

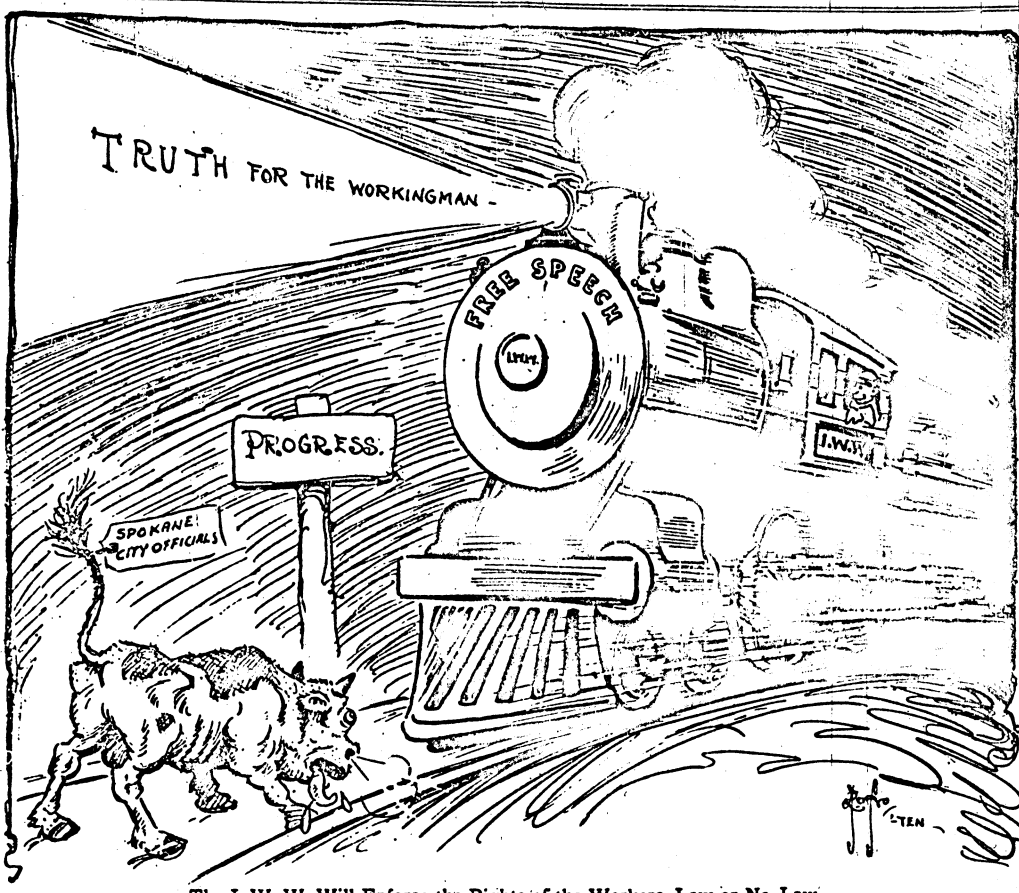
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NEWS OF SPOKANE FREE SPEECH FIGHT

If the I. W. W. Free Speech Fight in Spokane has accomplished nothing else, at least it has enlarged the circle of correspondents...



The I. W. W. Will Enforce the Rights of the Workers, Law or No Law.

Father Goller of Gonzaga College, Spokane, has donated \$5,000 to suppress free speech. He is raising more money among the wealthy Catholics in Spokane...

INTERNATIONAL LABOR NOTES

A Boycott That Never Took Place for Lack of a Solid International Organization. The Hollandish Federation of Transportation Workers has sent out thousands of circulars...

Forces of Capital and Labor Lining Up for the Final Battle in Marine Transportation.

An "International Shipping Federation" is about to be completed among the capitalists engaged in this industry throughout the world...

The Concentration of Labor's Forces.

The building construction workers of Belgium have had a conference with similar crafts in Germany to regulate the mutual exchange of cards between the two countries...

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The governor says further: "If the I. W. W. think that the ordinances to which they object are not for the good of the community, they should go about it in a proper way...

But it is to laugh when the governor grudgingly admits, "Of course, of late the authorities have been compelled to prohibit the I. W. W. speaking anywhere, and this they have done in self-defense."

"Unsay lies the head that wears the crown." The Spokane authorities do not treat their prisoners in an inhuman manner, says Governor Hay. Unfortunately he speaks from hearsay...

Successful propaganda meetings have been held within the last week at Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho, and at Hillyard among the railroad men. Next Wednesday night Gurley Flynn will speak at the Turner Hall, which was closed to us during the past week because of a poultry exhibit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. After November 1st the General Headquarters will be removed to Rooms 518-19 Cambridge building, 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago. The need for a larger office, more centrally located, makes the change necessary.

brought about principally by I. W. W. advertising and publicity, is the enforced retirement of Officer Hill Shannon, known from coast to coast as a man without mercy or humanity...

Several men have been arrested and convicted of vagrancy, sentenced to 30 days on the rock pile for selling the Seattle Socialist on the streets of Spokane. Any paper that even dares insinuate that it supports free speech becomes contraband of war in this community...

The bluff made by Mayor Pratt labelling Miss Flynn's story as "wild and hysterical" was called by a demand for him to take legal action under the criminal libel law. This he failed to do, so suit for \$10,000 has been instituted against the mayor and the Spokesman-Review for defamation of character...

Many of the children of the working classes are imperfectly fed and clothed; they are housed in a way that promotes either physical or moral health; they receive a school education which, though in the best of England it may not be very bad so far as it goes, yet gives only a little way; they have few opportunities of getting a broader view of life or an insight into the nature of the higher work of business, of science or of art...

WASTED LIVES. Many of the children of the working classes are imperfectly fed and clothed; they are housed in a way that promotes either physical or moral health; they receive a school education which, though in the best of England it may not be very bad so far as it goes, yet gives only a little way...

THE PATH OF THE AGITATOR

Thinking some of our members would be interested in the campaign of agitation which is being carried on, I decided to relate a few facts. The path of the agitator is one, especially at this period, which is not strewn with roses. Neither do we find the feather duster artists busy arranging for our coming...

Through the astounding outrages lately committed in Spokane it is getting to be heard of far and wide, most unfavorably, and has established a reputation that will affect it most unfavorably and which will cling to it for long years to come. When a one-hor city gets so low-down as to treat noble women brutally, for opinion's sake, and seeks to emulate the old "Nullifiers" of the Constitution of the United States, as in South Carolina, before the Rebellion...

TO THE MAYOR OF SPOKANE.

Dear Sir.—Pardon me for not knowing your name and not addressing you by it. Small places like Spokane attract very little attention away out East. I have been more lucky than most Easterners in learning about Spokane heretofore, for the reason that one of our most valued, old-time friends used to inhabit it, and yet lives near it—one of the best and bravest of the old Union soldiers; and his accounts led me to form a very unflattering opinion of your little city...

It is more in pity and with regret that I address you; I have been mayor of this small place three terms, and know how to sympathize with you. Yours truly, E. D. NORTHROP, Ellensburg, N. Y.

HOSPITAL FEE GRAFT EXPOSED

Now for a greater ever-growing evil, all from this benevolent association's scheme. From the time Italian, Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Swedish, German and all foreign labor began to be employed on great railroad or public construction, it came to be an easy and pleasing thing to rob these men with a hospital tax game. It was robbery of the vilest sort. I knew the Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins robbed their ignorant laborers. Never cared to study its different phases, but I came to be a laborer myself and began the study of this nefarious business. Why, it has grown to be a science. The idea is for a contractor who employs any number of men to have a machine consisting of a timekeeper, a head foreman and a gang foreman, who will turn off the labor every few days. The usual charge for hospital fee is one dollar a month. If a man works one day or thirty it is the same. The timekeeper makes out the check to each man, charges him one dollar for hospital fee, if he works one day, two days, three days; or any number of days. All checks are made out monthly; a very few men in such big gang got in thirty days; but weather cuts out many days; the most of the gang have been changed three, four or five times in the month. Thousands of laborers are looking for work, the places vacated are filled without delay, and every new man pays his one dollar, even if he, too, only works one day. Now, by this means, Mr. Twohey, who employs say three thousand men, can make those three thousand laborers pay him from fifteen to eighteen thousand dollars each month for hospital tax. That is a large sum and worth while to run a great robbing machine. All the other contractors do the same. Porter Bros. make the charges seventy-five cents, and have it fifteen cents a day if the laborer is working only a day or a few days. The contractor, at fifteen cents, gets ninety cents for six days' work, deducted from the laborer's pay. The papers are afraid to touch the business—afraid of the combination.

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The paper advocating industrial unionism, mailed on the 1st and 15th of each month to the I. W. W. locals of New York City and vicinity have transferred our mailing to the New Industrial Union paper and are to devote all our energies to this paper and hoping you will co-operate and push this new paper Solidarity, THE PRESS COMMITTEE of Industrial Union Advocate.

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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.
No man who is a prominent and active worker in the I. W. W. is safe from arrest under the trumped-up charge of "Criminal Conspiracy"; all the old offenders and editors are at present in jail in Spokane. The penalty provided for this trumped-up charge is five years in the penitentiary. The best lawyers in the country have been engaged to defend our fellow-workers. These attorneys are high-priced men, but money is nothing when we consider the noble characters and principles of the men who are supposed to be railroaded to a prison. Many of the officers and editors who are awaiting trial at the hands of a venomous enemy have given up home, money and friends to fight for the grand principles of "One Revolutionary Union of Workers."
Bread Lines, Bull-Pens, Child Slavery, Prostitutes, Vice and Crime must all fall before this "One Union of All Workers."
Over 300 men are in jail and more going in daily to suffer the tortures of hell, that freedom of speech may again be wrested from a money-mad class, who are mortally afraid of seeing the working class united. These men will serve 30 days on bread and water, and when they get out they will immediately be rearrested.
The best legal talent has been engaged in Chicago, Seattle and Spokane to defend our officers from the masters' wrath. We must have the sinews of war. You must help. Send all contributions for "Free Speech Defense Fund" to
FRED W. HESLEWOOD,
National Organizer I. W. W. P. O. Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

INDUSTRIAL PRESS BUREAU NEWS

TAFT'S MESSAGE.

Taft's first message to congress indicates that he is a man after the capitalist's own heart. "Uncle Joe" Cannon's "let-them-alone" policy permeates the document throughout. In this man Taft we see none of the political egotism of Roosevelt, but a man who is in close touch with the industrial barons of the United States, a man who, with Cannon, Aldrich and the rest of the trained capitalist lackeys (capitalists at the same time) will keep the road of capitalist concentration well paved and easy of travel. The "insurgents," representing certain elements of the dying middle class, principally in the middle west, may howl. Let them rave. Their noise reminds one of the little puppy barking at the moon.

In his message Taft says: "It is not, and should not be, the policy of the government to prevent reasonable concentration of capital which is necessary to the economic development of manufacture, trade and commerce."

"This country has shown a power of economic production that has astonished the world, and has enabled us to compete with foreign manufacturers in many markets. It should be the care of our government to permit such concentration of capital. If we would maintain our present business supremacy, we should give to industrial concerns an opportunity to reorganize and concentrate their legitimate capital in a federal corporation, and to carry on their large business within the lines of the law."

He urges that congress enact laws bringing the great trusts and their industrial activities within the "zone of lawfulness." In short, laws which will not only encourage greater concentration but which will command the doomed middle class to hold their peace.

He also urges "the establishment of a United States court of commerce of five judges to hear and determine appeals from the Interstate commerce commission, the only appeal from this court lying in the United States supreme court." Here, also, we see the tendency to more centralized political power in order to harmonize with the centralization going on in industry.

Taft's dismissal of Chief Forester Pinchot for breaking the rules of "official etiquette" by sending a letter direct to congress, rapping Taft, Cannon and a few others indirectly, shows this same motive. Pinchot was called a "radical," that is, he has been raving because the big railroad trusts, etc., have been gobbling up loose land, etc. He wanted the government to stop them. In short, he wanted to prevent greater concentration of industry. So he was chopped up. He was interfering with the "big business interests."

The revolutionary unionist may look upon the actions of the present political administration with much favor. It is bringing into bold relief the fact that economic power is everything. And at the same time impressing more and more upon the minds of the workers that the road to economic freedom is not through parliamentary wrangling, but through their industrial organization and the employment of the methods of Direct Action.

WHAT EDISON SAYS.

In an interview a few days ago, Edison, the "Wizard of Invention," said some things worthy of notice. For instance: "There is much ahead of us. We don't know what gravity is, neither do we know the nature of heat, light and electricity. We are only animals. We are coming out of the dog stage and getting a glimpse of our environment. We don't know—we just suspect a few things. Our practice of shooting one another in war is proof that we are animals. The makeup of our society is hideous."

"Communication with other worlds has been suggested. I think we had better stick to this world and find out something about it before we call up our neighbors. They might make us ashamed of ourselves. Not individualism, but social labor will dominate the future. The men in them will be merely superintendents watching the machinery to see that it works right. Less and less will a man be used as an engine or as a horse, and his brain will be employed to benefit himself and his fellows."

In regard to the possibilities of radium he says: "Radium has great power. It has no appreciable limit or end. It is not combustible. A carload of radium would have as much energy as all the millions of tons of coal mined in the United States in a year. I have a spectroscope which contains a tiny bit of radium of the size that will go through the eye of a needle. It has been shooting off millions of sparks for six years that I have had it, and I expect it will be shooting sparks the same way for thousands of years. Some day we may find immense deposits of it, and then it will be a problem how to handle it without dangerous consequences."

THE COST OF LIVING.

The increased cost of living is creating considerable interest among big capitalists and their political henchmen just now. A legislative delegation from Pennsylvania is in Washington conferring with congress in its investigation along that line. A dispatch says: "Many are persuaded that the middlemen are responsible for the condition, and that the producer and the ultimate consumer suffer together in this matter."

Of course, the working class as a whole get no more than a mere existence—will not as long as capitalism lasts. If the cost of living goes up, wages go up also; wages always hover about the cost of subsistence. But the point of interest to the revolutionary unionist is this: Behind this investigation we see a movement toward the complete doing away of the middle class; in short, to greater concentration. Capitalism is doing more for us than all our agitation. We have but to understand the tendency and work in harmony with it—and this we'll do, because we cannot get away from doing it.

Just now a most remarkable industrial concentration is taking place in this country. All the forces of capitalism are being used for that purpose.

20,000 MINERS OUT.

News comes from London that 20,000 coal miners of the Northumberland districts are out on strike in order to enforce the eight-hour-a-day law which was to go into effect the first of the year. This is more evidence that the mere placing of laws upon the statute books are useless unless the workers have economic power enough to enforce them. It also supports the industrial union position that once the workers have the economic power they are able to compel legislative respect, law or no law.

"BUSTING THE TRUST."

After the great noise made by Gompers and his crowd a few weeks ago in the Pittsburgh convention, it is laughable to see them go to Washington and humbly solicit Taft's support in this "war." It's a big bluff on their part. They know Taft is not the kind of a chap to pay much attention to them; they know his record in that matter. They are simply attempting to pacify the workers of the steel industry by the generous use of "hot air." But the slaves of the steel trust are getting wise to the game. Workers who will keep a close eye on the things to be recorded in Solidarity during the next few months will observe the beginning of revolutionary developments in this part of the country. Our agitation must bring results.

FILLING SCAB ORDERS.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Shirt Waist Makers' Union it was decided to call out all unionized shops that are secretly doing the work of those manufacturers who are fighting the union in New York City. It was discovered that about 5,000 of those that settled with their bosses and went back to work were filling the orders of others who were out. Again we see the treacherous tactics of the labor plug and arbitrator. Had not Hillquit, Mitchell and that ilk stepped in, the girls would have all been out in a single body, and they would have remained out until every last thing they asked for was granted. And they would have won. Their union would have been recognized, too, because the bosses would have to recognize power.

UNCALLED-FOR LETTERS.

The following is a list of uncalled-for letters at the headquarters of the Portland Locals of the I. W. W. Members wishing the same forwarded to their address, send postcard or letter to James Jackson, secretary I. W. W., 33 North Fourth street, Portland, Or.:
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AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

By an "Undesirable Citizen."
Ladies and Gentlemen: We have a great and glorious country; we are, however, constrained to believe that few people have any conception of the overpowering grandeur and imposingly sublime nature of our American Christian institutions, the leading feature of which is the saloon, of which we have only about five hundred thousand, but we are growing. We have ten thousand houses of prayer and a million of prostitution. We have Bible houses, bawdy houses, barrel houses and breweries, pimps galore and paupers by the million; hordes of commercial and industrial pirates, whom we call business men; professors who draw their salaries and convictions from the same source. We have thieves and theologists, Christians and confidence men; libertines and liars, priests and prisons; politicians and poverty, convents and convicts, scabs and scallawags, trusts and tramps; traces of virtue and tons of vice; where trusts hold you up and poverty holds you down, where to be virtuous is to be lonesome and consistent a crank.

Where a working man gives two dollars for a job and an idler twenty for a dinner; where the worker builds and maintains high schools, colleges and universities for the children of his masters, makes so many fine shoes and goes barefoot, builds so many fine houses and has to live in a hovel; where we make canned beef of sick cows, horses and mules and corpses of those who eat it; where between pharmacy and funerals our physicians make a living; where the words "lawyer" and "doctor" describe the same animal; where pimps and city council derive their incomes from the same source; where men are sent to jail for not having the means of support, and on the chain gang for not having money to buy a job; where men patronize prostitutes because they can't afford to marry; where some women buy poodles and study how not to become mothers and other women work in stores and factories in the daytime for glory and at night on the streets for a living; where we have a congress of 400 men to make laws and a supreme court of nine men to knock them out in the first round.

On the first floor of our national capitol the chaplain calls for prayers, and in the basement the congressmen call for booze; where bad men make good whiskey and good whiskey makes bad men; where the press is paid to suppress the truth and gets rich by telling lies; where man is damned for the dollar and the dollar is deemed the man; where coin has just returned from the funeral of conscience; where courage has fallen in duel with cowardice; where we believe in God, but maintain a community of interests with the Devil; where preachers draw from five hundred to twenty-five thousand dollars a year; to hold a dress parade once a week, on Sunday they petition God to send the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth and the rest of the week dare Him to do it; where from the pulpit he thunders "Thou shalt not kill," and then goes to the Shenandoah to help the militia kill a few striking coal miners; where we love the spirit of democracy, but are ready to eat the dirt a prince has trod on; where we civilize the Indians with faith and firewater, Bibles and bad booze; where if you steal a ride we will send you to jail, but if you steal the road or a bank we will send you to congress.

Now ladies and gentlemen, we have enumerated a few of the fine points of our great and glorious country; we know that we have fallen far short of the reality; surely what we have mentioned ought to stir the patriotic zeal of all who read it, for it knows we have the grandest aggregation of hard things and soft things of all varieties, shapes and colors ever seen under one canvas, and one admission entitles you to the whole show. Get in add help little things along; we've got a good thing. Old Spain, Johnnie Bull or the Japs are not in it. We are the people. Hurrah! for America!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thinking perhaps there may be some few individuals in the ranks of the working class that would like a few rays of light cast upon the subject of law, I herewith submit the following:

Law.

I. Its Origin—Law originated in superstition, indolence and cowardice. A desire of the ruling class to give permanence to customs imposed by themselves for their own advantage.

II. Its Character—The skillful conjoining of customs useful to society, customs which have no need of law to insure respect, with other customs useful only to rulers, injurious to the mass of the people, and maintained only by the fear of punishment.

III. Its Object—The major portion have but one object—to protect private property, i. e., wealth acquired by exploitation of man by man. To open out fields of exploitation, and to sanction new forms which that exploitation assumes. The object of the rest of them is to secure to Capitalists the exploitation and monopoly of wealth produced. To keep up the machinery of government, which secures to the Capitalist said exploitation and monopoly. To facilitate the further exploitation of the Working Class by the Capitalist Class.

IV. Its Title to Respect—it has no more right or title to our respect than capital, the fruit of pillage; and OUR DUTY AS PROLETARIANS is not to "RESPECT THE LAW," but to DESPISE LAW AND ALL ITS ATTRIBUTES; not to "OBEY THE LAW," but to REvolt AGAINST ALL LAWS—Federal, State or Municipal.

Fraternally yours, for the full and complete emancipation of the whole of humanity,
N. J. B. BAILEY, Ps. D.

SCANDIAVIAN SOCIALIST LOCAL.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 9th, 1910.
Inasmuch as the Industrial Workers of Spokane, Wash., are fighting to uphold the Constitution of the United States which guarantees the freedom of the press and free speech; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Scandinavian Local Socialist Party in public meeting assembled, condemn the action of the Spokane authorities in their outrageous treatment of the aforesaid organization.

Unanimously adopted.
(Signed) GEO. N. EKSTRAND,
Chairman of Meeting.

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