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{HAYWOOD LEARNS WISDOM—TOO LATE.}

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HAYWOOD seems to have learned wisdom—too late. His lieutenant Thompson's announcement that Haywood will not come to Passaic until the strike is over, is evidence both of Haywood's having learned wisdom, and of the wisdom having come too late to do him any good. It is an evidence of acquired wisdom on the part of Haywood to realize that the John Golden trick of trying to butt into and disrupt a strike is a disreputable act; it is, furthermore an evidence of acquired wisdom on the part of Haywood to realize that the methods of Anarchy are doomed to be splintered against the armor of the I.W.W., and that the combined assistance of such a plutocratic paper as the *Newark Star* and of the Socialist party's press adds strength, not to John Goldenism and to Anarchy, but to the I.W.W. armor. To have learned all this is evidence of wisdom acquired. However, to learn all this after he had exhibited his John Golden and Anarchist instincts in New Jersey and his ruffianism at the Paine Memorial Hall meeting where—notwithstanding admission had to be paid for and the ticket of admission promised that questions would be answered—he answered a pertinent question, courteously and even fraternally put, with the ruffian-coward's act of a kick in the chest of the questioner, was to learn wisdom too late for his own good.

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