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47 DAYS IN SPOKANE CITY JAIL

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On the afternoon of December 11th, when a contingent of men street, I accompanied them, as usual, so as to witness their arrest and be enabled to report any unusual features attending it. On this particular afternoon Korthagen and Holland, two I. W. W. mem-

I walked with them to the appointed street corner, and while they spoke I stood some twenty feet away in the thick of the crowd. Captain Burns came on the scene in answer to a call sent in to the station; and although he knew nothing whatsoever as to what had magic spirit of the well known I. W. W. discipline. taken place, and had no warrant for my arrest, he immediately

At the police station I had the honor of a half-hour's talk with these worthies attempted to pump me. They adopted a dozen different ruses by which they hoped to secure a promise from me to desist from taking part in the street fight in return for my liberty. One of these was ridiculous in the extreme. Chief Sullivan (brainy man) said that he had just received a letter from the I. W. W., statthe organization and to get me to desert it, or at least promise to take no active part in the fight. Failing in this he adjudged me guilty in his office of some unknown offense, because I wouldn't answer for my conduct for the future, and I was taken to the no-

Although we had not gone through the formality of a trial in Judge Sham's (I mean Mann's) court, we were placed on bread and water. The portion of bread was that customary in I. W. W. cases, one-fifth of a five-cent loaf, twice daily. As a punishment, criminals who refuse to work are sometimes confined in the sweat-box on a ration of a loaf of bread daity, but we untried I. W. W. prisoners less than half the customary amount of bread.

The next afternoon we were taken to Judge Mann's court and was charged with "Disorderly Conduct." Officer MacDonald was the witness against me. He testified that I stood in the crowd of prospective speakers and stimulated their ebbing courage by urging them to go out and speak. MacDonald has a good imagination, and pile was remarkable, and the possibilities of the passive resistance in the pretty little picture he drew of the affair I even went so far as to shove some of the weak-kneed (?) speakers into the street.

Needless to say, this was a barefaced lie. These men needed no urging, but if they had I fear some one else would have had to do it, as I stood in the crowd at least twenty feet from them. It was en. impossible for MacDonald to have even seen me in the crowd, as cost the city of Spokane \$4.00 for food alone, at the rate of 50 cents during the whole affair he had his back turned toward me. However, a little item like this is of no importance to the Spokane police. MacDonald was made to "see" me in the chief's office, and that was one.

I put five witnesses on the stand who flatly contradicted Mac-Donald, but it was no use and I got the same sentence as the balance -thirty days, \$100 and costs.

tactics if he would operate on a few of these imaginative policemen. My bond was set at \$500, although the customary bond in all the shift us from shoveling to wheeling, carrying or breaking rock, but teach him the intricacies of their various "trades." I. W. W. disorderly conduct cases has usually been \$200.

Although the I. W. W. had recently decided that the speakers experts at it in this fight. arrested should go to work on the rock pile so as to avoid punishing themselves on the terrible bread-and-water diet, I refused to go to work, as I wished to be sent to the modern Libby prison, the notorious Franklin school, where the authorities still held I. W. W. prisoners, who vainly demanded the privilege of going to work. (This on the condition that they leave town.)

frustrated, however, as next morning I was loaded with ball and a man who was boiling his shirt and underclothes, to go to work His case is a matter of record and can easily be dug up if any one chain (15-pound ball attached to ankle), and shackled by the leg to with nothing on above his waist but his coat. This man (Henry another man, and then marched to the rock pile, where I was told Rutter, an expert at passive resistance) was game, and tucking his from delirium tremens are given a pretense of proper treatment. to work or freeze.

I felt quite flattered at so much attention, particularly so because the ball I wore had been previously carried by a notorious pimp who henceforth enjoyed the comparative freedom of simply being shacked by the leg to his partner.

The weather was intensely cold and I have no doubt the Rev. Jake Warner, the chain-gang boss, Bill Shannon et al., thought I arctic weather, as we were poorly fed and naturally unable to resist would be stubborn enough to stand there and freeze rather than go the biting weather as well as we otherwise would. The I. W. W. to work.

The I. W. W. motto in Spokane is, "Find out what the boss wants you to do, and then-do the opposite," so I went to work, and here began the most educational experience I ever had.

When talking to Pugh in Sullivan's office he jokingly remarked "Why, Foster, you haven't got any kick coming; this is money in your pocket." This is literally true, and though at times the confine ment was irksome in the extreme, I consider my experience in the Spokane city jail as almost invaluable. Through it I have learned a few of the possibilities of organization and direct action, and more especially of the mervelous effectiveness of the passive resistance strike, in addition to learning many new wrinkles about the law

At the time I arrived at the city jail the total number of street speakers held by the police was forty (exclusive of "conspirators" in the county jail), and this bunch immediately after getting settled at the jail proceeded to organize themselves. So perfect did this organization become, both in the jail and on the rock pile, that all the individualists were suppressed and the collective wish was undis-

In the jail we held rousing meetings and in order to do it sys tematically we elected a secretary and chairman and set aside Sunleft the I. W. W. headquarters for the purpose of speaking on the day night for propaganda meetings and Wednesday night for business meeting. It was surprising the amount of business we had to transact, and we established rules and regulations of all kinds, from tactics to be pursued if our shackles were put on too tight, to forbers from Seattle, among others, were billed to speak, and having bidding I. W. W. members from shouting to the women prisoners been closely associated with them in Seattle, I was anxious to be in who were confined within calling distance. This latter regulation was adopted in consideration of any woman prisoners who might be insulted by some of the doubtful remarks continually bandied between the men and women prisoners. Needless to say, these rules They were duly arrested and a few moments later the redoubtable and regulations were scrupulously obeyed by the L. W. W. members, and also by many of the ordinary prisoners, who fell under the

The Salvation Army annoyed us by raising a hideous clamor, placed me under arrest when he happened to see me standing in the alleged to be religious adoration, but we settled them by completely ignoring them and their meetings were shortened 80 per cent.

Our propaganda meetings were a howling success, and we made Pugh, Sullivan and Burns, during the course of which conversation at least forty I. W. W. converts in the city jail. These were all workingmen who were arrested for the crime of being broke, and when they listened to our talks and saw how we handled ourselves crime of reporting the truth for this they promised to read up on industrial unionism and to join the charged, as the result of Mrs. Fiset's I. W. W. as soon as possible.

In the jail the cells are in a double row, opening from a corridor obliged to put up bonds and the case ing that I was a Pinkerton, his plan being to rouse my ire against about six feet wide and it was in this corridor that we held our against him atricken from the calen-

Another good feature of our meetings was the spirit of democ racy prevailing. We practically forced men to get up and speak who for a fair trial. had never but once before attempted to speak before a crowd (said torious sweat-box, where I joined the balance of the street-speaking "Fellow-Workers" on Spokane streets), and a couple of these give promise of becoming excellent "soap-boxers."

We were getting along swimmingly when some one decided that our meetings were too successful and that we must have some "leaders" amongst us. As a result of this, on Jan. 3d Fellow-Worker Jones of Los Angeles (commonly called "Volcanic Sulphur Smoke") who was speaker of the evening, and myself, who had acted as chair were so much worse than rebellious convicted criminals that we got man of the meeting the night previous, were "grabbed" and put into the "strong box" (a steel cage reserved for the more serious criminals). Our seizure simply stimulated the remainder to greater efforts, and from that time on the jail organization became a prowere railroaded in the usual manner. In common with the rest, I nounced success. Once more the grabbing of men suspected of be ing "leaders" acted as a boomerang.

> The effects of the organization upon the work done on the rock strike, even as evidenced by us chained prisoners, was a revelation to me. We simply went through the motions of working. We accomplished almost nothing. For instance, two men chained together pounded for four days upon one rock, when it was accidentally brok-To break that small rock (about as large as a wash bucket) per day per man, besides the other expenses for guards, etc. This is only a sample of how we worked, and by no means an exceptional

The notorious Bill Shannon helped guard us and he became insanely angry scores of times at our studied awkwardness and delib-Judge Mann has recently expressed his determination to stop Warner, the other guard, for this assault, is now pending), but he able information as to how to protect myself from highwaymen. his court, and if he is sincere it would perhaps be good usually confined himself to calling us all the hard names in the calendar and putting us upon bread and water occasionally. He would lot of experienced criminals for a few months and they will soon it was the same old story wherever we were put. Nothing doing. Passive resistance is an art, and many of the men have really become

The organization spirit and tact of the men in our contest with ur guards and the jail officials was good beyond praise. It has convinced me that it is possible to really organize the working class Once in a while we had "labor difficulties," which were always prewas done because these men stubbornly refused to accept liberty cipitated by some wanton cruelty of the officers, such as tightening saved his life. He received no medical attention whatever, and died a man's shackles so as to stop the circulation of the blood in his leg, My desire to get a little "local color" at Franklin school was or chaining some victim to a telegraph pole, or as in one case, forcing tunate's death, as he was only a poor, old, broken-down workingman. coat back he took the lead in the chain gang, and marched through the crowded streets of Spokane, exposing his manly chest (and stomach) with a vengeance.

> We had several hunger strikes in retaliation for these barbarities, and the police always caved before we got really hungry.

> On the whole, the worst hardship we suffered was from the came nobly to our aid and kept us fully supplied with socks, gloves and tobacco, although on various occasions the police confiscated large consignments of tobacco "planted" for us by the organization.

Although Jones and I were allowed to go to work on the rock pile we were forced to make our jail headquarters in the "strong-box." Here I had many experiences which I value highly. We were conined there for a month, and during that time there were several alleged murderers, a dozen forgers and numerous "hold-up" men leged murderers, a dozen forgers and numerous noid-up men, burglars, embezzlers, sneak thieves, pickpockets, pimps and various it was a most valuable experience, and aside from the pleasure of field of battle, and no one who other kinds of criminals, "dope" fiends and insanity cases.

We had the pleasure of spending a night in the same cell as Joe Vigue, the alleged wife-murderer, who was convicted recently

FOSTER RELEASED

Mrs. Bessy Fiset reached Spokan Thursday night, January 27, a total the truth about "Barbarous Spokane." stranger and editorial representative THAT IS A VICTORY WORTH WINof "The Workingman's Paper," a news paper more hated and feared by Spo kane officials than any other except the L. W. W. organ.

Her special mission, as announced n these columns two weeks ago, was (1) to get Wm. Z. Foster, our impris oned correspondent, out of jail, (2) to secure the sale of "The Workingman's Paper" on Spokane streets the same as other newspapers, and (3) to work for the repeal of the Spokane

On Tuesday, February 1, four days after she began her task, we received the fololwing press dispatch:

(Special to "The Workingman's Paper") SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 1, 1910 .-Foster was released today on his own ecognizance and his case dismissed.

This dispatch meant that, after 47 days suffering at hard labor for the determined efforts, without being dar. That is, the officials in Spokane feared to allow his appealed case to

pears Foster's own remarkable ac of prejudice against I. W. W. count of his arrest, trial and jail experience. It is remarkable for its display of unconquerable Proletarian his prejudice.

Foster is now free on the very reets of Spokane where he was ar. illy later.

actly what he is now doing, reporting NING. .. The officials of Spokane are having some sense hammered into rested whenever they sold I. W. W. pa

Second Victory

Monday, February 7, we received (Special to "The Workingman's

Paper")
SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 7, 1910— The Workingman's Paper." "The Industrial Worker," "Solidarity" and "In-

sold on Riverside Avenue this after noon between 5 and 6 o'clock by Mrs. Fiset alone. Police bluffed. No in terference, though boys have been ar WM. Z. FOSTER

SALES CONTINUED. (Special to "The Workingman's

SPOKANE, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1910 .-Papers on street again tonight. No interference. Capt. Burns states in 'Inland Herald" he will not molest women making sales. More out to

B. F.

Gurley Flynn's Trial

(Special to "The Workingman's Paper")

SPOKANE, Wash., Wednesday, Feb. , 1910.—The trial is before Judge Kinnon. He refused to grant the motion for change of venue. Affidavit was introduced by Prosecution signed by ten "citizens" declaring they had read come before a drawn jury of 12 men newspaper comments on I. W. W. matter, but had no resulting prejudice and In other columns of this issue ap- had not even heard any expressions

Yet out of first fifteen jurors examined by counsel today, only one so emperate tone, its modesty and its far has been found who did not admit

Only five jurors so far passed for

in Sandpoint, Idaho, of having beaten his wife's brains out with the stock of his rifle. He was a mild-mannered, rather likeable sort of Thursday of next week. fellow, and claimed that he was falsely accused, as his wife is not dead. . He urged in support of this that the authorities refused to let him see her body and that he remembers nothing of having committed the crime. He was on his way to Boise, Idaho, to do a term will be arrested. of fifty years.

His traveling companions in hardship were two burglars with 15-year sentences hanging over their heads. Another man was kept in jail a week while his victim hovered between life and death (he finally died). This man almost went insane from suspense. He is as judge of libelous matter, prior to now to be tried for manslaughter.

Many of these "criminals" are very intelligent and some of them remarkably so. They are able to converse fluently on almost any subject of ordinary conversation. One man, Lindsay, since taken to Seattle for forgery, had the most remarkable memory of any man I ever met. It was simply uncanny in its thoroughness.

One ex-convict whom I became very well acquainted with gave me a clear glimpse into the doings of the underworld and initiated me into the mysteries of the "strong-arm"-a wrestling hold used by eration, and on one occasion kicked a man so severely that he may highwaymen upon their victims. He also gave me full instructions be ruined for life (a suit for \$20,000 damages against Shannon, and as to the proper method of cracking a safe. He also gave me valu-

Thus are criminals made in our jails. Put a man in jail with a

tering with insanity, and their mouths spouting their delusions, were themselves, who have been misled by allowed to roam freely amongst us, and sometimes we were hardly in the Capitalist dallies published in that an enviable position.

Night after night the jail was made hideous by men in the before them in so calm and rational clutches of the terrible delirium tremens. One of these unfortunates and convincing a manner that they actually died in his steel cell raving for whiskey, which would have will revolt against such a shaming of a terrible death. Nothing has been done about this poor unforis interested in it. Since his death the other unfortunates suffering

The worst feature of my stay in the strong-box was the unsanitry condition of the cell. The prisoners sleep in hammocks without blankets. To keep them from freezing the windows were closed, and as a result at times the air became almost stifling from lack of

I suffered fro man ulcerated tooth while in jail, and the pain was so intense that I was unable to sleep, and I walked the floor for ten and more. It's up to you to finish this nights before I was allowed to have my teeth filled. The doctor (?) refused to do anything for me, stating that "we are not fixed to do any such work as that," and finally, when I was almost frantic from pain and loss of sleep Chief Sullivan accepted an exorbitant bond for me while I went to the dentist.

At the end of forty-seven days, on Feb. 2nd, I was released through the kind efforts of "The Workingman's Paper," its Spokane representative, Mrs. Fiset, and Mr. O. Lund, a prominent Spokane

In many respects the imprisonment was irksome, but after all being one of the free-speech jail-birds, the advantages I gained from it are too numerous to mention.

WM. Z. FOSTER.

Boys Selling Papers

Selection of jurors continues tomor

(Special to "The Workingman's

SPOKANE, Feb. 10, 1910 .- Jury se ected in Gurley Flynn's case as fol

T. J. Horrigan, A. Kienholz, J. Hum phreys, Wm. Boss, negro; J. L. Ford, W. Casselman, Wm. Johnson, Geo. Mosier, C. T. Gawthrop, W. J. Grogan, Geo. Cheney, Geo. Hendrickson. Five cause. May be challenged peremptor- farmers, one stone mason, one scab carpenter; rest business men.

Prosecution opens tomorrow. court Saturday. Case may take until

The Daily "Press" of last night states that police announce that men and boys may sell our papers. If they contain libelous matter, the sellers Boys out tonight. If any libelous

matter is discovered, the boys are threatened with arrest and papers will be confiscated.

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In what relation does "The Workingman's Paper" stand to the various organizations of the Wage Class, and

This question is frequently asked, now that this paper does not profess to represent any particular organization. It seems inconceivable to some that a newspaper can be non-sectarian, an organ of Proletarianism but not an organ of any exclusive branch of Proletarianism. Yet that is the critical scientific attitude this paper seeks to assume. It is the complete opposite, for example, of the De Leonist attitude, which damns every organization of workingmen which does not bear its own brand.

"The Workingman's Paper" sees good in the L. W. W., sees good in the "I'm a Bum" song; but it also sees good in the A. F. of L., and even in De Leon's S. L. P. It also sees evil in all of them. This critical method is also constructive, for the paper seeks to promote the good in all and to remove the evil in all. And on every occasion, this paper seeks the solidarity of all Proletarians.

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"The V'orkingman's Paper" does not seek to form a separate party opposed to other working-class parties. It supports the UNION of Wage-Workers.

We advocate no interests separate and apart from those of the Proletariat as a whole. All policies are decided from this standpoint.

We do not set up any sectarian principles of our own by which to shape and mould the Proletarian Movement. We follow, not force, that Movement.

"The Workingman's Paper" is distinguished from partisan journals of the working class by this only: 1. In the various struggles of the wage class organizations with the capitalists, this paper will point out and bring to the front the common interests of the entire Proletariat, independently of all apparent divisions, national, industrial or personal. 2. In the various stages of development which the struggle of the Working Class against the Bourgeoisie has to pass through, this paper will always and everywhere, in the future, as in the past ten years, strive to represent the interests of the movement as a whole.

"The Workingman's Paper" therefore, encourages, on the one hand, practically every advanced and resolute organization of Wage Workers wherever found, those organizations which push forward all others; on the other hand, theoretically, like all scientific Proletarian publications, we have the advantage over many Labor papers, of clearly understanding the line of march, the conditions and the ultimate general results of the Proletarian movement.

The immediate aim of "The Workingman's Paper" is the same as that of all other really Proletarian organs, namely: FORMATION OF THE PROLETARIAT INTO ONE CLASS, OVERTHROW OF BOURGEOIS SUPREMACY, CONQUEST OF POLITICAL POWER BY THE PROLETARIAT.

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These conclusions merely express the actual relations springing from an existing Class Struggle, from an historical movement going on under our very eyes.

We distain to conceal our revolutionary views and aims. We openly declare that Proletarian ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social foundations. Let the ruling class tremble at a Proletarian Revolution. The Proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win! Workingmen of all countries, unite!

To assist in organizing the Wage Slaves of Capital into a union capable of winning such an emancipation, this paper was founded in 1900. It has no other policy in 1910. The Proletarian elements now scattered in A. F. of L., I. W. W., W. F. of M., S. P., S. L. P., U. W. W., and other bodies, together with multitudes now unorganized in the United States, must some time come together as a UNITED LABOR PARTY. To that end this paper is devoted.



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nore and more powerful. Morgan is an old man and his perwhere he will be glad to meet his sonal reign cannot last forever. The patients. He will confine himself reign of of the power of which he is mainly to consultation and office prac at present the head and front will last tice, giving special attention to dis- if the public decides to endure it. Evcases of women. Hours b to 6 p. m. ery year it will become more and more daily. Take Bellevue-Summitt car oppressive, for capital has no humanion Becond Avenue or Pike Street, get off at Morcer Street and walk one block down hill. Ten minutes ride force to itself. Individual capitalists from Pike and Second. Phone, Ind. may deplore, may give, may feel keen-A2187.

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Sents today, the money power that And the None of the plans any of our legis-functions capitalism, is the natural your hands!

And the power to do that rests in

working class. Whether you are "ex-

tra men" or "regulars," "street car men" or "ditch diggers," your cause

is the same, and you will never win until you get together, shoulder to

shoulder, and completely destroy the capitalist system and confiscate and co-operatively use all the machinery of

Which Do You Believe?

(From Spokane "Spokesman-Review," | (From Spokane "Spokesman-Review," Jan. 23.)

Webster, who are perhaps the worst them in the eyes of most (respect-

Workingmen, you will never win anything worth while until you recognize the fact that this is a class struggle, and is the concern of the whole

Testimonial To Foster

Herman F. Titus, Editor of The Socialist, Seattle, Wash. Dear Sir: Please continue sending

The Socialist to me, and I shall remit soon as I can. Am holding a home stead and can't earn any money till winter is over. Will Foster was my neighbor here

when on his homestead. He is a nobl character, an unusually bright and honest young man. Why should he be treated so inhumanly by the autocratic demn them in the eyes of Stone & officials of Spokane. Can't he be released, or at least be treated humane scab herders" in the Northwest, and ly? I fear that his frail body won't which will also probably condemn endure the severe exposure and unsanitary conditions of the "black hole" of Spanish-Mexican and Russian Spo

Yours for Justice. R. W. SIMPSON. Lock Box 171, Mosier, Ore.

They Talked Unionism able?) Seattleites.

is This the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave?

quiring mind, the Seattle Electric Co. has, since the great strike a few years ago, systematically labored to prevent a recurrence of this catastrophy, and seems to be succeeding fairly well.

In addition to the regular motorm and conductors, it is the practice of the S. E. Co. to keep on their roll a supposed to take out such runs as are not taken out by "regulars." It often occurs that an "extra man" reports as much as a week at a time wit getting so much as an hour's work. cently these "extra men" held a conference, in which it was decided that conditions ought to be bettered and that all employees ought to be given at least enough work to pay ing (January 31), forty-one of them are ordered to appear before Kempster (the foreman), and give reasons why they should not be discharged for "talking unionism." Mind you, they are not charged with neglect of duty; nothing of the kind. And a personal are not charged with neglect of duty; nothing of the kind. And a personal acquaintance with these men leads me to say they are by long odds the most careful and most intelligent of all the S. E. Ce. employees. But "they talked unionism," which is enough to con-

Platform of United Labor Party

(Adopted in Seattle City Convention, Feb. 8, 1910.)

The time has come when labor must take a decisive step forward. Our past attempts to secure better conditions through our political prowess have left behind a trail of broken promises and blasted hopes. Labor has begged the men elected by its own votes for concessions rightfully its own and has been sneered at and reviled by these very people who would not hold position except for labor's support.

Labor is the mightlest force in the world triday "We are many

Labor is the mightlest force in the world today. "We are many, they are few." Why should we beg for legislation which our numbers, if rightly directed, can obtain in spite of all opposition?

Undaunted by past reverses and firm in the belief in labor's ultimate triumph, we call upon all workingmen, irrespective of past politi-cal affiliations, to unite under one banner and rally to the support of the United Labor party, the political wing of organized labor in this

when the pledge our candidates, if elected, to labor unceasingly to promote every measure which has for its object the bettering of conditions for the working class; and to vigorously and unalterably oppose every measure which does not promote the interests of labor.

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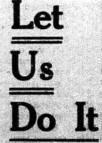
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Editorial Correspondence

The following details reached us by

(From Special Correspondent to "The

SPOKANE, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1910.

pers yesterday afternoon because other

women who proposed to go with her

were forbidden by their husbands and

She herself declares it was a "funny

experience," yet admits it was some

thing of a "strain on the nerves." She

announces her intention to go out ev-

ery evening as long as she remains in

"a brick," as nothing counts with them

The police have been arresting boys

being sold. And they know all right."

It has been really a big strain on

Every one is now asking, If it is

like "Action."

Court refused to let Gurley Flynn streets is estimated to have been have separate trial. Prosecuting at- 5,000. torney said I. W. W. didn't need to One naturally asks: "Was Jeffries think the officials of Spokane were go- arrested?" ing to let her be convicted and raise a stink from the Atlantic to the Pacific She should never be tried here alone. If they wanted to put her in with some other consultator, why all right; but other conspirator, why, all right; but she would never be tried alone. Cases of Flynn and Filigeo come up to gether on the 9th.

At one of the trials held before, funny incident happened. The court cleared the court room of a lot of L W. W., and after they had gone, one of the officers got down on his hands and knees, looking under the seats, presumably to see if there were any bombs left behind.

When Gurley Flynn was tried be fore, Attorney Pugh said: "Her silly little head had been turned by the applause and adulation of a lot of hoboe and bums." She has certainly had the adulation of a lot of "hoboes and bums," if you like, but Pugh would be those same "hoboes and bums" can be, and a "silly little head" has to be full of gray matter before its posses

Coats and Hughes have gone on Thompson's bond, and have gotten the papers from them and let the boys some credit for it. If Coates and go with a reprimand. Hughes had come out from the sholder Mrs. Fiset did not at first call out in the "Labor World" at the start of the papers but just held out a copy this fight and taken a fearless stand in of "The Workingman's Paper" full lob" on the boys. That wouldn't have behalf of free speech, they probably length to show facsimile of newspawould not have been called upon to per clipping from the "Spokesman-Rego Thompson's bond. If there had view" and accompanying cartoon of the "boys." They left it for one of been any kind of fearless fighting on Maki chained to telegraph pole. the part of any paper outside the L. After a little she began to call "The W. W. ranks in Spokane, the whole Workingman's Paper" and "Industrial fight would probably have been won Worker," changing afterward to "I. W. before this. It is one thing to quietly W. papers," and then to "suppressed go bond and another to come out in- I. W. W. papers," as she found the to the open and declare yourself in middle class taxpayer at that business the fight.

case of erysipelas. He was removed caused him to turn around and look. to a hospital by the I. W. W., and has She says: "That is what I wanted. I is all we have to lie upon." been getting the best of care since didn't care if I didn't sell a paper, but everything is being done for him, he know that the Proletarian papers were is in a pretty bad way.

When Attorney Moore found him in Tuesday night, Mrs. Fiset was close- ed? the county hospital, after hearing that ly watched and even treated insulthe was sick, he was in a ward with ingly by a "Plain Clothes" officer, who several other men and no care was also bought one of her papers. But get enough to eat? being exercised to prevent spread of nothing doing. The "Inland Herald" infection. The county doctor had vis- newsboys assisted her by yelling, "All twice a day apiece." ited him the morning of the day be the L W. W. papers this way." One fore, and had said he would send med-icine at once. This was fully twenty. Set boys? We can sell them now."

"And how did he attend to it? That get boys? We can sell them now." She told them that boys were being icine at once. This was fully twentyfour hours later, and no sign of medicine or doctor again. He was in such arrested all the time and he said, "Yes, a state of delirium that he didn't the boys to be bums.' know Moore, and it took two "trustles" to hold him in bed. When steps were taken for his removal the authorities Mrs. F.'s nerves and she is showing police spy, sent there for the purpose stated that he had been well taken it, but gives no sign of flinching.

On Thursday last Jeffries came to boys or men?

The authorities know perfectly well The man who was my informant was my information with my information with my information was my information with my information was my information with my information with my information with my information was my information with my information with my information was my information with my information with my information with my information was my information with my information with my information with my information with my information was my information with my information with my information was my information with my information with my information with m town, and as he trailed around from ed by thousands. During the after noon the jam became so great around the courts now their bluff is called in dirty blankets at 5 in the evening. Riverside and Howard that the cars a way the public could not fail to see but takes them away at 8 in the mornhad to simply creep and passage on the sidewalk was out of the question.

The Gurley Flynn trial is due between the center of activities and the of crawling. He will probably hand objecting to their baths. They say it mayor's office and police office. After the case over to some other judge, who is mayor's office and police office. After the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge, who is the case over to some other judge.

some time a bunch of policemen came is less vulnerable.

It is a good sign when a judge wants to wash his hands of the I. W. W. The effect, the city sent up the hook and ladder and it did manage to get through the crowd in the streets. This was probably done in order to be able to say that the crowd was not sufficient to block traffic. The mob at Riverside and Howard and adjacent.

It is a good sign when a judge wants to wash his hands of the I. W. W. At first a stream of water almost to wash his hands of the I. W. W. At first a stream of water almost to the canes. It won't be long before all the cane, and then an ice-cold shower bath, and all the while the victim is standing on the cold cement floor with the shock are say that the crowd was not sufficient to block traffic. The mob at Riverside and Howard and adjacent.

These are some of the stories of the

atisfied would have made interesting reading if we had only had the time to write them up. Some of them come to ships was "Shannon's black eye." It cents by their new convert. Of course, of them will encourage wage-workers pital for the insane at Medicine Lake, gang and made his escape, not, how the world over to keep up the fight

desire to establish (?) law and order. had so effectively driven the I. W. W from the city, by raiding every hall and meeting place—all in the name of the LAW, of course—that they had no place of assemblage, and it took us several days to find any of them. We finally found them in a little coffee house on Front avenue, the Queen Cafe, as it is called, which was abso lutely the only place in the city where they were safe from the minions of the law. Safe, did I say? Well, hard-BEULAH HYDE Socialism and the Home ly. Tolerably safe, might be more cor-

Right here let me say that we did

of the first I. W. W. boys with whom we spoke told of an occurrence in the Franklin school which, to my knowle edge, has never been made public.

During the time that the boys wer incarcerated in the Franklin school the capitalist papers made quite a feature of the fact that a state senato every day for doing exactly what she had gone there to investigate condiis doing, though lately they only took tions. But they never published the Oh, no! Why should they? They could hardly tell the public that the whole thing was a farce, a "put up looked nice in print. It might have aroused public sentiment in favor of the "boys" to tell, and here it is as he told it:

> "We were told that a senator had come to investigate conditions, and wished to speak with us, so two of

"'We get a fifth of a loaf of bread

"'All right; I'll attend to the bres

that's so, they think you're teaching box in the jail and the rations of all the men were reduced one-half.

of getting us to complain, and thus en abling them to put on the thumb lawful for a woman to sell, why not screws a little tighter."

place to place in town he was follow- this suppression of a Free Press is also ill for a time. The faller gives illegal and they dare not carry it to the sick ones a mattress and a pair of

STORIES OF THE FIGHT Free Press to

By Eleanor Maurer Herman

throw of the wage-system and the ownership of the earth by labor.

After we had discovered their ren dezvous we were almost daily visitor there; for we got information at first hand from them which gave us a clear er insight into happenings in Spokan during the last three months than w could have secured in any other way

mittee to verify the reports of the fight sent out by the L. W. W. and other members of the wage-working class You know, or should know, that a very brainy and eminently respectable committee consisting of Seth Crosby of Mount Vernon, D. Burgess of Seattle, and W. H. Waynick of Bellinghan were sent by the Socialist Party to investigate the truth of the reports of tend to stay, at least until Gurley the fight for free speech and of the al- Flynn's trial is over. leged brutality of the police. The eminent gentlemen found the reports true though they admitted that two of them, at least, were skeptical concerning the veracity of these reports until after they had completed their inves tigation. The result of their investiga tion appeared in full in the "Northwest Forum" of January 16th, a copy of which will no doubt be sent to any one upon request to the editor and publisher, H. D. Jory of Sunnyside,

"Would you boys be willing to conhis removal. In spite of the fact that I wanted every one who passed to struct bunks if I saw that you got the necessary material and furnished you with blankets after they were finish-

"'How about your food? Do you

very night we two who had acted as spokesmen were taken to the swea

quences if he so much as laid a finger which to get out of town. ciding that "valor's best part was discretion," refrained.

This happened on the rock pile, the insane man being a member of the

oner (not an I. W. W.) fooled the unsuspecting Salvation Army.

These "dear servants of the Lord" ome every Sunday, of course to save in the spring. or attempt to save the souls of the vic- KEEP THE DATE IN MINDtims of capitalism who find their way MARCH 1st-and if by that time the into the city bastile. The L. W. W. authorities have not seen fit to grant arms to keep the boys from entering Mayor Pratt's bluff and send not only the corridors to listen to these "God- twenty-five thousand, but fifty thou

During our stay in Spokane many dark side. Now, let us reverse the sented. He soon became penitent and picture and see a little of the bright was converted on the spot. After the One of the really funny things that of a soul, the Army was about to de helped the boys to stand their hard-part when they were asked for ten was given him by a crazy man who they couldn't refuse—he got it. The has since been committed to the hos next day he broke from the chain We were told that Shannon wanted to ever, until he had informed the boys beat the fellow up, but the boys that his conversion had been a mere wouldn't stand for it, and told Shan- sham in order to touch the Army for non he'd have to take the conse the ten cents for street car fare with

> The stories the boys told us of th fun they had on the rock pile, of the ways in which they harassed the guards and deprived the city of profit from their labor, are almost without number—they would fill a book. Bu An amusing incident that happened suffice it to say that almost to a man nside the jail was one in which a pris- every one who has been to jail in Spo kane during the last three months is willing, aye, eager to go back if occa sion demands, when the fight reopens

> prisoners had appointed sergeants-at- the right of free speech, let us call sand to Spokane to show our contemp This non-L W. W. told the boys to for his jails and bull-pens, and to show let him out, as he had "a card up his that the wage-working class are no sleeve," and they accordingly con- afraid to fight for a principle.

THE WOMAN

By Bessy Fiset

the announcement some time ago that tron. "The Woman" was going to change quarters for a few weeks. Well, here we are in Spokane, and here we in-

Being a woman the report of he trial will come under the head of this department, as far as this paper is as clear a report as possible.

I suppose as far as it is possible for ne person to be, Gurley Flynn is a perfect propagandist, and in that ca pacity she is certainly of inestimable

Certainly wonderful women are be ing born of this movement, and who shall say that they will not play a gigantic part in the Revolution that is just shaping itself?

With the developing of such agitators as Gurley Flynn and such clear headed, courageous girls as camforth in the Shirt Waist Makers' strike and such strategic leadership as was shown by the seventeen-year-old Necktie Worker, who led and won a strike more than hearing of it, with these proofs of what kind economic neces sity breeds we have no need to fear that women will occupy any but the

The Middle Class women of Spokane are putting up quite a fight for securing matrons for the city jail.

Some of the dear old ladies went down to the council meeting and did a lot of speechifying in behalf of the pro

But lo! the rising of another sun rehad turned the project down cold! any sectarian restrictions

ST. JOHN ISSUES CALL.

To All Revolutionists and Defenders of Free Speech:

Vincent St. John, Gen. Secretary-Treasurer.

Labor is Entitled to All It Produces! An injury to One is an injury to All.

The members of the working class who since November last have been

are needed, and as many more as possible.

Remember, that the greater the number in the fight, the shorter it will be

Every one should start for Spokane at orice! Hold meetings and gather ruits along the way. Get in Spokane with as many as you can. Those who cannot get to the front can also do something to help win the

This fight must be won. The right to educate the workers for industri-

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

SPOKANE, Feb. 1, 1910 .- We made, And still the city jail is without a ma

The economic section of one of the targest clubs here, the Woman's Club, has taken the matter up now, how ever, and the thing seems to be pro gressing. They are going to ask for pers do their thinking for them that as that working class papers should be some one in constant attendance.

In an interview the other day Mayo Pratt said he "really couldn't imagine why it was turned down." He and Sullivan had talked together and had people who make a specialty of think- ing the "scum of the earth" how it almost appointed a matron. Both of them were so anxious for it, and he had even suggested to Chief Sullivan that they fit up rooms on the fourth floor with a call bell in the event that there should be but one appointed matron was one argument the cour cil brought against it, and yet Mayo Pratt says that he had a place in mind on the fourth floor of the city hall.) Glad Tidings of

Among other things that were no known before was the fact that Sulli van "is a great big-hearted fellow! That is so. Mayor Pratt says so. Mrs. of 4,000 girls without the world's even Frenette, who was in jail for about fifteen days and on several occasions came in contact with the big-hearted chief, agrees with Mayor Pratt and highest place in the great struggle that as a grindstone, and just as hard."

propaganda. Every Sunday night they are split, or cut up with the bosses hold meetings in a hall and have a Re- In most cases these fees consumed settled. That was easy, and the dear few S. P. members, and a handful of little stimulation. Why not? What is creatures who periodically inhabit the to accomplish a very difficult thing, to every meeting, most of them young.

They meet on a purely Revolution realed a sad state of things. Council ary basis, and are not bound down by

Chicago, III., Jan. 28, 1910.

He hears the L. W. W. speakers on St. John Issues Call

world, unite, you have nothing to lose admit his fear of a matron's purifying but your bed on your back. You have a world to gain. Labor produces all public sentiment, it again appears. Wowealth, and those who produce it are men have no votes and are no better tramps and hoboes. This gets to him, than I. W. W.'s, who have no votes, A new life for him. He will go through either. ciples. He has gone through hell in Fellow Workers: The struggle for Free Speech is still on. The active fight o regain the use of the streets for educational purposes by the working class Spokane, and has given his last cent. He is soon coming back, and then again and again, if necessary, until the victims of the capitalists' slugging committee are again going on the truth can be told on the streets.streets to speak. In this fight they will need all the assistance they can get. F. W. Heslewood in "International So By assistance we do not mean the passage of resolutions or cash contributions cialist Review" for February, under

of the Pacific Coast, and the Northwest. Get all to agree to cut Spokane off the map. Get a bundle order of the "Industrial Worker" and circulate the same with the latest news of the fight. The Industrial Workers of the World have bitterfy denounced the county authorities of Spokane, and they were thoroughly justified in such denunciation. They did not denounce them severely enough.

There is absolutely not one shadow of right, under the law or even in common decency, to selze the newspaper organ of these men and these women solely because

Get Free Speech

Spokane Editorial Correspondent. | of ruffians is swooping down on Spo-'there is a lot of tank about the tool same to undermine, if possible, the shiess of agnung for a tree press, as very foundations - economic, social

well as for free speech, the main argu- and pondical-of the city. The town ment being that when you get tree is in the hands of the "scum of the speech you will get tree pres. That earth, who are ready to leot and pilis very true, but the fact remains that lage wherever possible. Countless tuere is nothing so effective in a tree have been the tales turned loose upon speech ugnt as the press. Given an the non-thinking public until the keepopportunity to reach the public ers of the peace—that band of archcorougn the medium of a feariess criminals—are looked upon as the press, and the battle for free speech saviors of Spokane.

Do you suppose that if Spokane had all this specialized intellectuality? As been having the truth about this atro- good as nothing.

clous ngnt spread broadcast every Occasionally a soul with a spark of week that conditions here would be humanity still left uncrushed would what they are? If the "industrial manage to get something of what was Worker" and the "Workingman's Pa- going on or what he thought about it, per" and every other paper that cared squeezed into a paper, but the papers to tell the truth about the criminal waich did publish anything of the outrages perpetrated by the beasts truth, published just enough to keep that are supposed to be men looking their skirts clear on either side.

In every free speech fight public sen stant circulation the right in Spokane timent has had a great deal to do with the result of the fight, and nothing so molds public sentiment as the constant As it is, what have we? What are hammering of the press. When a pathe conditions right now in Spokane? per or papers, bang away, day after Apathy on the part of the good people day, the people say there must be of the town! What is the matter with something in it or the authorities them? Are they slower of intellect would imprison the editors. But when than the average town population of the papers that are aiding in the fight the United States? Are they so hard and are fearlessly publishing the facts, ened and uncharitable that they have are suppressed, the intellectual syndino "milk of human kindness" in their cate has only to point to that very supbreasts? Are they, like the police pression in support of its arguments.

A fight for free press takes nothing day citizens such as you find make up from the free speech fight; it simply the bulk of population of every city on augments it and makes it the stronger.

the continent. Want to be fair-minded It is just as reasonable that "Every and see fair play, almost every one body's" should be suppressed in Den of them, but they are so in the habit ver tecause Judge Lindsay exposes of having the morning or evening pa- the rottenness of those in high places they have forgotten how to think for suppressed in Spokane for the same

But no! There is a difference! Judge In this age when everything is spe- Lindsay is not lighting for the freecialized why shouldn't we hire those dom of the workers. He is not show ing (poor misused word), especially may have the right to live and take when we can get the benefit of their for itself all that it produces to make life worth living.

In Spokane the right to free streets After a consultation of these local specialists with national and even and the right to free press have been international specialists, the public is taken from the workers, and it means

The Revolution

profound thought for 1 cent a day?

By Bessy Fiset

after the weifare of Spokane, if these

papers could have been kept in con-

force, brutes instead of men and we-

men? No. They are ordinary, every-

would have been over long ago.

is haif won.

through employment sharks for one camp of the Somers Lumber Co. (Great Northern) last winter to maintain a force of fifty men. As soon as says "his heart is big, that it is as big a man had worked long enough to pay the shark's fee, the hospital dollar, poll tax and a few other grafts, he was discharged to make room for more The Swedish Revolutionists of Spo-slaves, so that the fleecing process kane have quite an organization for could continue. These different fees volutionary program, followed by rethe time of several days' labor, when freshments and a couple of hours' the men were then discharged and dancing. The membership of this or- paid off with checks ranging from 5 he fight.

The fight authorities at Spokane had to suppress the council as ganization is made up of L. W. W. men, cents and upwards. The victim of the organ of the industrial Workers of the organ of the industrial Workers of the World—and that right is absorbed.

Frank Reed, an I. W. W., was put "Workingman's Page" meant, but the sleep? Have you no beds? asked the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight, some S. L. P. men, quite a cashed at the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight was all the first saloon, and takes a local to the fight was all the first saloon, and takes a local to the first saloon the fir ladies were happy to think they had anarchists. Their work is very sucbeen instrumental in giving those poor cessful so far, and they have been able life for them? The strong, barbedwire whiskey makes things look vermin infested hole the protection of namely, to get out at least fifty women bright for awhile. Then the weary chief is opposed to such an ordinance. back. Back to Spokane, the slave market for the Inland Empire.

> revolutionary union. An injury to one is an injury to all. Workers of the -both of which are all right in their way—but we mean MEN and WOMEN title, "Barbarous Spokane."

The fight opens March 1st. At least 500 who will speak on the streets What Is the Matter . With Spokane

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innoculated afresh each morning and a fight to the finish. Long live Libit printed certain startling accusations against the jail authorities at Spokane And surely, as a matter of public pol

And surely, as a matter of public pol-ley, if these accusations are not prov-able the authorities acted in a most foolish manner. For the method they took to meet their accusers adds strong circumstantial evidence that these accusers told nothing but the eternal truth in the beauty of its nak-

"The Bee" will ever battle for the rights of men—for the rights of every man—no matter who he is. It will fight just as strongly for justice and right to the Industrial Workers of the World, in whose doctrines it does not believe, as it would for justice and right to William J. Bryan, or Senator La Follette, or Theodore Roosevelt, if the Government of the United States ted States has just the same right, ex-actly, to suppress those organs of pub-lic opinion, if the Administration does not like their editorial tone, as the

matron for the city pail, advocated by the women of Spokane. Of course, the A good woman in that fail could pro tect women prisoners from such insult as Agnes Fair was subjected to at the hands of Sullivan's brutes. But who the street. The glad tidings of a great would have supposed Sullivan would ment of the women of that city as to presence? Spokane officials despise

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