

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM IN AUSTRALIA

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Spokane Industrial Worker. Your very bright and informative paper is greatly appreciated by those who...

ing each other in wage wars. This can be changed only by an organization formed in such a manner that the workers in one or more industries, if need be, cease work when a strike or lockout is on upon the principle that "An injury to one is the concern of all."

A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and report to conference which adjourned for one month. Although this step was taken, nevertheless a few proposals from unions were on the agenda and discussed by conference. One suggestion was to group unions in such a manner as to avoid clashing with each other and to cause them to act more as a unified whole than as isolated sections.

Regarding labor conditions generally I should say that they are on a par with those of other countries in a similar stage of economic development. The employment shark is here and the labor politician who fattens on the unions and he fights against the proposal to rely upon economic action. His advice is to send good men to the legislatures and they will make good laws. We have experienced their good (?) laws. In New South Wales the wages declined under or in spite of the administrative work in parliament of the political labor party.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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

FREE SPEECH IN SPOKANE.

Shall we allow the capitalist class of Spokane to take away from us the last vestige of liberty that we have left? The fight in Spokane is the hardest fought battle that has ever taken place between the producing class and the non-producing class in the United States.

The members of the I. W. W. in fighting for their rights which the United States Constitution guarantees. Not that the membership of the I. W. W. consider that the constitution amounts to anything, for we realize that whenever the constitution stands in the way of the master class that it is overthrown; but the great masses of the people do not realize the fact. We, the Industrial Unionists, realize that the only method which the workers should pursue, and the only means by which the workers can gain their freedom from slavery is by "direct action," and carried on through industrial organization.

Never in the history of the United States have prisoners been treated with the brutality used by the Spokane police. Fed on bread and water for a period of 30 to 105 days, housed in as dirty and as filthy a "bull pen" as ever was established, and the only crime being the exercise of those rights guaranteed by the constitution.

Now, workmen, do you realize what this fight means to you? It is not a fight of the I. W. W. alone, but a fight of the working class for if they can stop us from speaking on the streets and suppress our paper in Spokane, it will not be long before the same tactics will be employed in other cities. This fight is your fight. The only way for the workers to secure justice is to refuse to obey the capitalist laws which are made for the purpose of holding us in subjection.

Go to Spokane and help keep the jail full. Bankrupt the city of Spokane. Don't be a coward. Fight for what is yours. Organize and prepare to meet the enemy on their own ground, with weapons of their own choosing. Fight now or your liberty dies.

By a Graduate, T. H. LITTLE.

THE PODUNK CLUB HOLDS DEBATE

ROBERT DUNBAR.

(Continued.)

Poopton Sainthair then opened for the long haired gallery. He had a pale anemic look and spoke in an effeminate manner. He wore a sunflower in his button hole. He wore a sunflower in his button hole.

Regarding labor conditions generally I should say that they are on a par with those of other countries in a similar stage of economic development. The employment shark is here and the labor politician who fattens on the unions and he fights against the proposal to rely upon economic action.

My name is not Naomi, but Ruth! I've got no use for youse Oscar Wildes. You're worse'n dogs! This interruption so pained the speaker that he collapsed like a weak accordion.

The Critic arose and stated that the speaker evidently thought the subject was himself, but as that was the fault generally of authors, he would pass over his remarks in silence. As to that certain Frau of whom Poopton spoke, she was a procurer for the millionaires.

The next speaker, Victor Shergar, was then introduced. The audience looked at his rubicund nose with some apprehension. The worst fears were realized, for Victor soon plainly revealed the fact that he was drunk. About all that could be distinguished from the maudlin incoherence of his utterances was the words "Mill Valkee," "Porcical Physicist," "Gif me buliet and gif me death," "Ballots—bah, dat ish a shoke."

The Critic again arose at the close of the painful incident and stated that Mr. Harriman had called the United States Senate a body of inebricates, but he should have included all politicians in his generalization. They all are drunk either with alcohol or with the sense of their own importance.

The last speaker was undoubtedly a local favorite, for as he was introduced he was greeted with great applause. He wore a smile as big as a barn door, until William Hunt Troothe succinctly summed up his remarks at the close. Then he sulked and left in a huff.

His talk on literature was along Roopton Sainthair's lines. He dealt mainly with himself. He thought the people needed spokesmen to rule them with blood and iron, and that evolution consisted in removing the unfit. He derided Kropotkin's doctrine of Mutual Aid, and took a slap at Elisee Reclus and the great philosophical anarchists, who base their arguments on the natural gregariousness of mankind.

The new literature will be the same as the old literature—democratic in tendency, truth-

ful in expression, and warm in feeling. It will be full of the theory of Mutual Aid.

The judges evidently had a heated discussion, for some pretty strong words came from the ante-room where they went to make up their decision. "Idiot!" "Crack!" "Idiot!" and other similar epithets were hurled indiscriminately back and forth.

The latter, woman fashion, thought she must have the last word, for she added to the decision her own opinion: "I think poetry has done more for the red dirt than anything that has happened since Smartin Sheden violated Rule No. Five of the Owls and took himself too d—d seriously."

TO OUR HUSTLERS

March 18 will mark one year since the first issue of the "Industrial Worker" made its appearance. During all this time there has been a weekly deficit in the accounts.

It has become necessary for us to call upon you again for support, not in the shape of donations, but to do active work in soliciting subscriptions. We want to increase our circulation at least two thousand copies per week by the end of March.

The temporary suspension of the "Industrial Worker" had the effect of somewhat diminishing the efforts of our subscription hustlers. We want our members to get busy and the former brigade to renew activities.

Do you want to take a crack at the Spokane police? Do you want to get back at them for the way they have used our fellow workers? Every subscription you get is a body blow delivered to Chief Sullivan, "Gorilla" Shannon and the rest of the hirelings of the Washington Water Power Company.

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THE SHAME OF SPOKANE

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the press, or the right of the people to peaceably assemble."—First Amendment U. S. Constitution.

At the present time in the city of Spokane, Wash., the citizen's alliance, chamber of commerce, employment agents, a murderous police force, deputies, Pinkertons, police and superior court judges and other paid sluggers have entered into a conspiracy to set aside the constitution of the state of Washington and the United States.

In pursuance of such conspiracy, the above named officials have imprisoned over 300 working men and women on a trumped-up charge of disorderly conduct. The only crime that the working men and women have been guilty of is the crime of attempting to exercise the right of free speech granted to them by the constitution of the state of Washington and the United States.

Not content with arresting the workers for attempting to exercise their constitutional rights, these official outlaws have subjected their prisoners to all the tortures that their ingenuity can devise. The methods of the Russian government are in a fair way to be surpassed.

Workers of America! This fight is the beginning of a concerted conspiracy on the part of the employing class of this country to deny the right of organization and agitation to the working class. This fight is your fight.

Money will be needed to defray the cost of a legal defense for members charged with conspiracy. Hold meetings, collect funds and send same to Fred W. Heslewood, box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Whereas, in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, the police authorities, acting as the agents of the dominant capitalistic interests, have by violence suppressed free speech and free press; and Whereas, these same police have brutally beaten and starved the men that they arrested, as well as given the "third degree" to the workers that fell into their foul clutches; and Whereas, the police attempted to rape a union woman that was thrown into a prison cell; be it

Resolved, That we not only protest against the action of the police in Spokane, but we urge all to remember that in maintaining free speech and a free press it is ever necessary to be vigilant. We know that the morrow belongs to the workers, when all the wrongs inflicted upon our class will be righted.

Above resolutions were adopted unanimously at a protest meeting held by Local San Francisco, Socialist Party, at Equality Hall, on Sunday evening, Dec. 28, 1909. It was also decided to donate the entire collection, amounting to \$40.20, to Local Spokane, I. W. W.

JOHN KELLER, Organizer, San Francisco.

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