholm correspondent of "Social-Demokraten" (Danish) sends the following dispatch to the above named paper regarding the beginning of this general eviction:

"The evictions at Hornadal Iron

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Free Soup House for Spokane!

The Industrial Workers of the World have completed arrangements to maintain free soup houses in Spokane the coming winter, to relieve the distress at present existing in Spokane.

Owing to the fact that the city government of Spokane is making to prevent the members of the Industrial Workers of the World from using the streets for agitation against the grafting employment agents there is complete industrial stagnation.

All business is at a standstill. All goods of the town are boycotted by outside communities.

Thousands of people were fleeced out of all that they had by the Yukon-Pacific Exposition, the National Apple Show, the opening of the Indian Reservations, and various irrigation projects and are stranded in the city. The natural result of this will be a fall in the rate of wages. To offset this the Industrial Workers of the World are opening free soup houses, thereby lessening the privation that will drive people to work at any wage.

They have already one soup house in full blast and contemplate starting another this week. The entire organization is contributing funds to support the project. Contributions collected everywhere for maintaining these soup houses.

The Industrial Workers of the World anticipate no trouble in being able to feed all the needy throughout the coming winter.

Unlike the Salvation Army and other charitable (?) institutions, the Industrial Workers of the World do NOT exact the performance of any work in return for assistance. They expect to reap benefit by lessening the supply of labor in the labor market, and in advertising the organization and gaining the friendship of the needy for the future.

THE SPOKANE FIGHT

Daily Despatches

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More "Leaders"

(Special Despatch.)

SPOKANE, Monday, Dec. 6.—Capitalists again disappointed. They have been boasting in their mouthpieces, the "Spokesman-Review" and "Chronicle," that the I. W. W. had broken down, as no speakers presented themselves yesterday or Saturday. But today ten speakers presented themselves for arrest. Despite the cold weather and switchmen's strike, which hinders the arrival of reinforcements, there still remains a supply of "jail fodder."

Whitehead Surprises Chief Sullivan

(Special to "The Workingman's Paper.")

SPOKANE, Tuesday, Dec. 7.—Yesterday Chief Sullivan publicly announced in his organ, the "Spokesman-Review," that he had sent descriptions of two "criminals," fugitives from justice, wanted for the crime of conspiracy, to all the detective agencies and police chiefs in the United States. Today one of these "criminals," Thos. Whitehead, calmly walked into the station, inquired for the Bull Chief and said: "I am Whitehead. I understand you are looking for me all over the East. I've been in Spokane all the time. Please arrest me."

Newsboys O. K.

"Whereas, the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of free speech;

"Whereas, Judge Mann has taken that right away from and sentenced some 350 of our fellow-workers to terms in jail; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the Industrial Newsboys of Spokane, pledge you our earnest support in the way of money and other little helps; be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the three local papers and the "Industrial Worker."

F. S. J. B.

(Special to the Post-Intelligencer.) SPOKANE, Dec. 6.—The latest movement inaugurated by the I. W. W. prisoners at the Franklin school, a deserted school building converted into a jail during the free-speech campaign, is the granting of diplomas to those who have served out their thirty-day sentences and have been released. The "sheepskins" are printed in regular form and as each man "graduates from the school" he is presented with one. The prisoners have had the diplomas printed in the East and recently shipped here. Every one who graduates does so with high honors. The diplomas read as follows:

"This is to certify that John Doe has graduated with high honors from the Franklin University of Spokane, Washington; that he has served a term of thirty days on the insufficient diet of bread and water, and that he has done so for the cause of free speech, and here, in the presence of the undersigned, this degree of F. S. J. B. (free speech jail bird) is conferred on the above John Doe."

The "degree" is signed by the president of the "college" and a number of "professors." It is tied with a piece of rag and presented to the graduate with ceremony.

(The above may be true, or it may not. Notice it's source. It's good enough to be true.—Ed.)

RELEASED FROM JAIL

Men Thin and Wan.

(Special Correspondence of "The Socialist.")

SPOKANE, Dec. 5.—During the past couple of days forty or more prisoners have been released from Fort Wright and Franklin school. These men have served not only their thirty days' sentences, but also five days for costs. The additional five days for costs were purely illegal, as Judge Mann, in sentencing the men said nothing about the costs. However, in Spokane, we don't notice any such little thing as making men do five days extra on bread and water. The police hate the I. W. W. so heartily that if it were not for fear of public sentiment they would put them all in jail and throw away the key.

Many of the prisoners were so weak after their long period of starvation that the walk of half a mile from

the schoolhouse to the city was too much for them, and they had to be assisted by their fellow-workers who yet possessed some stamina.

One fell down three times and seriously hurt his arm. The "Morning Liar" (Spokesman-Review) comments on the condition of the men and says that they were "able to walk and talk." Remarkable, isn't it, that men are able to stand on their feet after being in the clutches of the Spokane police for thirty days or more.

After hearing many tales of the hardships endured by the prisoners in the jails and bull-pens I was consumed with curiosity to see the men who had endured them and made such a determined stand against going onto the rock-pile. I had heard that they were all ignorant foreigners and was prepared to see a rather doubtful crowd of men, but I was most agreeably surprised when I finally arrived at the headquarters. To view this bunch of men is to acquire renewed confidence in the ultimate success of the Labor movement.

They are thin and worn and have a month's growth of whiskers adorning their faces, but in spite of this they are full of quiet determination and enthusiasm. They unanimously declare that they will "go in" again after they have had a few days' rest. The police of Spokane certainly have their work cut out for them, trying to force this class of men onto the rock-pile, or to desist from speaking on the street. There were a few yellow ones among them, but they were soon weeded out by the police and were given their liberty by way of a short stay on the rock-pile. Those who were left, and they formed the vast majority, are true-blue and don't look on their incarceration in the light of a hardship; they consider it a privilege.

We who have been in the parlor Socialist movement a long while can't realize the fighting spirit of these "rough-neck" proletarians without being eyewitnesses of it. The I. W. W. in Spokane is composed of working-class men who have finally arrived at the conclusion that they have nothing to lose but their chains, and they are carrying on this fight with this principle in mind. To say that they will win is superfluous. There is no lay-down to this fighting bunch of revolutionaries. There can be but one outcome to this fight—Free Speech on the streets of Spokane.

Pugh—Phew!

(Special Correspondence.)

SPOKANE, Friday, Dec. 3, 1909.—Today three of the I. W. W. "leaders" were convicted and sentenced to six months apiece in the county jail. These were Foote, Wilson and Thompson. It is needless to say that the evidence produced against these men was of the flimsiest character. All that was definitely proved during the three trials was that Wilson and Foote were editors, and that Thompson is an organizer. This being proved by the admissions secured from the various prisoners themselves, it was taken for granted that the men are guilty of conspiracy, as the men are all strongly suspected of having been on the executive committee that is supposed to have hatched the conspiracy.

The nature of the evidence (?) accepted by the court today makes every member of the I. W. W. guilty of this conspiracy, as they must have called this terrible committee into being, or at least condoned its existence. Prosecuting Attorney Pugh conducted the prosecution and exhibited the most venomous hatred for the whole labor movement. Time and again he went out of his way to slur the men who have sense enough to organize against the encroachments of their grasping employers. "The labor movement," says this worthy, "whatever that may be, it is merely a lot of disgruntled idlers, vagrants and anarchists."

He is very strong on patriotism, and to show that he is familiar with the principles upon which it is based he read himself the following gem after reading a quotation from the "Industrial Worker," in which Judge Mann was roundly scored for his outraging of justice: "These men haven't the slightest respect for the courts or the law, and the only way to bring them to their senses is to make them feel the weight of the law, to give them a practical application of the mallet fist. We must teach them that they live in America, if they won't learn any other way."

Mr. Pugh don't labor under any delusion as to what this bourgeois term Americanism means. He knows that our so-called laws are made by the masters, and that the only connection the working class has with them is to obey them or else they will be taught that they live in America. The prosecution is determined to railroad these alleged conspirators, and in order to do this in as quick and economical manner as possible they have adopted the simple method of not putting any witnesses on the stand beyond Chief Sullivan and Capt. Burns. These are scab witnesses and cost the city nothing. Pugh refuses to question these men except in the briefest manner, and thus if the I. W. W. attorney attempts to bring out anything in his cross-examination, Pugh imme-

diately objects that that subject was not touched on in the direct examination, so therefore he has no right to bring it in. Needless to say, Stocker always sustains these objections, and the consequence is that the evidence is only of the most general character. The conspiracy cases are to be rushed through. The prosecution expects to railroad the prisoners at the rate of two a day.

The change of venue from Judge Mann's court to that of Stocker has been but to take the defendants from the frying pan and put them into the fire. Judge Mann did make some pretense at excusing his decisions, but Stocker is either too slow-witted or ignorant to even adopt this expedient. He simply makes his ruling and if asked for his authority for the law (?) the attorney is reminded that he is arguing the point after the ruling has been made.

Editor's Note.—The overbearing manner of Pugh, as described by our correspondent, is due to a conference held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 30, between Mayor Pratt, Chief Sullivan, Prosecutor Pugh and other officials, including Judge Mann. The mayor was about to go East for a vacation. At this conference it was decided to "crush the wretch." So on Tuesday night the raid on headquarters occurred and on Wednesday the capture of the newsboys, and on Thursday the horrible torture of the Chicago "bunch" and so on all the week. But the I. W. W. don't seem to crush worth a cent.

Newsboys Pinched

(From our own Correspondent.)

SPOKANE, Thursday, Dec. 2.—Last night the police thugs paid another visit to the I. W. W. headquarters and arrested eight embryo leaders and editors in the persons of the I. W. W. newsboys who had gathered to attend the regular propaganda meeting. The police were led by the redoubtable Capt. Burns, who was accompanied by several big burly guardians of the peace. The crowd went wild with derision when this formidable expedition disclosed its mission by arresting these boys.

The boys are being held in the juvenile court and the authorities are going to proceed against their parents for allowing their children to frequent such an unholy place as the I. W. W. The patriotism of Chief Sullivan has been sorely wounded by some alleged disparaging remarks about "Old Glory" said to have been made by a speaker a few nights previous. He excuses the schoolboys arrests on the grounds that he cannot allow these boys' minds to be poisoned by revolutionary ideas which may "cling to them all their lives."

The real reason for the arrests is that the police desire very much that an I. W. W. member shall take the stand during the conspiracy trial and so strong is this desire that they will endeavor to secure a boy, if they cannot succeed in breaking the spirit of any of the men by means of their tortures. The boys were subjected to a severe course of sweating last night, but all of them stood firm and the police got but little information.

Pugh, the leading local legal slench, has taken charge of the conspiracy cases and he is distributing charges in every direction. He intends to railroad all of these men as fast as even Spokane justice will allow him. Needless to say, he is being ably assisted by Judge Stocker, the new "Justice," in this affair.

How the Spokane Fight Affects You

If you are a wage worker, the Spokane Fight is your fight!

If you are a wage worker victory in Spokane is victory for you. If you are a wage worker, whether in jail or out, in Spokane or a thousand miles from Spokane, it does not matter, IT IS YOUR FIGHT! Are you going to jail in order that you may secure your freedom; if not, then others are going to jail to give you your freedom.

Perhaps you would like to go to jail, but you can't see your way clear now. If that is true, then what can you do for yourself in this fight?

Perhaps you can talk on street corners in cities where you still have the use of the streets. Perhaps you can sell papers containing the story of one of the fiercest fights for Free Speech in the history of the country, but if you can't do either, you can dig up! YES, YOU CAN!

Put your watch "in soak" if you have one. Live on potatoes and salt for a while. Or, try a half loaf of bread and some water for 30 days. Don't let others of your class foot the entire bill to help you get your freedom.

If you are a small business man, or a small farmer, victory for the wage class will mean victory for you, too. So help the wage class get their victory for when they are free you will be free, and not till then. This fight in Spokane is of immense value to the wage workers because it is educating all those who can get a true picture of this fight in understanding the real character of the class struggle. The Capitalist Class is determined to win, even if they resort to such brutality that some will lose their lives in this Fight.

This paper, "The Workingman's Paper," is the only paper representing the working class which has sent a special correspondent to the scene of battle. Our reports are quoted in all the prominent labor papers from New York to San Francisco.

We are glad that this is so, because the working class will get the benefit. But we have to pay the bills. The other papers use the scissors. Now we are making a great sacrifice to keep our correspondent in Spokane. It is through his reports that people all over the country are getting the truth of the Spokane Fight. Will you help keep him there? Twenty-five cents a week from 100 contributors would pay the whole bill.

But some of you can send a dollar, and some can send five dollars. We must have money. WE ARE DEAD BROKE!

We will publish a list of contributors in next issue.

Remember—this is to keep our correspondent in close touch with the Fight that we may send out the truth to educate the wage workers to win their own emancipation.

The whole country would be roused if they knew what is actually occurring in Spokane.

Your dollar, your 50 cents, your 25 cents, or even your dime may help to turn the tide. We must win in Spokane. We must send the truth broadcast and arouse the wage workers to a realization of what this Fight means.

Send us your dollars, halves, quarters, dimes that we may be enabled to publish the story of this great Fight and get the papers into the hands of the workers all over the country!

A Revolutionary Woman

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 29, 1909. Mrs. Beulah B. Hyde, Seattle, Wash. Dear Comrade:

The "Socialist," containing your letter just came to hand today, and I am hastening to send you my name as one woman who is willing to go to jail for the right of free speech.

I would have volunteered long ago, but hoped there would be enough women without me. Not that I do not want to go (I am really anxious to help in this fight), but on account of my condition. I expect to become a mother in the early spring. But if there are not enough women to make up the dozen (and so far there do not seem to be) I am ready to go. I think a half dozen of us should go if we cannot get a dozen.

What do you think of our holding a free speech meeting here in Tacoma in order to raise money to help send the women over to Spokane? If you and your husband could come over some evening this week and bring some of the papers of Nov. 27 with you. We could hold a big meeting, I am sure, any evening that the weather permits. We held a meeting Sunday afternoon, and it rained continually, but we had a crowd of about one hundred and fifty.

You could drop us a card letting us know when you are coming, or, if you got here in the afternoon, come out here. We would be glad to have you come.

I would like to have a talk with you anyway. Haven't had a conversation with a REAL woman for a month now. Women of the revolutionary stamp are scarce as hen's teeth in Tacoma—I can't find any.

Come over if you can. I feel sure we can raise some funds to send women over to Spokane. Yours for the Revolution, ELEANOR M. HERMAN.

Great Conflict Ended

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Works began yesterday. The first victim was a miner. The whole family was absent, but the police gained entrance to the house. In a few minutes a large crowd of workmen had gathered outside. The police were greeted with mock cheers. The evicted workman is fifty-one years old and has worked at the same place all of his life. He has a wife and five children.

KING'S PICTURE JEERED.

"When a police officer came out carrying a picture of the king, the crowd burst out in deafening and scornful jeering. The picture was planted in the top of the load of furniture. The next victim was also a miner, who had worked at the place for twenty-five years. "All day the evictions were continued.

POLICE ON THE RUN.

"After the day's work had been finished the crowd followed the police to where they ate supper. When they came out from the restaurant they were again jeered. This made them wild and they fired four revolver shots into the crowd, which answered with one revolver shot and a volley of stones. The police fled in a hurry to the police station, followed by the mob. All windows were broken, but no one was seriously hurt."

In conclusion, the correspondent relates how thousands of the Swedish working-class are contemplating emigration. A strong movement is on foot to leave their unfriendly home shores "en masse" for either Canada or Brazil.

FREE LAND FOR THE STRIKERS?

In order to prevent such a mass emigration, which would deprive Sweden of some of its best labor power, as it is especially the young men who would leave, a great national movement has been started (among the middle and capitalist classes, of course) for the collection of a fund for the purpose of securing land for the unemployed, free of charge.

EFFORTS AT ARBITRATION.

In the meantime efforts have again been made to bring the great struggle to an end. Whether these efforts have been successful or not I have not yet been able to learn. The government arbitrator, Allan Cederborg, again succeeded, Nov. 4th, in bringing the two contending parties into a conference.

"Social-Demokraten" of Stockholm (Swedish) has this to say in regard to this conference:

PEACE IS POSSIBLE.

"Whether the chances for attaining peace are greater now than a month ago is difficult to decide. When we believe that there is a little hope for peace, our belief is based on the fact that both the workmen and employers are more fatigued. Besides, society as a whole has suffered so much during the bitter contest that also this fact speaks in favor of a settlement.

WORKING CLASS WILL NOT LIE DOWN.

"The workers are not carrying on the fight for the sake of the fight, but when we express the wish of a settlement we desire to emphasize most strongly that it must be a settlement honorable to the Working Class.

"If the employers are now entering this conference with the idea that they are going to dictate conditions, there will be absolutely no peace. The workers are not so exhausted that they will be forced to accept peace under any conditions. The Swedish Working Class is not so badly situated that it will submit to being trampled to death by the lock-out masters. This much the employing class should realize.

STRIKE MAY AGAIN BE EXTENDED.

"It is now four and a half months since the first thousands of toilers were thrown on the streets, and how is the sentiment now? It is such that if no settlement is reached there is danger that the field of battle will again be extended. The Working Class is still capable of opposition. Those troops who are now in the field are absolutely firm and will stay firm for a long time yet, in spite of deeds of violence and eviction from their homes.

"If the struggle at the iron works is to be continued other industries must suffer. Lack of material will stop work in many of Sweden's largest factories.

CAPITALISTS' POCKETS HIT.

"From abroad comes one report after another, telling us that in places where Swedish steel has hitherto been used, preparations are now being made to procure raw material from other countries.

"Should the present efforts at settlement of the conflict in the iron industry therefore meet with failure, many thousands of other workmen will again be drawn into the struggle. Working men will emigrate to those countries where the Swedish work has gone. The heaviest losers will be the industries and the country as a whole.

"We therefore believe that there is a general desire existing that the present conferences may lead to peace. We can assure all who are interested that the representatives of Labor are conscious of their responsibility, but there is a limit below which the working class will not go. "Peace on conditions that will place the yoke of slavery more firmly on the workers is out of the question. If the employers demand this they must bear the responsibility for not attaining peace and for laying waste great portions of our country's industries."

35,000 STILL OUT.

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SPOKANE MISREPRESENTED

The mayor and council of Spokane misrepresent the city. Not only so, but they know that they misrepresent the city. Otherwise, why are they opposed to a Referendum to the citizens to decide this question of Free Streets for Free Speech?

Let us state the Spokane situation as it is: For the last two years there have been spasmodic attempts to suppress Free Speech for Labor on the streets of that city.

Last spring a new ordinance was passed forbidding street speaking inside the fire limits, which cover all the busiest streets. In August this was amended so as to allow the Salvationists to speak within the limits.

There is no sense in the hypocritical denials and explanations found in the capitalist dailies to the effect that the streets were blockaded. The Labor people have never objected to an ordinance like that in Seattle allowing street meetings, but forbidding obstruction to traffic.

Let this point be clearly understood: It is not Free Speech, but Free LABOR-Speech that the Spokane authorities are suppressing.

This has become clear enough ever since Judge Mann, in an erring moment, pronounced the ordinance "unconstitutional." The prosecutions and sentences of the last month have gone on just the same as if the August ordinance was in effect.

Under the term "disorderly conduct," Judge Mann condemns Free Speech in the streets, if it happens to be I. W. W. speech.

Now, let us admit the city council is within its constitutional rights in closing certain streets to Free Speech. That council is elected once in two years to legislate for the people of that city.

It is well known that aldermen of all large cities are selected by the corporations interested in municipal grants and franchises.

Revolutionary Socialists, like Herman, have been arrested in pretty nearly every city in the State of Washington for speaking on the street.

But the city council in Seattle and Mayor Moore and Chief Wapenstein and Prosecutor De Bruler did not represent the Seattle public.

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Since March, 1908, when Mayor Miller took office, workingmen in Seattle have had the same rights to address the public on the streets as religious or other organizations.

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It is the same fight in Spokane in 1909 as in Seattle in 1907. The workingmen of this State are too revolutionary to suit their Capitalist employers.

There has been free speech for proletarians because the Seattle public would not stand for its suppression.

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The I. W. W. in Spokane show no signs of surrendering. They exhibit magnificent staying power. They are proving once again, what everybody ought to know, that it is the Working Class who furnish the World's Fighters on all battlefields.

The "conspiracy" charge brought against the so-called "leaders," for which they are being ostentatiously sentenced to "six months' hard labor," is ridiculous.

Did the thousands of Working Men in Germany, in the 80's of the last century, who circulated Socialist literature printed on tissue paper in Switzerland, in defiance of the imperial edict, and the "exception laws," did they also "conspire to commit a crime"?

The people of Spokane may be relied upon to repudiate their misrepresentatives in the city government. The I. W. W. may be relied upon to continue their "conspiracy" to force the attention of Spokane voters to the outrageous and "criminal" ordinance against Free Speech by which the Spokane city government has attempted to gag the mouth of Labor.

In Finer Phrase, "Cadet" and "White Slave." The muckrakers, in order to beat Tammany, overhauled the mud of the Redlights in American cities.

The East Side tenements of New York are a harvest field where the newest cereal, herewith to feed men, is raised in beautiful crop.

Says G. K. Turner in "McClure's": "Everywhere the boy of the slums has learned that a girl is an asset, which, once acquired by him, will give him more money than he can ever earn and a life of absolute ease."

It is a horrible commerce, but the bourgeois wrath is only uncovering its own ulcers and betraying its own incurable pestilence.

For why do young men prostitute their manhood for gold? And why are young women forced to live these "lives of shame"?

There is one simple answer, but the bourgeois muckrakers do not dare to name it in their bourgeois journals, namely, Poverty.

We are the machinery. We made it. Our brains invented it. Our hands run it. Why should we degrade ourselves in order to procure a decent existence?

They have been boasting for the last year or two of the great number, a thousand or so, waiting to enter the Socialist Party, once "the Gang" was unhorsed.

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ANOTHER WORD TO THE WOMEN

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You all know the story of the king who gave his three sons the bundle of sticks to break.

That was a wise old king, and each class in power adheres strictly to his rule. They make every effort to keep the oppressed class standing as separate individuals, with separate rights and separate interests.

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Do you hear what is going on in the S. P.? The latest news is that one of the prominent locals in Chicago has begun to get right.

"Kill this organization; destroy this proposition of free speech any way you can. Break their heads and break their spirits.

When will women ever learn to keep their mouths shut? Just think of all the trouble one insignificant female has caused!

How many people have you heard voice sentiments which some way fit with the above? Dear souls, sweet souls, virtuous souls, respectable souls, forever tiptoeing around with a forefinger on lip—shing every sentence that has the least ring of truth in it, that may fall from the lips of a thinking mortal.

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Does this mean you and me? It must. Let us not trust this fight too entirely in the hands of our male comrades. They have shown great courage, hardihood and manhood, but the constant wearing may prove too much.

It does not matter whether we agree with the tactics of this fight or not. We are in it, and we, as a class, have got to win out in it.

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Herman's Report

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three meetings which it is their custom to hold every Saturday and Sunday that the weather permits.

Sixty-seven copies of "The Socialist" and twenty copies of the Int. Socialist Review were sold at this meeting and a collection of 85c taken up.

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This meeting will be thoroughly advertised by handbills and window cards and by street meetings each evening of the week to be addressed by Comrade Floyd Hyde and the writer.

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Pimp and Prostitute

The pimps themselves are but a few of the unemployed army, not needed because of modern machinery, like millions of others, seeking a living in the milkiest way, agents of all sorts, saloonkeepers, grafters, politicians, preachers, burglars.

All of these are poor, poor compared to the modern standards of living, set by capitalists and made possible by machine production.

The owners of machinery limit production of wealth to what they can sell for a profit, and this requires but comparatively few laborers. The rest of us, thrown out to shift for ourselves, like hungry animals who must live somehow or other, fight for an existence in the easiest ways.

Pimps and Prostitutes are only a few of us. We all belong together. We are the Disinherited.

But that machinery we have been deprived of is capable of producing, if we could only use it, enough to make such revolting occupations altogether unnecessary.

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We are many. They are few. We will capture that machinery, and make more, and create with it abundance for all. We will abolish poverty. We will no longer be Pimps and Prostitutes.

Showed Their Weakness

The Pop-Socialists in Seattle had their inning in the recent school election, with disastrous results.