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## FIGHT IN SPOKANE IS WON

Just as we go to press word comes from our Spokane Correspondent that the great fight for Free Speech has been settled favorably to the I. W. W. and that no more men are needed there. Owing to the late hour and the necessity for getting "The Workingman's Paper" mailed, details will be given next week.

## WAR IN PHILADELPHIA

By Arthur Jensen

Organizer Pratt

Arrested

It seems to be the fate of Philadelphia, the Cradle of American Liberty, to become the Grave of American Liberty.

The brutality and tyranny of the authorities in Philadelphia during the present street car strike surpasses anything heard of in recent years.

### Capital the Aggressor

It might be well to note that in this fierce battle between Capital and Labor, Capital is the aggressor. In Spokane, Capital, as represented by Mayor Pratt, Chief Sullivan, Judge Mann and Co. was the aggressor. In Sweden's Great Strike of last summer and fall, Capital was the aggressor. In the Hatters' Strike Capital was the aggressor. In the persecution of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, Capital is the aggressor. In every great battle fought between Capital and Labor in late years, Capital has been the aggressor.

Capital wants fight. Capital sees the Giant, Labor, awakening, watches him organize and realizes that unless he is prevented from gathering his forces Capital will be doomed.

### Splendid Lesson

And though a battle, such as is being fought in Philadelphia, may cost a little blood, a few lives, some broken skulls and black eyes, it is well worth the price. No better lesson can be given the Working Class in the Theory of the Class Struggle than demonstrations such as these.

And it is forcing the Great Sleepy Proletariat to united action. The entire force of Organized Labor in Philadelphia is going out in sympathy with the car men Saturday, March 5th, unless the Railway Company settles before then.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand members are ready to stand by their comrades in need!

### Seattle Contrast

Note the contrast in Seattle! Here we have a very submissive and "patriotic" lot of carmen. No hint of fighting the company. The company looks after the men's welfare. Oh yes! January 31, forty-one men on the "extra list" of the Seattle Electric Co. were ordered to appear before Mr. Kempster, the superintendent of transportation, to show cause why they should not be discharged for "talking unionism." So the rest of the men think that the Stone & Webster people are pretty nice people. They have to or they will lose their jobs for "talking unionism."

They have an organization fostered by the S. E. C. and now they are going to have a paper published by the employees of the Seattle Electric Co. to "provide a medium for editorial expressions of opinion by both the officials and the employees."

Of course, the employees will see to it that their "opinions" do not differ from those of the officials as they otherwise would be certain of discharge for "talking unionism."

But to get back to Philadelphia!

### "Conspiracy" Charges

The officials of that city are taking up the example of other places in arresting officials of Organized Labor on the charge of "conspiracy."

Of late this has become the most popular method of getting objectionable labor leaders out of the way.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison were charged with "conspiracy."

In Spokane the charge of "conspiracy to break the law" is used with great advantage to the police authorities.

In Philadelphia charges of "conspiracy to incite to riot," seems to be the popular form.

Read the following extract from a dispatch from the scene of battle:

"PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—Police officials took the initiative tonight in the war between the striking car men and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, when they arrested Clarence O. Pratt, the national organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, on a warrant charging him with 'conspiracy to incite to riot.'"

"The warrant was served on Pratt as he was leaving in an automobile after he had attended today's mass meeting of the union car men. He was locked up in the city hall and held to await a hearing tomorrow morning. It is rumored that warrants have been issued for other labor leaders as a result of a conference late today between District Attorney Botap, Director of Public Safety Clay and Magistrate Beaton."

That the authorities want fight may be seen from the following of the same dispatch as above:

### Troops in Readiness

"The police force was augmented tonight by the swearing in for riot duty of the state fencibles, an independent militia organization of about 300 members. Plans are being discussed tonight by the commanders of three local regiments of the Pennsylvania Guard to mobilize their troops at a moment's notice. The mayor is entitled to call upon these troops."

"Governor Stuart and Adj. Gen. Stewart are here tonight, and if necessary a call for outside troops can be made any time, but this is not anticipated."

"The regular force of 3,500 police and 3,000 specials was also enlarged today by swearing in sixty-six park guards and 500 city employees from other departments."

"Five carloads of strike-breakers reached here late today and were loaded on trolley cars at the Pennsylvania Railroad station in West Philadelphia and taken to car barns in that section. A large squad of mounted police escorted the cars and prevented a threatened demonstration by a mob of several thousand."

The following from the same dispatch shows that in Philadelphia, as well as in Spokane, a workingman has no constitutional rights which Capital is bound to respect:

### Bail Refused

"The police at the city hall late tonight refused to recognize a discharge for C. O. Pratt, issued by Magistrate Gorman, before whom friends of the strike leader had entered bail in the sum of \$1,000. He will be obliged to remain in a cell all night."

### Union Men Indignant

"It is reported that warrants have also been issued for John F. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Union, and Peter Gracom, head of the local Carmen's Union."

"Pratt's arrest aroused great indignation among the union men in this city, and a delegation from the Building Trades Unions tonight pledged their support to Murphy and announced their intention to stand with him whenever he felt it necessary to call a general sympathetic strike."

"That the police force is not absolutely reliable may be seen from the following of the same dispatch:

"Feeling that the police were too sympathetic with the strikers and sympathizers in their home localities, the director of public safety tonight ordered a general shifting of the force."

Here it may not be amiss to quote an editorial in The Seattle "Daily Times" of March 2d, in which the use of the militia is unqualifiedly endorsed. Note that the only objection "The Times" has to the calling out of the State Fencibles was that they were not properly armed to uphold the dignity of authority.

### The Times Editorial

"The city of Philadelphia has recently been confronted with the problem of widespread rioting through which the street railway company demanded protection for its employees and passengers in the operation of their cars. It is a hard problem to solve."

"A city does not like to admit that it is disorderly, and at the same time any corporation has the right to demand protection for its people and its property. The police of Philadelphia were speedily shown to be unable to cope with the situation."

"In the first place, there were not enough police, and in the second place, it is a matter of fact that the police of any city usually have a vein of sympathy for rioters which amounts at least to a refusal to resort to extreme measures no matter what their orders may be."

"This fact was well exemplified in the first few days of the rioting, when the police—forced to use their revolvers—fired either high or wide and killed and wounded several innocent bystanders while the men who were stoning and burning cars were unharmed."

"The next step which was taken by the Philadelphia authorities was a pitiful mistake. They called out the State Fencibles—a fashionable organization of extremely youthful men under the guise of militia, who are not connected with the really efficient National Guard of the state in any way."

"These boys were sworn in as special police, deprived of ammunition for their guns, warned not to hurt anyone and stationed a block or so apart through the worst district in the city."

"To anyone who knows the temperament of an American mob, the result was a foregone conclusion before the last man had been stationed on his isolated corner. Before nightfall most of the women in the district were wearing the caps of these 'tin soldiers,' and also were wearing strings of the gold buttons from their uniforms as beads."

"They were also stripped of their uniforms, robbed of their empty guns and bayonets and chased out of the district by individual mobs who had not the slightest intention of harming anything save their pride and their dignity."

"It was a mistake because it put these boys in a false position and also because it allowed a thoughtless insult to constituted authority."

How different was the situation when the City of Philadelphia finally swallowed its pride and called for the assistance of the State Constabulary."

This is a body of 200 picked men, mounted, armed with heavy clubs, carbines and revolvers, which was recruited five years ago for the purpose of coping with the more or less turbulent foreign population of Western Pennsylvania.

"They have seen a great deal of service—have shown a great deal of cool-headedness—have seen some of their own men killed and many wounded—and have made themselves generally respected throughout the state through the showing that they have made that they never shoot except to protect their own lives or the property which they are ordered to guard, and that when they do shoot, it is not the 'innocent bystander' who is hurt, but the man with the gun or the brick in his hands."

"When the constabulary arrived on the scene, it became an entirely different matter in the handling of the rioters. There was no scorn of their authority. No bricks were thrown at them. Their guns were not stolen. No women cut any buttons from the tunics of their uniforms. These trained men, without personal acquaintance or without any personal sympathy born of acquaintance with these rioters, rode up and down the streets of the district which had been the hotbed of the rioting, and the rioting ceased."

"This was what should have been done at the start. Without any sympathy upon one side or another in the strike which affected the street railway system of Philadelphia, we can certainly lend no sympathy to those who invoke violence in order to express their disapproval. The laws of this country mean something or they mean nothing, and mob violence cannot be tolerated for a moment unless the mob is to be the law of the land."

"And when we go out to suppress a

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## MAN OR HOG? WHICH?

Seattle, 1903—Philadelphia, 1910

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In fact, there is "nothing to arbitrate" on that question of employing none but Union men, and thus recognizing the Union, if the Union submits that question to arbitration really. Arbitrators are always against Labor, anyhow.

The only weapon Labor has is Battle. The way to fight is to fight. Capital is too cunning to be beaten in negotiations. Capital is the champion chess player. Labor is the champion fighter. Stick to your own trade, boys.

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# WHERE WE STAND

(Reprinted From Our First Issue in 1910.)

In what relation does "The Workingman's Paper" stand to the various organizations of the Wage Class, and to that class as a whole?

This question is frequently asked, now that this paper does not profess to represent any particular organiza- tion. 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 workmen which does not bear its own brand.

"The Workingman's Paper" sees good in the I. 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.

The following outlines our position exactly:

"The Workingman'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 de- cided from this standpoint.

We do not set up any sectarian principles of our own by which to shape and mould the Proletarian Move- ment. 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, in- dustrial 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 reso- lute 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 Proletar- ian 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.**

Our theoretical conclusions are in no way based on ideas or principles that have been invented, or discov- ered, by this or that would-be universal reformer.

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

We disdain to conceal our revolutionary views and aims. We openly declare that Proletarian ends can be at- tained 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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# A "FOREIGNER" IN SPOKANE

By Bessy Fiset

When one who has never been to Spokane hears another say, "I'm going to Spokane," or "I'm off for Spokane," the mind is instantly seeing visions of a far, strange country, where the sentinels are ogres, where the ruler is a monster and where all his common subjects are cretins or creatures having "cretinous stupefaction."

Having this idea or one similar I struck Spokane. Her sentinels are indeed giants, but instead of imaginary beings they are very real, while their ogrelike qualities are accentuated through years of training until they have forgotten that they are men and that the world holds any beauty not polluted by crime; any men save murderers, thieves and pimps, and any women but prostitutes.

Her ruler proves to be a Marionette of large stature that emits orders and carries on the routine of his sham office as the strings are pulled by the hidden hand that set him up.

And her citizens, for the most part, have an affliction which—while not caused by a thyroid disturbance—is nonetheless effective in producing a state of mental stupefaction.

So you see it is not surprising that a body of working men and women with the brains to organize in order to improve their condition, should be a new species to the city of Spokane and one that must be exterminated or at least brought to the stupid level of her own citizens.

In the city jail of Spokane there is a Salvation Army lass or captain—at least she is there an hour or so a day and can be called whenever there is a particularly undesirable female prisoner brought in—I. W. W., for instance. This woman—a very well-educated Hollander—is the matron of the city jail and receives the stupendous salary of fifteen dollars a month.

I talked to this woman—or, rather, Mrs. Rose Moore talked to her and I listened and found that if she never appeared at the city jail she would nevertheless earn her wage by running down the women who get into jail and standing up for the men who have the "handling" of said women. According to her, it is really a marvel that the police of Spokane are as fine and considerate and virtuous a lot of men as they are, for the things they have to put up with and the immodesty and vulgarity they have to come in contact with when these women are brought in is something enough to corrupt their pure minds. The tales told by the I. W. W. women about treatment of women prisoners was made out of whole cloth, and it is a disgrace that such things are allowed to be published about the chivalrous, virtuous police of Spokane.

Isn't that the way to have your hirelings talk? If fifteen a month procure such loyalty is it any wonder the mayor's and prosecuting attorney's salaries can buy the same virtue in the superlative degree?

There is an "Economic Club" in Spokane, held every Sunday afternoon. Some one person is invited to address the club each Sunday, giving a talk of an hour, a discussion following.

At the meeting which I attended a venerable prosperous looking man, immaculately clad in white waistcoat and cut-away coat (garb of the chronic church attendant), having the earmarks of more than ordinary prosperity (and why shouldn't he? He owns "The Crescent," the worst "exclusive" dry goods firm in town), read a paper on "How to Be Successful." The following were his subheads: Health—good physical condition being conducive to energy.



## Can He Hold His Seat?

Work—Continuous effort—never-ending work. If your employer is mean to you, never mind, just work all the harder.

Self reliance—Mental Courage, Good Habits—Integrity and Cheerfulness. There is no need to go into any details, for if you have ever heard a Christian Endeavor talk or a Y. M. C. A. lecture you have heard it all.

In the discussion this old fossil was asked how he would proceed to make it possible for the workers to have health, self-reliance, mental courage, good habits, integrity and cheerfulness under a system that robbed them, under-dressed them, under-clothed them, took away their courage and broke their health. He said he didn't know, and it would take him at least four hours to even begin to go into what caused these things, but the thing that proved most conclusively to him that this is a better world and that we are reaching a higher state of civilization is the fact "that millions a year are being given to relieve the poverty and distress of the workers."

This man was one of six on the jury that convicted Elizabeth Gurley Flynn—and it was very amusing to see Thompson, Knust and finally Gurley Flynn get up and answer him. Not only answer him, but throw him down and step on him. Of course they couldn't give him a six months' sentence, but it was a satisfaction to pound him to a jelly in an argument.

There is a Woman's Club over there, and they have taken up the city jail problems, and I really believe that before they get through the city officials will be glad to grant anything in order to get rid of them. Just now they are out after three matrons for the city jail and a few other reforms, and if things keep on as they are going there will be a municipal house cleaning very soon.

Pugh—the one and only Pugh—is a wee thing full of conceit and vituperation. These two things combined make him a good prosecuting attorney. He has ability, but it is ability that comes from long practice at calling people names—using vile and slanderous epithets, making constant insinuations, defaming character, etc. Having a sarcastic cynical nature and being naturally venomous, his constant attacking has made him "able," but never great. Pugh's tactics are well demonstrated in the published interview of Sunday, Feb. 20, which was manifestly intended to influence the jury.

Don Kiser told Symmes one day during the trial that the prosecution was bound to win in the Flynn case, for it had "right" on its side. Symmes said, "Well, then, if you always win because you have right on your side it is no credit to your brains. You really don't need brains, do you?" Needless to say, Kiser was mad. He probably used his pet expression, "Oh, Hell!"

It wouldn't be right to say so much about Spokane without mentioning Davenport's—the most beautiful restaurant I have ever seen in any city. The only thing that mars the place is the people—these people who are dressed in purple and fine linen and who still show signs of enmity—dis-

patron—unhappiness—greed and what not. Contrast them with the I. W. W., then turn the thing around, and see the difference. Bring out these same people with soiled or worn clothing, a week's "stand" of hair on their faces or coming out of jail, and see whether they would stack up as well as the street fighters do! The restaurant, however, leaves nothing to be desired.

The Spokane papers are wont to call the Pan Tans a "defunct" lodge, whereas the truth of the matter is the general opinion as expressed in Spokane is to the effect that the political secret society is not only not "defunct," but is just as alive (if less demonstrative) as ever.

When the suppressed papers were taken out on the streets in Spokane by the writer there were several interesting incidents, not the least of which was the buying of a paper by a plain clothes man. For some time he stood by listening to the papers being cried and then said impertinently, "Here's your nickel; give me a paper."

"Which one?" I asked. "Well, you're shouting the 'I. W. W. paper,' aren't you?" "Yes, but I have four of them; which one do you prefer?" To which he answered, "That will do; come across," and handed me the nickel, so I "came across" with an "Industrial Worker." That is the only time I was treated disrespectfully. In fact I was treated so very respectfully by the jailers when I went to see Foster that I was quite overbalanced.

They evilently thought I was a long-lost sister or a sweetheart, so consid-

erately closed the door, leaving us alone for some five minutes—much to our amusement.

Sunday afternoon, February twentieth, Mei Trotter held a big mass meeting under the auspices of the Salvation Army of Spokane in the Army. The editor of the "Christian Socialist" sent the I. W. W. two thousand copies of editions containing articles on the street fight, to be distributed at that meeting.

I haven't heard how they came out, but I can imagine the heathen (S. Army) raging. Can't you?

It is amusing to note the "Spokane-Review's" terms for the I. W. W. Now it is an order—again it's a party—then it's a "so-called organization" (Pugh)—once it was a "sect"; in fact I think they have run the gamut of synonyms unless they go into some "foreign" language. That reminds me—when McDonald was giving his testimony as to all the I. W. W. being foreigners, he looked at Symmes and made the statement that some one of them was a Jew. (This was a nasty slap at Symmes, for he resembles a Jew, and many said he was one—which is nothing to his discredit if he is.) Symmes said, "How do you know he is a Jew? Did he speak Yiddish?" McDonald: "What?" Symmes: "I said, 'Did he speak Yiddish?' Yiddish? Don't you know what Yiddish is?" Then in answer to the blank look on McDonald's face Symmes said, "How could you tell he was a Jew if you don't know what Yiddish is or whether he could talk Yiddish or not?" (Suppressed merriment in the crowd.)

## Battle Expected Soon

From Our Spokane Correspondent

SPOKANE, Feb. 28, 1910.—The situation in Spokane at the present time is a very complex one. The city is divided into a dozen different factions on as many different issues; these issues having all been precipitated by the I. W. W.

At the present time the sensation most discussed is the attack made upon the police force by Mrs. Stalford, a member of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Stalford spoke before the city council recently, advocating the appointment of three matrons at the city jail, and in the course of her remarks she charged that women prisoners are continually suffering outrages in the jail. Chief Sullivan became sore at this and instituted a suit against her for libel. The general cry has gone up that she furnish proof of her assertions. She promises to do this, and from all indications Spokane will be treated to a sensation that will far surpass the Tuerke-Webster stench.

The A. F. of L. Unions are threaten-

ing to get up a demonstration on March 9th and march in a body on the city hall and demand an increase of wages from \$2.75 to \$3.00 per day for the laborers engaged on city work. It is probable that the Woman's Club will also take part in the demonstration.

Fellow Worker Brown was arrested in Hilliard Saturday night for "conspiracy," his only crime being trying to induce men to become members of the I. W. W. In the "Press" of Feb. 28 Capt. Burns says: "The keeping open of an office for the purpose of making converts into the I. W. W. is an act of conspiracy against the city of Spokane." Surely the police here are determined to go the limit; it is even criminal conspiracy to clap your hands or stamp your feet at an I. W. W. meeting. To pay dues into the organization is also conspiracy, according to Asst. Corporation Counsel Blair

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DISORGANIZED SPOKANE

The Spokane officials boast they have broken up the I. W. W. organization.

But how about their own organization?

Things are in a badly rattled condition among Spokane capitalists, as a result of the shaking up incident to the Free Speech Fight.

Judge Webster, who parts his name in the middle, Judge J. Stanley Webster, who hailed from Kentucky a year or two back, who is an appointive judge selected by the accidental governor of Washington, M. E. Hay—Judge Webster is in hiding from the public eye.

And now Police Commissioner Tuerke, Chief Sullivan's superior, who hated I. W. W. as bad as snakes, who went East ostensibly to investigate Police methods there but really went to old Kentucky to hunt up Judge Webster's unsavory record—and thus get even with the Judge for some "Pan Tan" exposure—Commissioner Tuerke is fired by the City Council p. d. q. For what? For having got mixed up with an I. W. W. named Duches also down in Kentucky investigating Stanley Webster on behalf of his organization.

A Committee of the Bar Association has been chosen to decide whether Webster should be disbarred for his Kentucky record.

Tuerke is out. Webster may soon be out. And even Chief Sullivan trembles for his skin. For the Spokane Club women got a clutch at his scalp last week.

Led by Mrs. Stalford, who was courageous enough to go on Gurley Flynn's bond, some twenty-four "ladies" descended on the City Council at the regular meeting and demanded—not ONE matron in the city jail, but THREE, one for each eight-hour shift. Mrs. Stalford threatened, if the city fathers did not act, she would expose conditions in that jail as to the treatment of women prisoners. She said she had evidence, affidavits galore, and she would publish them, if the matrons were not ordered.

And that Council, led by Ex-Acting Mayor Lambert, who also has been a rabid I. W. W. hater, acted on the spot, and ordered the introduction of the ordinance demanded—to the astonishment of the women, it must be said.

N. B. once again, "the way to fight is to fight." These Spokane women seem to have imbibed something of Mrs. Fiset's spirit, when she defied Sullivan and the whole police gang and went alone on their chief corner and sold "The Workingman's Paper" and the "Industrial Worker."

But what a blow in the face for the mighty Chief Sullivan! He who opposed and defeated the ordinance for one matron, after it had been promised to the women at a former visit.

But the atmosphere is changing in Spokane. It is very different from that time when our publication of Agnes Thecla Fair's description of her terrifying experiences at the hands of Sullivan's brutes, was condemned and even forbidden, by the I. W. W.'s own Counsel in Spokane. His temporizing policy that time prevented the exploitation of the strongest weapon in his arsenal, which always captures public sentiment, namely, the abuse of helpless women by police brutes. This appointment of three police matrons in the Spokane jail fully justifies all that Agnes Thecla Fair ever reported, for which she was abused, estranged and vilified by those whom she served.

The world was incredulous at Miss Fair's letter in "The Workingman's Paper," though internal evidences of its truthfulness were so strong that it was republished in many Labor Papers throughout the country. But that letter which was so truthful in its reproduction of the language of the police brutes, that we were threatened with arrest for sending obscene literature through the mails, that letter started a current of public indignation which culminated last week in the City Council of Spokane appropriating funds for three matrons to protect the women prisoners against the Chief of Police and his voluptuous gang of cowards. The City Council retreated like beaten wolves when Mrs. Stalford delivered herself of the following:

OUTRAGES IN CITY JAIL

"A man in business not far from the city hall told me just the other day that he could make an affidavit that outrages are being committed in the city jail. He told me that if he did, though, the police would run him out of business.

"Should such conditions exist in this city? Reports of the outrages happening in our jail are being heralded in the east and people are inquiring what kind of a city Spokane is to have such things going on in its city prison. It is a stain on the good name of Spokane and I call on you, gentlemen of the council, to take a vote tonight that will cause the appointment of three matrons, to work in eight-hour shifts, who will care for and protect women arrested.

"The Chief of Police is not running the city, and if you gentlemen do not vote for the matrons, we'll get them and get them soon. We will have printed in the press the affidavits and tell what we know of the conditions that exist."

Yes, the Capitalist Class servants in Spokane are disorganized all right and are finding out one battle does not win a war.

Then there's the row in the military post at Spokane. Colonel Abercrombie, the commander, was removed because, so it is said, he and Gov. Hay ignored Brig. Gen. Maus and went straight to the War Department at Washington for authority to house the I. W. W. prisoners at the Fort.

Then Judge Mann is said to be shaking in his boots for fear his record be chased down by some of these bum workingmen back east.

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THE WAR IN PHILADELPHIA

the meantime, the striking car men have not reached an agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

"When this resolution was forwarded to the other meeting it was received enthusiastically, but was amended so that the strike would begin on Tuesday.

More Fight

That the company shows fight is again evidenced by the following extracts from a later dispatch:

"Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Mounted and amply equipped for any kind of service, the four companies of the Pennsylvania state police, numbering 200 men, arrived here today to assist the local authorities in maintaining order during the street car strike.

"The troopers are veterans of the regular army who have seen riot duty in all parts of the state. Their presence is expected to have a calming influence upon strike sympathizers who have been attacking street cars.

"Arriving in the railroad yards in the northern section of the city, each company detoured horses, while a curious crowd looked on. Then the command to mount was given and they clattered along the streets to the Second Regiment Armory at Broad street and Susquehanna avenue, where headquarters have been established within easy riding distance of the Kensington mill district, which is giving the police most concern. Local mounted police already have demonstrated the effectiveness of cavalry methods as applied to suppressing mobs.

"The meeting at which the strike order was promulgated was large and sentiment was apparently unanimous in favor of the general strike.

Telegrams were read from the Chicago and San Francisco Federations of Labor, pledging their moral and financial support.

Resolutions were adopted condemning the attitude of the traction company. Councils were called upon to insist that Mayor Reayburn immediately serve notice on the company that it must submit to arbitration, and return the police to their regular posts of duty.

In a proclamation addressed to the trade unions of Philadelphia and their sympathizers the grievances of the car men were recited in detail.

"After the men had breakfast they were sent to Kensington. It is the first time the state policemen have seen service in Philadelphia since they were organized five years ago. In Kensington they were distributed in squads in different sections of the great manufacturing center. Unless downright rebellion against civil authority arises the troopers will not carry their carbines.

"The transit officials maintain there is nothing to arbitrate. They say they would not take back any of the strikers if they were willing to return, and say further they have enough men to operate all their cars if they were given the proper protection.

That the strike is having its effect on "public sentiment" (which is another term for the business man's pocket-book) may be gathered from the following, dated Philadelphia, Feb. 24:

"The strike has had a serious effect on business generally. The disturbed conditions. One of the big department stores has laid off more than 200 employees."

Mayor Reayburn of Philadelphia seems to be very anxious to demonstrate where he stands. Read the following extract of the dispatch quoted above:

Mayor Reayburn made his first arrest while inspecting streets after leaving the city hall early this morning. Two men placing sewer pipe on the car tracks were discovered by the mayor, and, aided by Detective McFadden, were held until the patrol wagon could be summoned. They were locked up. The barricade was half completed when the mayor rode up in an automobile.

"The mayor and detective, who is known as the mayor's bodyguard, sprang from the car and seized the law breakers, the chauffeur telephoning to the police."

The mayor's anxiety to assist the Railway Company is explained by the following, dated Philadelphia, Feb. 28:

"The city is a partner in the Rapid Transit Company, it having three representatives on the board of directors. These representatives are elected by the two branches of the city council, and the present members are Mayor Reayburn, George H. Earl, Jr., and William H. Carpenter."

Sunday, Feb. 27, the Central Labor Union, after a discussion lasting six hours and a half, adopted a resolution ordering all union members on a sympathetic strike Saturday, March 5, unless some sort of agreement is reached by March 4.

The following extract from an Associated Press dispatch, dated Feb. 27, speaks for itself:

"Not only members of unions affiliated with the Central Labor Union and the Allied Building Trades Council, but of every labor organization in the city in any way connected with the American Federation of Labor participated in the meeting.

"Two separate meetings were held. The delegates to the Central Labor Union met on one floor of the building, while the president and business agents of the other organizations met on the next floor.

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"In the ranks of organized labor," the document proceeds, "an injury to one is the concern of all.

"The capitalists and the small group of self-seeking politicians in control of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are part of the larger group of capitalists and trust owners who hope to crush all organized labor by attacking and defeating it, one group at a time.

"Therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that the time for action has arrived. All union workers and their sympathizers, for the assistance of the union street car employes and for the ultimate protection of all union employes and the working class, will cease work on Friday, March 4, at 12 o'clock midnight, whether or not that is their regular stopping time, and remain on strike until further notice from their duly accredited representatives."

A committee was appointed to wait upon the select and common councils tomorrow afternoon and present copies of the resolutions and proclamation.

Union stage hands employed in the theaters and other amusement places in this city today notified their employers that if the Rapid Transit Company and its employes have not reached an agreement before Saturday the stage hands would quit work.

Mayor Reayburn said today that he would continue to refuse to be a party to any arbitration proceedings, even if it caused him to break with the Republican organization.

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"In the ranks of organized labor," the document proceeds, "an injury to one is the concern of all.

"The capitalists and the small group of self-seeking politicians in control of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are part of the larger group of capitalists and trust owners who hope to crush all organized labor by attacking and defeating it, one group at a time.

"Therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that the time for action has arrived. All union workers and their sympathizers, for the assistance of the union street car employes and for the ultimate protection of all union employes and the working class, will cease work on Friday, March 4, at 12 o'clock midnight, whether or not that is their regular stopping time, and remain on strike until further notice from their duly accredited representatives."

A committee was appointed to wait upon the select and common councils tomorrow afternoon and present copies of the resolutions and proclamation.

Union stage hands employed in the theaters and other amusement places in this city today notified their employers that if the Rapid Transit Company and its employes have not reached an agreement before Saturday the stage hands would quit work.

Mayor Reayburn said today that he would continue to refuse to be a party to any arbitration proceedings, even if it caused him to break with the Republican organization.

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