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NEWS OF SPOKANE FREE SPEECH FIGHT

The 'Industrial Worker" has been suppressed a Sokane. Wash., not by legal action on the drilling prince, but by forcible confiscation. Describes were stationed in the Inland printing effect and the iron arm of the law destroyed the Sowards are they came from the press. About a dorn copies were saved from destruction and served to the vaults of the city of Spokane, and of these a few were distributed surrepiers. For the public, the announcement of Chif Suffvan that the paper is incendiary, must suffice. The fact is the paper is about the midest ever issued by the I. W. W. Dozens of Socialist papers are far more radical, and as for table and incendiary it cannot be compared to the Spokesman-Review. The writer speaks from knowledge gained by reading a copy of the suppressed paper. The police and offer the suppressed paper are provided printers in town not to print any further copies or they would be held liable. And yet so action has been taken to prove their claims sainst the paper. gainst the paper.

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The I W. W. hall has been the scene of splended meetings and the result is illustrated by the following notice in the Spokesman-Review of lice. 12, 1999:
"In order to place a curb on 'fire-brand oranos' of the I. W. W. circles and to prevent temporary leaders from sowing seeds of discontent monet foreigners and Americans who attend the meetings, four policemen beginning tonight will be detailed to attend all meetings with instructions to arrest all speakers giving voice to evolutionary and incendiary or rabid utteractes.

Four censors on what constitutes safe, sane and conservative doctrines fit for Spokene, with full power to act to arrest or to close the meeting if they see fit! This in free (2) America! On Sunday night Fellow Worker Frank Reed

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LAW AND ORDER UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTION.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

December 10, 1909.

Mr. Samuel G. Parkrow Governor of the State of Washington

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Sir:—

In addressing an open letter to you, we are conscious that you perhaps less than anyone clese in the great commonwealth of Washington, will be affected or stirred to action by the facts presented

Nevertheless, if we shall succeed in showing some of the people—who will, with yourself, see this letter—that the government of the day merely reflects politically, the ethics and morals of the dominant economic powers in society, and will not correct governmental abuses contrary to the interests of those powers,—as we are sure will be further demonstrated by the polite way in which this letter will be "pigeon-holed," this letter will not be written in vain.

From the eminent position which you hold, you are well situated to have your ear to the political keyboard of the state.

You are doubtless aware of the troubled situation in the city of Spokane.

For the benefit of other readers as well as yourself, we shall briefly review the case exchewing all sentimental appeals and limit ourselves to a bare statement of facts easily verified.

The city of Spokane is the recruiting ground

ture and charge them with disorderly conduct.

Several speakers were arrested on this charge and given 30 days each. The organization realized that it had a fight on its hands and went in to win. It planned to keep the jalls filled and when there was no more room in the jail, to speak on the streets in spite of the constitution breaking city government of Spekane.

The city kept on arresting street speakers until over 300 are now in jail. They refused to work on the rock pile and were put on bread and water. They refused to ent bread and water and went on a hunger strike that lasted for seven days and nights, compelling the city to give them decent rations. The police brutally beat and injured many and damage suits aggregating \$225,000 have been started against the city. At a time when there was plenty of cell room in the jail 28 men were put in a cell 638 feet and steam turned on them for 26 hours until they fainted from heat and exhaustion. They were then put in a cold cell without windows and many are yet hovering be-Costinued on page twe Continued on page two

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Our Fellow Workers, Preston and Smith, Are Still In Jail

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My country is the world; my countrymen are mankind.—William Floyd Garrison.

'Direct action" consists in making the employer give 'way through of his interests.

Start the new year right by sending in a bunch of subscriptions to the Industrial Worker.

It is well to remember that the real strength of a union consists in the number of its active members,

The courts are the bulwark of American liberty! That is what alls Spokane—it has a bad case of courts.

All our liberties are due to men who, when their conscience con pelled them, have broken the laws of the land.—Dr. Clifford.

There is no such thing as an unjust strike. The exploited are always justified in resisting their despoilers, by every means at hand.

Thank God, the tortures of the Spanish inquisition have been for-ever abolished, says the press and pulpit of America. But how about the sweatbox in the Spokane bastlie? Capitalism is not only organized plunder but organized hypocracy.

Some of the "pillars of society," the really "respectable" are telling us we must have respect for the courts. That may be easy for the "pillars," but it is impossible for the working class to have respect for anything so foul and corrupt as are some courts.

The Salvation Army of Spokane has announced that no Socialists will be fed at the Christmas dinner to be given by that "Bunch." Thanks, burns; we take no second-hand hand-outs. Besides, we are not looking for aims; our demands are justice, not charity.

The I. W. W. is an organization composed of wage workers only. If you work for wages get into line. It is on the industrial field where the class struggle exists, and it is into an economic organization that the working class must unite, if they hope to cast off the shackles of exploitation.

Labor must learn that it is not bound to respect the laws of the enemy, and that public sentiment is too indifferent to justice to fight the tolers battle. They must fight the battle themselves, realizing hat a determined and aggressive attitude alone can compel respect and victory. Strike the exploiter in the soft spot—the pocket.

Do not hesitate to hustle for subscriptions because you fear the Industrial Worker will go out of business. It is here to stay. Although the grafters and labor skinners have temporarily driven us out of Spokane, there are other places at which papers can be published. The business will not support this paper; it is up to the workers. Hustle for subs.

The Appeal to Reason is authority for the statement that as a result of the Spokane Free Speech fight, C. E. S. Wood, literary editor of the Pacific Stonly Magasine, has declared for Socialism. Why, that is nothing, Hight here in the heart of the struggle the Industrial Workers have made scores of revolutionists. We also note that the editor did not come to Spokane to speak on the streets, and where were the rest of the Socialism? It was left to the man in the overalls to take the firing line, and bear the brunt of the battle.

Moxico is to have a labor union, at least so the press informs us. This in the land where that relic of barbarous ages, slavery, still strike where every establishment in the same industry is closed can the workers hope to wrench any concessions from their masters, earlied as in the American Magazine that in the hemp industry alone 100,000 slaves exist, owned by 250 individuals, and again that of these 250, 50 are the real owners, the remainder being only exploiters. That in the state of Yucatan there are thousands of lives sacrificed annually for profit on the large plantations. It certainly is a fact that the workers of Mexico are in need of a labor union. But then we are informed that this labor union is to be organized by the government. What interest has the government in organizing the workers? Is it for the benefit of the workers? From a study of economics we have long come to the conclusion that the governments are the representatives of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class. 80, in this case we find the government as the representative of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the dominant class is nociety, i. e., the capitalist class of the conclusion there are the remainder of the workers are compelled to join. Agents the concl

of the government are placed in charge so that instead of the union existing for the bonefit of the wage earners, it exists for the benefit of the employers. In other foreign countries where any great headway has been made to organize revolutionary working men's unions, the workers have been compelled to join a boas' union. The activities of these unions the bosses control and dominate by placing agents or leaders at their hear, selected by themselves.

In this country the formation of univa by the bouses is an old game. It has been witnessed many a time in the history of the labor movement. The employers appoint the officers, select: the walking delegates, collect the dues, thus controlling the activity of the organization. In case the men had any opinions of their own, or a spark of evolutionary spirit, they were promptly discharged, and if they persisted in their agitation, blacklisted.

Pinkerton thugs also play an important part in the betrayal of labor. In fact, detective agencies are nothing more nor less than thuge labor sying outfits, and would go out of business if it were not for the money they receive from the bosses for the betrayal of the working class. Probably in this country at the present time there is not a labor union of any account but what has a Pinkerton stationed in their midst, whose duty it is to report any action taken within the organization that would in any way interfere with the bosses' interiest.

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the condition of labor, which has for its purpose the uplifting of the
working class, is fought with all the forces that the organized capitalists can muster. Injunctions by the courts, imprisonment of the
members, police, militia, army, Pinkerton thugs and detectives. It
would be well for the workers to look with alarm and suspicion upon
any efforts of the bosses to force them into organizations controlled
by the master class. by the master class.

THAT DANGEROUS FOREIGN ELEMENT.

The following is reprinted from an editorial appearing in the Seattle Star, a daily capitalist sheet. Any comment on the same would be superfluous, as the article strikes direct at the point. We have not heard as yet of the efitor being charged with being an anarchist:

I as yet of the efitor being charged with being an anarchist With what a complacent sense of superiority we read of the general cussedness of the "foreign element."

We use every inducement, every argument, barely short kidnaping and shanghai mithods, to induce Europeans to come to the United States. We support "an' corporations and steamship companies, whose life blood is a steady stream of European peasantry.

They come over in the steerage, spending all or nearly all their savings in the passinge, as a result of the earnest endeavors of the steamship ugent, who tells them, "Yes, it's really true that you can pick up gold on the streets of the United States."

The foreigner finds that the closest he can come to picking up noid in the streets is a job in a coal mine, a factory, a mill or a sweat shop. He makes a bare living, the simply exists as he did in Italy, in Russia or in Hungary.

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But, anyway, this is a free country. That was another thing the foreigner had heard. He and his neighbors and fellow workmen can at least get together and talk things over and try and find out what's wrong with conditions. Can he? Well, hardly, if the "business interests" don't like it. Being a foreigner and unable to speak passable English he finds that there is nothing doing in the free speech line. He is an anarchist, an alien, a disturber, a conspirator, an agitnor, a foreigner. If he is out of a job he is a hobo, in short, he finds he has exchanged a Cossack for a policeman.

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An exaggeration? Not at all.

In Spokane there are three hundred and fifty half-starved and effectually clubbed "revolutionists" in jail for trying to speak on the public streets. Twelve others—two of them women—are in jail for "criminal conspiracy"—that is for conspiracy for trying to break an anti-free speech law that was declared unconstitutional by the Spokane court. Little newsboys have been locked up and sweated by the police. The officers state that the boys were attending meetings of the revolutionists, and "it is no place for them." The revolutionists say the real reason for arresting the boys was that they sold the Spokane Press, a newspaper that has told the free speechers' side of the story as well as the officials' and "business interests" side? The police are now threatening to arrest Socialist leaders who are circulating an initiative petition, which has for its object the passing of a free speech ordinance of the sort in use in several large cities. A "prominent citizen" has offered to supply one thousand pick handles to volunteers who will "drive the agitators into the river."

Not all these "agitators" are foreigners by any means. Many are American bern, but enough are from abroad to make the phrase "foreign element" sitck. Some of those men, it is true, are ignorant and violent and are beginning to see "red." But many others are men of experience and education. These are the leaders. They counsel continually "no resistance," and that is the spirit that has ruled their side of the context thus far.

And so the fight goes on.

Meanwhile we, who have induced to pur shores those "agitators" who are foreigners—because our masters, the gret t corporations, need them to keep down the price of labor—regard with fierce patriotic hate the "foreigners who come over heire to break the laws."

BUREAU NOTES

tween life and death as a result. These alstatements of facts that can be verified by the columns of the "Spokane Press."

Slir, on taking the office that you now poor the constitution of the state of Washington the constitution of the state of Washington at times revelutionary spirit ness strikes with the attitude at times revelutionary spirit nesse strikes with the attitude and delegates of the A. F. of L. the took place a couple of weeks. The rank and file pf the work-grevolutionary at a rapid rate, a reactionary leadership of the wement. Revolutionary union-tesses struggles; they know that velop the revolutionary spirit spe of the necessity of a more of organization in the actual industries. It looks now as if America have entered upon a transpirit specific to the constitution guarantees the rise; of the cuty government of Spokane.

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Strikes are in full swing throughout the country. It is, indeed, refreshing to contrast the discontent and at times revolutionary spirit manifested in these strikes with the attitude of the officers and delegates of the A. F. of L. convention, which took place a couple of weeks ago at Toronto. The runk and file of the workers are becoming revolutionary at a rapid rate, regardless of the reactionary leadership of the craft union movement. Revolutionary unionists welcome these struggles; they know that the workers develop the revolutionary spirit and the knowledge of the necessity of a more upto-date fox-m of organization in the actual struggle in the industries. It looks now as if the workers of America have entered upon a new period of activity, behind which can be seen the beginning of an uprising that will sweep aside the interference of the Civic Federation with its slimy tactics to sidetrack the revolutionary movement, and the A. F. of L. that veiled lackey of capitalist exploitation—with the rest of the reactionary elements that have attempting to blindfold the workers from the real struggle.

The Waist Workers' Strike.

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The strike of the waist workers in New York City deserves the admiration of revolutionary unionists—all the more so because those who were concerned and carried on the strike were girls. There were about 15,000 out. Most of them have received the increase demanded and have gone back to work. It is quite probable that the rest will win also. Had not most of the bosses met the demands of the New York waist makers it is quite probable that there would have been 15,000 more out in Philadelphia.

Of course, industrial unionists would like to have seen the girls all come out together and remain out until all the bosses had met their demands, but realizing that the strike was one affecting the means of consumption and not that of production and that the bosses dealt with were more or less independent employers, the results were about all that could be ex-

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pected.

Last Friday about 10,000 of them paraded the atreets in New York and a delegation interviewed the mayor projecting against the brutality of the police in clubbing the strikers, and in many cases insulting the girls. The waist workers strike has stirred up the workers in New York City more than tons of literature. could do. There was considerable revolutionary ary spirit and knowledge of revolutionary tactics, manifested on the part of the girl strik. tics manifested on the part of the girl strik

The Spokane Fight.

The fight is still on in Spokane. Six members of the I. W. W. were sentenced to six mouths in jail for "criminal conspiracy." That does not daunt the members of the rovolutionary union of America in Spokane. The I. W. W. there has decided to fight the officials of Spokane in behalf of the right of free speech to a finish. Juli does not scare them. The Spokane fight has created considerable stir in the eastern as well as in the western states and in many places protest meetings are being held in behelf of the I. W. W. men and women at Spokase. at Spokane.

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The writ of habeas corpus has been refused Prisoners are denied the right to see counsel. In short every law of the state of Washington and the United States has been violated. This letter is to call upon you to use you power to compel the local government to a serve the state and federal constitution.

As far as our letter affects other reader, than yourself, we feel that we shall do some good in calling attention to one of the confirmagion of the calling attention to one of the confirmagion in the country-against free speech and other inherent right against free speech and other inherent right get some results, but frankly, sir, as material ists who know that man's actions are dictated by his material interests, we hope for results but do not expect any.

Sir, if you do not see to it that the lower that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that is vested in you is used to uphold the hyof-the land we will have no other course one that it was a state to be trampled upon.

We remain, sir,

VINCENT ST JOHN General Secretary Industrial Workers of the World.

AS TO LEADERS.

There has been much talk of late in the daily papers of Spokane about leaders in the indatrial Workers of the World. Now let us see what is the cause that makes the Mayor and Chief of Police of that city think that by we resting what they consider the leaders in this organization they will quash the movement:

We can see that the mayor has, with the people that elected him, absorbed the idea that their training in capitalist government teaches. The dominant idea of these people is that some men are endowed with certain powers, and the divine right to rule the masse and there they have built up all their organizations from this basis. I am not going into the economic foundation which makes there conditions necessary, but merely take the psychological effect of these surroundings that

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"SOLIDARITY"

Our new weekly to be published in New Castle, Pa., has been delayed in publication through the necessity for installing new machinery.

Publication is now expected every week and the first issue will proba-bly be out by the time this reaches our readers.

"SOLIDARITY"

place in public interest in the world of labor.

This victory, after the victory at McKees Rocks, will compel the respect of the world. With an army so uncompromising that the A. F. of L. thought them not worth organizing the I. W. W. organized them while in battle and won one of the most remarkable victories in the history of labor.

This is the dawn of a new era of war. Like the discovery of powder and the airship, it revolutionizes the warfare of labor. We have discovered our strength and it shall set us free.

Sacramento, Cal.

LAW AND ORDER.

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The race learns by experience. Anythias painful or destructive to the common welfare its gradually discarded. It is oy the fearful sufferings and pains, conflicts and struggleo, that we have come to where we are today. We are learning that the brute force of golders and police is absolutely and only evil. Why do we have police and soldiers? To preserve law and order, says the capitalist class. Order reigns in Moscow, said the Russian general. Yes, over heaps and heaps of corpses that a Czar might add to the number they plunder. Law and order means to the employers profits, but to the writers slavery and degradation. We want peace, but know that peace and order cannot be as long as a robber class hold sway.

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 head-Quarters to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which is in another State and close to Spo-

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 pro-ided for this trumped-up charge is five years in the peniltentiary. 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 poble characters and principles of the men who are supposed to be rail-teaded to a prison. Many of the officers and editors who are awaiting trial the hands of a water to the contraction of the contraction 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

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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 keys an ve 30 days on bread and water, and when they get out they will imme-

dately be rearrested.

The best legal talent has been engaged in Chicago, Seattle and Spokane
We must have the sinews of the sin lo defend our officers from the masters' wrath. We must have the sinews of war. You must help. Send all contributions for "Free Speech Defense

FRED W. HESLEWOOD.

National Organizer I. W. W.

P. O. Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

SPOKANE APPEALS

To all sympathizers, friends and members of Industrial Unionism in the United States and Canada, greeting:
Fellow Workers:
At the present time in the city of Spokane, Wash., a situation exists that should bring the attention and assistance of every working man and woman that has a drop of red rebellous blood within his or her veins.
In an effort to forever squelch our organization in America, the Chamber of Commerce and other capitalist institutions in Spokane, are using methods that would make a barbarjan blusa with shame.

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In our effort to force from the city of Spokane freedom of speech and pruss, we have incurred the enmity of our masters, and as a result over 400 men have been incarcerated in the jails, schoolhouses and military prisons, where they have been subjected to the most inhuman treatment by the shotgun men and police thugs who are guarding them. Men have their eyes blinded, teeth knocked out, jaws broken and otherwise malitrated, while women members of our organization have been cast into prison with prostitutes and have been insulted while thus confined by these law and order gents called policemen.

All officers of the I. W. W. are at present serving sentences of six months each on the chain gang in Spokane, being forced to do so by gun men. Three editors of our official organ, "The Industrial Worker," have been arrested on filmsy charges, and are also sentences of impartances of the sentences of the

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All animals, fabre, birds and plants pass through the same process of the natural law of evolution. That is to say, they all have their conception birth, life, death and decay. Cert by this evolution, differs widely with the different species converted above.

Being satisfied that all living things must face death and decay after having performed their useful function on earth. We find that not not the individual, is any species of living the state of their conceptions of the state of the conception of the conception of the state of the conception of the conception of the con gnn, "The Industrial Worker," have been arrested on filmsy charges, and are also sentenced to six months on the chain gang, and herded by thugs with shoiguns. The official organ was confiscated by the police yesterday as it was coming off the press. Hundreds of men are being slowly starved to death on two slices of old sour bread a day. It costs the city just 2 cents to feet each frisoner a day. The me's are so weak that they are unable to walk across the floor. They could have better food if they would consent to work on the chain gang, but the great majority refuse to scab by working for nothing. These men are all sentenced to 110 days each. They are charged with violence and violence means saying "Fellow workers" on the streets.

Our hall is being raided every other night by the police and anyone who dares to make a speech on industrial Unionism is immediately arrected and thrown into jail, and then kangaroed off to the chain gang for six months, on bread and water, which means starvation. Scurvy has broken out among the prisoners, as a result of the 'small rations of old sour bread, and they are now unable to eat the small morsel of bread offered to them.

This is in Free America! The Chamber of Commerce is the law, as they are the economic power in Spokane. There are 30 editors, officers and speakers in jail charged with 'criminal conspiracy." Those of them who have been tried have been sentenced to three months. They are no more quilty of any crime than is any members of your union.

Out of 800 persons treated in the emergency hospital in Spokane in he month of November 681 of them were merburs of the I. W. W. As there are less than 400 members in the inline, you will see that many were in for treatment more than once. This will give you some idea of what police brutality is and to what length our masters will go to suppress an organization that they are afraid to see grow. Twenty-eight of our members were thrown into a cell that was air-tight for 36 hours, with steam turned on until a great number of the

Yours for Industrial Freedo

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Industrial Workers of the World, Spokane, Wn. Send all contributions to Fred W. Heslewood, national organizer I. W. W., Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Iduho.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

A few questions and answers culled from an ip-to-date first reader.
Question—What is law
Answer—Cert 'n rules and regulations that hould be strength on the other felthould be su

Piliate.

The robbing class has lived in one form or another ever since, and according to the laws of nature, having come to a time where they are no longer necessary to the life of the workers, their kind must cease to be. One variation noticeable in the capitalist or robbing class is that they become rotten before death. Death caunot come to this rotten system of robbery until the workers of the world unite into one great industrial Union, of the robbed and for the robbed. Then shall the parasite class, who toll not, but have all, be wheel into oblivion.

WILLIAM H. METICALFE.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR

With the searchlight of Truth here to guide With the scarchlight of Truth here to guide u
To freedom of body and mind:
With a vow that no power shall divide us.
We are leaving our shackles behind.
Though stripped of our birthright for ages,
Mother Earth and her wealth still remains;
Come! Rally! though tyranny rages!
We have nothing to lose but our chains.

Ye workers in lowlands and valleys,"
Ye tollers on summit and hill,
Ye idle, in byways and alleys,
Ye slaves in the sweatshop and mill:
Come! let us assist one another,
Let us prove that we can use our bysins;
Pass the slogan along to each brother;
We have nothing to lose but our chains,

High money, high mass will provide lust With glory and grace when we're dead; Low money, low mass will subside us. As low as the hunger we dread. How those without means are regarited—No money, no mass, quite explains; As we have, so we shall be rewarded. Oh! we've nothing to lose but our chains.

O why should good preachers implore us.
To be satisfied with our lot?
Poor millions that listened, before us.
Were destined to hunger and rot.
They know! while the few live in clover.
The many are tortured with pains.
And we know, just by thinking it over.
We have nothing to lose but our chains.

Our brothers and sons are enlisted To guard what the big fellows steal, And makers of law have insisted That they shoulder their guus for each deal. When we starve, and we strike, they maltreat us, They drive us from highways and lunes; hey trample, they shoot, and they best us: Oh! we've nothing to lose but our chains

To prove how our masters despise us To prove now out miling their maw,
For constantly filling their maw,
At their beck many courts disfranchise us,
And brand us as breakers, of law.
No wage slave finds justice! No, never,
Where sanctified Capital reigns,
Come! let us join forces forever:
We have nothing to uose but our chaine.

MARY QUINLAN LAUGHIJN.

Buffalo, N. Y., 318 Carlton Street.

OPPRESSION!

Oppression: I have seen thee face to face, And met thy cruel eye and cloudy hrow, llut the soul-withering glance I fear not now— For dread to prouder feelings doth give place Of deep abhorence! Scorning the disgrace Of slavish knees that at thy footstool bow,

of slavish knees that at thy footstool bow.
I also kneel—but with far other vow
Do hall thee and thy crowd of hirelings base;
I swear, while life-blood warms my throbbing
velns,
Still to oppose and thwart, with heart and hand
Thy brutalising sway—'till wage slavés chains
Are broke, and Freedom reigns throughout the
land—

Answer should be sti enforced "on the other fellow."

Q.—What are the law courts
A.—Drug stores for the dispensing of law to its customers in an inverse ratio to their standing in society.

Q.—What is the police force
A.—A body of men who wink the other eye, and club the feller that is down.
Q.—What is the army and navy
A.—Twe military organizations, organized from a portion of the working class, to quell and oppress the other portion, and prevent them from organizing to better their condition.
Q.—What is the church
A.—An organization for the spread of ignorance and bigotry.
Q.—What is the capitalist class
A.—The class that owns the earth, by the sid of the previous organizations.
Q.—What is Christianity
A.—A nice sounding name that is used to cover the whole system of graft, debauchery and oppression.

C. H.

All mail for the I. W. W. officials in Missoula must have Box No. 745 or the letters "I. W. W." on it, as there are three "J. A. Jones" in the

Industrial Worker:
Fellow-Worker.—Insert notice that Local 66
of Fresno, California, meets every Thursday
night, at Chance Hall, 1129 I street.
Yours for the I. W. W.,

W. T. LITTLE, Secretary, 394 Poplar avenue.

(Translated from the "Internicia Socia Revuo," by Haoul Idoyago.)

Workingmen of the World: You are requested to stay away from Matto-Grosso, Brazil, on account of the miserable conditions which exist there for the men working on the railroad under contraction.

lat there for the men working on the railroad under construction.

Men work eighteen hours per day—in mud up to their waists. Get very poor food; unable to sleep nights on account of the mosquitoes, and as a result are full of malaria, consequently in no condition to stand the strain. Thea they are clubbed to death or shot down.

The police are on the watch to prevent any one from escaping. The man who is fortunate enough to die is thrown into a hole (not even put into a sack), and covered up. In one instance a man and a jackass were buried in the same hole.

Liberty of thought and speech have, after a Liberty of thought and speech have, after a prolonged struggle, been conceded, although there may be found people who, on their own pet failings, eyen lyet refuse to allow the right unreserved!. Liberty of speech is justified on three grounds: First, if the opinion be true, the world reaps a beneit to be derived from the truth; secondly, if the opinion be false, truth is the more strengthened by contest with it, and lastly, if it be partly true and partly false, our opinions, if they do not entirely-improve them. The commencement of the struggle was due to religion, and the man who brought the long fight to a close and finally settled that matter was Charles Bradlaugh.—J. P. Poole, Westminster Keview.

SOLIDARITY.

Our new paper published in New Castle, Pa., will probably appear next week.

Delay in publication has been due to the necessity of getting a new press, which the Fellow Workers are now setting up. Have patience another week, and you who have subscribed will get your first issue. You who haven't subscribed ought to at once.

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THE REASON WHY WE ARE PERSECUTED

Fellow Workers:

I note that you have in Spokane a paper that is well know as the "Morning Liar." We have one of the same stripe here in Minneapolia. It is the Journal, which came out several days ago with the statement that nine little boys had been arrested in the Union Head-quarters. After being detained in the city jail for one night they denounced the I. W. W. and destroyed their buttons.

Ever since the day when one class was subjected by another we find that the dominant chass has used all means within their power to keep the working class in subjection. Way back during the Roman Empire, we find the slaves rebelling against their masters. For instance, the army of Sparticus, who, with an army of slaves, successfully dought against the Roman government for a period of four years. When finally defeated we find that the ruling class of that day and age picked out from among the army of Sparticus, six thousand men and hung them on crosses, on the Applan Way, the most prominent thoroughfare of Rome. This was a warning, so they said, to the other slaves to never again undertake to rebel against the government.

The rulers wanted to entirely crush the spirit of the workers. From that time until now, we find that every page of history is written in the blood and the tears wrung from the subject class. Not only did they torture the slave class, but they did pot even hesitate to hound and persecute and murder the best educators at all times.

Gallileo, for instance; what was his crime?

persecute and murder the best educators at all times.

Gaillieo, for instance; what was his crime? This: Teiling the truth, that the earth revolved around the sun. One who degles the fact at the present day is deemed a fool. And yet was he not starved to death in a dungeon? A Bruno who proclaimed the today well recogsized fact, that man is only digested food, that from vegetation arises all animal life, and that there were planets rotating in space, far larger than the earth upon which we live. Who is there at the present time will deny the correctness of these statements? And yet was not igruno burned at the stake at Rome in the year 1600 A. D.

And of later days, what was the crime of Professor Ferrer of Spain? Teiling the truth, and for that crime—if such you can call it—be was killed. And it not every uprising against prevailing conditions drowned in blood? Were not hundreds of thousands during the middle ages killed because they would not bow to the will of the Pope? These victims were killed as heretics because they dared to express their opinions.

But low, in modern times, we are not hound-

and bundereds of thousands during the middle ages killed because they dured to express the desired to express the did the Pope? These victims were killed as the will of the Pope? These victims were killed as the will of the Pope? These victims were the will of the Pope? These victims were the will of the Pope? These victims were not the population. The capacity of the workers of the population of the population of the Pikertons allomested strike where not the Pikertons and in the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And in the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And to the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And to the land, the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And to the land, the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And to the land, the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find a sasual the women? And the house of the land, the Court of Alexa did not the troops club day we find the purishment and women in and women in all will so,000 wage workers have quit work, and club and to the free and the home of the brave.

The reason for this is the same as that which led the Roman government to crucity the South and the purishment crush where the purishment and the purishment crush as the purishment crush as the purishment of the purishment of the purishment crush as the purishment of the purishment of the purishment of the purishment crush as the puris

Chicago, Dec. 7, 1909.

Editor Industrial Worker,
Spokane, Wash.
Lear Comrade:
Your paper of December 1st was handed me last night, in which copy was a mention of Our Darling Son's James Kelly Cole's (not John) terrible fate caused by the Capitalist system, which I charge was murder in the first degree. Our only child, a man in every sense of the word, who believed in a practiced freedom of speech, especially in the cruse of the working comrades, he was willing to use his ability as an oreater, and did, and voluntecred his services, which were accepted; and was authorized to go out and organize, and was on his way to Spokane with the object in view of using his best efforts to the end that the werking man should be allowed a fair percentage of the profits of his LABOR he ascrifted his life for that purpose. I, his father, 75 years of age, was not a member of the I, W., hut will be at their next meeting. His mother, who has

so far survived the shock, joins me in her best wishes for the chattled wage workers and that they will seentually succeed in their honorable endeavors. Yours very truly,

1118 North State St.

WHO ARE THE CONSPIRATORS! What is congress? Congress is the law making department of

this government,
What are the other departments?
Executive and judicial.
What are the duties of each department?
Congress to make the law, executive to enforce it and the judiciary to judge its break-

what governs them?
The United States constitution.
Does it?
No.
What does?

decision rendered by Chief Justice John

what does a decision rendered by Chief Justice John Marshall.
Why was it rendered?
To benefit the ruling class,
What was the decision?
That laws passed by congress were lawful until reversed by the judiciar.
Does that conflict with the constitution?
Yes.
How?
The constitution says "Congress shall make no law" that shall interfere with it.
Then a law should not be made until its constitutionality is decided?
Yes.

bonstitutionality is useful.
Yes.
Then just passing a law that is afterwards reversed is unconstitutional?
Yes.
To pass such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.
To enforce such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.
To decide that a person can break such a law is conspiracy?
Yes.
Who are the conspirators?

Yes.
Who are the conspirators?
Cincinnati Fatty, president of U. S., for not enforcing the constitution.
Hays, governor of state of Washington, for not enforcing the constitution.
Pratt, mayor of Spokane, for conspiracy against the constitution by helping him enforce laws contravt to it.

force laws contrary to it.
Lambert,
Sullivan, Sunivan,
Shannon,
Burns,
Mann,
Stocker,
Hinkley,
Pugh,
Blair, et al,
Missoula, Monde

J. A. JONES.

RESOLUTIONS FROM MISSOULA

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Whereas, the Generals Managers' Association refused to comply with the switchmen's demands for better conditions; and,
Whereas, the switchmen have struck to enforce their deciands; therefore be it'
Resolved, That we call upon all men, union and non-union, to refuse to assist the said General Managers' Association to defeat the said striking switchmen; and be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the industrial Worker and the labor press.

LOCAL 40, I. W. W.

NEWS ITEMS

Report of the Auburn Lumber Co, mill at Wynaco, Wash, five miles out of Auburn on the N. P. R. R. Went to work Wednesday; had a talk with the boys that night and found they were sick of the layout, they have had three foremen during the last two nexts and have entored into

of the layout, they have had three foremen during the last two months, and have entered into a contract with the Pacific Coast Employment Shark outfit, where they only give you three to five cays' work, and no chance, unless you come from the Shark.

Work from 7 to 6 o'clock, and it is nothing to be hauling logs by the light of a lantern, have poor bunk bouses, but feed well (if they would not you would not be able to stand the graft).

The foreman they have now is a slave driver of the first water, and cheap skate at that. of the first water, and cheap skate at that.
Wages are from \$2 to \$3.75, board \$5, hospital
fee \$1. JNO, MURDOCK.
Loggers' L. U. 422 I. W. W., Seattle, Wash.

Tolt, Wash.

R. M. Blake, Local No. 382, Seattle. Working on county road near Stillwater. Name of boss S. H. Goereg. Wages \$2.50 for sine hours. Pay at any time asked for, Board is fair. Sleep in rotten old tent. No hospital fee, poll tax or discount. Hires men from embloyment shark. I. W. W. men can secure work, but must hold mouth shut in order to hold job. Fare from Section 514.

Baker Saw Mill & Logging Co.
Wages \$2.25 to \$2.50. Pay the 10th of every month. Grub is rotten. Sleep in a bunk house, bum one. There is no poll tax, hospital fee or discount. Boss hires men from Pacific Coast employment sharks. Remarks: Only good for road stake; better keep away. This place is four miles from end of East Lake car line—poor walking.

R. M. BLAKE.

Cresoti, Wash.
Wages \$2. Pay once a month. I. W. W. man
cannot secure a job here. Sleep in a bunk
house. No poll tax or hospital fee. Hire men
from employment shark. Remarks: Was discharged because I was an I. W. W. man.
FRANK McDONALD.

Local No. 432.

Brinnon, Wash.

Name of ompany, Izett Lumber Company,
Wages \$2.25 to \$5.00. Pay whenever you want
it. Grub is fair. I. W. W. men can secure
work here. Sleep in bunk houses. Hospital
fee \$1. Mattress 40c per month. Hires men
from employment shark. Remarks: Steep hills
to climb. More rain than other places. to climb More rain than other places.
MEMBER L. U. No. 432, SEATTLE.

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