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## WEEK'S EVENTS AT THE SEAT OF WAR

Once more the close connection between the Spokane officials and the employment agencies has been forcibly demonstrated. This time the former have been caught with the goods and the unholy alliance exposed. In the "Spokane Preas" of February 2nd, the following appeared in an article concerning the Monroe street bridge: "An order was placed with the Macho and the Red Cross employment agencies, it is learned, for carpenters at \$4.00 per day, each man hired to pay the labor agents \$4.00 for the job. As the scare for carpenters is \$4.50 in Spokane, there were not many takers, as only four men were willing to work under the scale and pay the \$4.00 fee in addition."

Perhaps Mayor Pratt, the famous employment agency buster, can explain why it was that in order to go to work on the bridge it was necessary to buy a job through one of the agencies, while the City Free Employment lureau, maintained by the taxpayers, was not allowed to handle the Job. Perhaps he thinke the pride of the carpenters would incline them to rather pay \$4.00 for a job than to accept the job free. Of course, it would be libelous to insinuate that there was any rake-off in the proposition.

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There was a rousing meeting held at the Turners' hall Wednesday evening. It was a success from a financial as well as a propaganda standpoint. Gurly Flynn, who had just returned from a long trip through Canada, and Fred H. Moore, one of the I. W. W. attorneys, were the principal speakers. The following extracts are from Gurly Flynn's speech and copied from the Spokesman-Review of February 3rd:

"There is a world of encouragement in knowing that men of the type of the British Columbia contingent of the Western Federation are in sympathy with us, hand, soul and pockets book," said Elizabeth Gurly Flynn last night at the meeting of the Industrial Workers of the World at Turner hall, before a larke and enthusiastic audience. Miss Flynn recently rectured from an extended trip through Washington and British Columbia, where she spoke on the free speech situation in Spokane. "When it visited miners in the strike district of British Columbia I was as enthusiastically welcomed as I have been here tonight. The free speech question up there and the situation here is as much of a burning question with them as it was here two months ago, and as it will be here for two months more if my fellow workers or ganize. They gave me the use of their halls, and they followed that up by turning out in full force every time I spoke, and the greatest thing of all happened when the five down deep into their pockets and produced the substance in the form of abundant silver to carry on the first was a firm of the Mexican Advanced to the first week in March the World:

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The Masters Do Not Want the Workers to Organize Industrially.

The Industrial Worker has already twice this ear directed a call to the "loggers" to organice. But the organized loggers will not cease tith these admonitions until the lumber workers have become aroused and accomplished the

LOUGERS UNION 422.

the lumber workas we are, what else can we do than get together, toffer a concerted resistance to begin with, and ultimately shape things so that we control the lumber industry. The earth was not made for Weyerhacuser nor for any of his grafting lik.

Our beautiful forests should be used for the benefit of mankind, and not for the purpose of curiching a few, while those who work among the trees have not even a shingle wherewith to cover their, hards.

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Is there any good reason why we should repeatedly be cheated by the employment shark, who is working under cover with our boss? Is there any good reason why we should sleep among rags and vermin in nasty bunkhouses, overcrowded like slave-pens? Is there any good reason why we should eat two meals at night and one in the daytime, going to work before daylight and coming back after dark? Is there any good reason why we should not live like human beings worthy of the name? If there is, tell us! LOGGERS UNION 422.

# ORGANIZE INDUSTRIAL

The strike of the shingle weavers at Anacortes is still on. The strike was called on December 8th, and although the mill owners have made attempts to operate all the plants on the non-union basis, they have met with little success. Three mills are being operated with non-union men (auch as they are). Half of the timber goes out into the burners, and the other half into a new grade of stingles called "pointed and round" shingles. The owners of the mills, as is usual with the master class, are willing to operate the plants at a loss rather than give in to the demands of the striking shingle weavers.

The tosses have employed the usual tactics used in the breaking of strikes. Boarding houses have been established close to the plants, where the scabs are fed. The bosses also employ what are termed as scab herders. These scab herders escort the men to and fro, from the mills and boarding houses, morning, noon and evening. They stop all night with the rest of the scabs at the boarding houses, and should any of them desire to go up-town he is always accompanied by one of these scab herders. There are three of the boarding houses, one for each of the mills, and one scab herder to each boarding house. Whenever a boat is due with non-union men aboard for the mills, these scab herders, along with the boases, go down to the docks and accompany the scabs up to the boarding house.

The shingle weavers' union of the Grays Harbor country have also been on strike for the past three months. Some of the mills in that district are being run with scab labor, while others are being operated by union men.

I would like to ask how long would the strike of Grays Harbor and Anacortes have lasted had all the men employed in the shingle mills belonged to one union, such as the Industrial Union methods in combating their employers? I he way we are organized at present, the shingle weavers belonging to one union, the engineers to another, the firemen to another, and the laborrs or unskilled help not organized at all, we are kept fighting am

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

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and dive into history. I hear distinctly its approaching tread—La Salle.

The statements of the "Morning Liar" to the effect that the unions refuse to help in the fight for free speech, and that appeals for financial aid are dunied, are in line with the rest of the statements usually appearing in that sheet. It is well named the "Morning Liar". Not only have the outside unions come through liberally in the matter of finance, but the long list of local contributions give the lie to these statements. Expecially from the more progressive of the labor organizations forming the A. F. of L. have his disastions becamberal.

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The I. W. W. are accused of being "lawless" in that it. y will not abide by minority unde and minority enforced laws. They will not respect the law of the employment sharks: the order of club and nalied boot; the mailed fist of the law. The governments of today can expect no consideration from an intelligent working class when they constitute themselves into a "singular organization for their release kept the state of the stat the law of the employment shark; the order or club and nailed boot; the mailed fist of the law. The governments of today can expect no consideration from an intelligent working class when they constitute themselves into a "slugging committee of the capitalist class," "an executive committee for managing the common failer of the bourgeoisie." The laws to "protect" labor that grow roust and dusty on the statute book, the oily promises of astute politicians that flever materialize; the ease with which a (Standard Oil Company shir's a twenty-nine millipm dollarfine; the bullpens of the Loeur d'Alvines and Colorado; the slain workers at McKees Rocks; the nurdered miners at law-protected Cherry (Illinois); and the "third degree," the sweatbox and the committee of police-sluggers of Spokane, Washington—all help the workers, those who toil and earn their bread in the sweat of their brow, to realize that this is not their government; not a government of, for and by the poonle but of the police by the indees and government; not a government of, for and by the people, but of the police, by the judges and for the corporations.

"Whereas, Fellow-Worker Joseph Smith, who was not present at the time and knew themselves. They begin to intelligently organize the government of the new society within the rotten shell of the old. They realize that they are the ones who have developed the natural resources and made possible the vast economic resources that are controlled by a small minor!" of useless, idle people. They are organizing the only power they have—their labor record as professional thugs and hold-up men: power—but it is a mighty one for it stands be.

The following is an editorial which appeared the Sacramento Bèe, a daily newspaper of

"Getting down to the elemental akeleton of facts, the truth stands out plainly therefrom that the action of the authorities at Spokane constituted as infamous outrage upon the rights of American citizens—just what the Boe has contended right lense.

"This paper is no advocate of, not even a symbol the destribution of the destribution pathizer with, some of the doctrines put forth by the Industrial Workers of the World. But it does say this: That the fight of the Indus-trial Workers of the World in Spokane for freedom of speech and the liberty of the press is the battle of every stalwart, conscientions Am-

can causes everywhere.

"For, granted to the authorities at Spokane or power to treat members of the Industrial state the sid address on well as the new, orkers of the World he they have been treat—to threatle them in their right of free a friend.

### PRESTON AND SMITH:

 The application for pardon made by Judge Hilton of Denver on behalf of Fellow-Workers Hilton of Denver on behalf of Fellow-Workers Preston and Smith once more rocalis their arrest and conviction. Preston and Smith were charged with killing Silva, a restautant keeper, and were reliroaded to the penitentiary after a farcical trial in which the chief witnesses for the prosecution were glan-men, robbers and highwaymen. They were sentenced to serve twenty-five and ten years respectively, and are at present languishing behind the prison bars at Carson City, Nevada.

Smith, a cook by trade, was instructed to demand from Silva, a rectaurant keeper, the payment of an amount of wages due a waitress whom he had employed and whom he refused to pay.

Preston doing picket duty outside of the res-taurant, grabbed a revolver and almed at Pres-ion; and

"Whereas, Preston, realizing it was a case of

Smith was at home with his family at the time Silva was killed and therefore his conviction under the above law is an absurdity; and "Whereas, it is clear from the above fact that the trial of Preston and Smith was a farce and their convcition's crime against the working class; and. "Whereas, The only real criminals in this case as those who, 'wearing the purple of hypocrisy" in the form of 'spread eagle' talks about 'justice,' 'liberty,' 'prosperity,' 'civilized methods,' etc., are slowly taking the lives of our fellow-workers in the prison of Nevada; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we gather together all the facts in this case and carefully search out the records of all the men behind it and keep it ever before the workers as a sample of the kind of law and the kind of 'even-handed justice' the ruling class of this country sometimes, ask us to defend with our lives; and be it further "Resolved, That we piedge eurosives to de all in our power to secure the freedom of our fellowwerkers, Presten and Smith."

The Industrial Workers of the World is an organization of workingmen. We are banded together to perform work which can only be performed by organization and education, by reaching other workingmen and convincing them of the cause of labor and rights of the working class. working class.

Exposures Hurt Capitalists.

It was for ihese exposures, which hurt the capitalists, which gathered unto the Industrial Workers of the World hundreds of recruits and was fast spreading dissatisfaction with the thieving, unjust tactics of the capitalists, that the freedom of speech, that supposed-constitutional right, and freedom of press, another supposed-constitutional right, are desied in Speech. "Whereas. Preston, realizing it was a case of life or death. drew his own revolver and shot Silva in self-defense and then gave himself up to the authorities: and "Whereas, Fellow-Worker Joseph Smith, who was not present at the time and knew nothing of what had happened, was arrested and along with Preston indicted for murder; and "Whereas, in the so-called trial that follow-ed, irrelevant testimony tending to confuse the containing or they do not except the courts and the so-called trial that follows the containing that the so-called trial that follows the containing that the so-called trial that follows the containing that the so-called trial that follows the containing the solutions of the so-called trial that follows the containing that the so-called trial that follows the containing the solutions of the so-called trial that follows the containing that the solution of the solut

A "Fatty" Taft or Bryan or a Salvation Army can speak on the streets, for they do not expose the capitalists or their underhanded workings. But let a workingman voice his opinion and teil of the monstrous injustice on the part of corporations, and he is quickly hustled off and thrown into the bastile and buil-pen, rail-roaded to the rock pile, and as for a 'air trial by a kangaroo court—it is mockery

For displeasing the all-powerful capitalist class workingmen were locked in a cell 8 x 10 feet in size, with cement floor, walls and ceiling. Kept jammed in these cells for a period of thirty hours without food or water and not even an ample supply of air. In these cells there were no toilet arrangements. Packed logether so closely that whenever any of them

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The I. W. W. has become the creeping terror to craft-union leaders in this country. The remarkable increasing knowledge of its principles and tactics among the workers of the metal and machinery and the mining industries, and in all industries for that matter, is scaring them so badly that they dea't know what to do to prevent its bounding growth. They have declared it their beloved Taft for relief. Their latest move in making a blug by bringing the two miners' organizations together, they think, will stave off the movement. Rapidly—most rapidly—off the movement. Rapidly—most rapidly—tremendous opportunities are being presented to the L. W. W. Craft-union leaders, through their years of dilly-dailying and compromises with the mastera, are blind (those who have no feathered nests in sight) to the great forces of economic evolution. Their two-by-four mentalities are bound in. They think in circles. They cannot bet line up with the dying elements of the law w.:

The CREEPING TERROR.

And sing in full freedom and justice for all.

hearing!

And long have I wondered if e'er it should be: but io, and behold! now, its dawn is appearing!

The workmen are rising in true majesty!

Hurrah! See! their banners now proudly float o'er us!

Bee! in wild dismay tyrants shrink from before us!

While truth in her might now aids to restore us.

CALEB S. WEERS.

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# free speech and to deny to them the Constitution guaranteed liberty of the press—and you grant to the authorities of that and every other city the right to choke every man whose utterances they do not like; the right to suppress any paper whose editorials offend them. "And when you have got that far, you have got to a despotism of the most infamous character." The following is a directory of the industrial limiting to a directory of the industr

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der,
The look on his features the soul could but chill; deeply he sighed, for he still struggled

unuer law" of old despots, who robbed him at will.

ing stranger, Despoiled and enslaved from the day of my birth:

I shall have a refuge from famine and danger-Then, never again shall his soul cringe and

And bow to the despot and yield to his power; But in peace and plenty shall spend each awee And sing in full freedom and justice for all.

Ah: long have I dreamed or the day which is hearing! And long have I wondered if e'er it should be: But lo, and behold! now, its dawn is appear-

ing:
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The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and wart are found among millions of working people, and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the who make up the er good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must will.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize or until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the same then, in the glow of new-kindled emotion, earth let sung the bold anthem of justice for all.

We find that the centering of the management of the world organize or until the workers of the workers of the workers of the workers or until the wo

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trades unions unable to copmakes the trades unions unable to cope with
the every-growing power of the employing class.
The trade unions foster a state of affairs which
allows one set of workers to be pitted against
another set of workers in the same industry,
thereby helping defeat one another in wage
wars. Moreover, the trade unions: aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the
belief that the working class hr interests in
common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the in terest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all industries if necessary cease work whenever a strike or a lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of pro-duction must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalism, but also to sarry on production when capitalism shall have been everthrown. By erganizing industrie! we are forming the structure of the new sec within the shall of the old.

# LETTER ADDRESSED

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7, 1910. Room 8 Union Block.

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I have been waiting to get some indication that you have regard for the fate of the brave men who, in Spokane, have braved the blind fury of the fate and that you care, for those men.

I presume that you know that the story of the wrongs, oppressions, barbaritles and brutalities of the chief of police is being carried into all mooks and oppress of civilization by the victims of the organized trading class of Spokane.

When I was a boy my father was denounced as an anarchist, free lover, barn burner and destroyer of the peace of society. Many other choice epithets were hurled at him by the clergy, and all because he believed and said that it was wrong for one man to own another. This was the most dangerous crime of the age. Slavery was a divine institution, and none but atheists and infidels could desire to substitute anything for that curse. Every institution and all the forces of organized society were aimed at the abolitionists. at the abolitionists.

They were:

Tortured: Burned:

Hanged.
The rich and powerful could do this at one time, but the time came when they could no longer do so.
The abolitionist became respectable.

The abolitionist became respectable.

He was prolect;
He was honored;
He occupied the high places;
The old slave owner became a wanderer;

He was in poverty

His children lived in poverty; His old homestead became a howling wilder-

Today the evils of existing society threaten to engulf all of us in a common ruin. The I. W. W.'s see this danger, just as did the abolitionist see the dangers that threatened the society

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# TO GOVERNOR HAY of their day. The L W. W.'s, like the abolition ists, are telling the victims of the existing or a peaceful solution; but the dominant class in society desire to prolong their rule, and they have respetted to the same cruelities, the same barbarilies as did the slave owners before the great Civil War.

great Civil War.

The slave owners failed. The owners of the means of wealth production will fail, too, for nothing can stand in the way of human progress. The old slave owner was arrogant, proud, haughty. So are the present owners of the means of wealth production. The slave owners fell, went to as awful doom; so must you, the owners of the means by which wealth is produced today.

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quiet, orderly manner. It they deavor, such failure will be your fault and that of your class.

I hope that you will reflect that the I: W. W. were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, but that not any evidence was produced in support of this charge; that you will remember that there is no evidence in Spokane to sustain any of the charges preferred against the I. W. W.

How does it come, if the I. W. W. violated law, that your class has not proceeded in a lawful way to deal with the I. W. W.?

It is possible for you to take a position that will make you immortal. It is much easier to take an opposition position, and by so doing to make posterity despise you. But I ask that you will reflect that regardless of what you do the revolution will sweep on. Nothing can long stay this mighty, irresistible force. Although the power of your class may now seem impregnable it will be swept away like rubbish that it is.

is.

When such language was used in dealing with the old save-owning cass they sneered. I shall not be surprised if you do as they did, but I am confident that you will regret having

done so.

Now, in conclusion, I ask that you will remember that you are to meet in mortal combat the only class that is any longer vital to society; the only class that can feed, house and clothe the world. This is the progressive, sturdy, strong—the only potent class in modern society.

ern society.

If this is true, and you must, I am sure, concede its truth, how can you expect to achieve anything by trying to torture this class into obedience to your mandates? I am not getting paid for this as you will get paid if you deign to notice me, but I hope that I shall have a reward that is far sweeter than gold can bring. Yours,

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to the fact that persecution is being carried on in a high-handed manner by those who 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 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 rail-roaded 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 Unicago, Scattle 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.

# MINERS' CONVENTION

The slave owners falled. The owners of the means of wealth production will fail, too, for nothing can stand in the way of human progress. The old slave owner was arrogant, proud, haughty. So are the present owners of the means of wealth production. The slave owners of the means of wealth production. The slave owners of the means by which wealth is the owners of the means by which wealth is produced today.

The abolitionists desired to have a pesceful revolution: so does the I. W. W. The slave owners would not have a pesceful settlement. They despised, hated and scorned the abilitionists. The petty trading class holds the same sentiments towards the I. W. W. Will this petty trading class consent to a peaceful solution of the present problems? If they do, well: but if they do not, then they will meet the same fate that befell the haughty slave owner. The oncoming revolution cannot be stopped or stayled. It will sweep over all the world, establishing better conditions by life.

To abuse and misrepresent and torture will avail you nothing, but will make an awful retriguist of the town will post of the present informed that my immediate ancestors spent, in the aggregate, 200 years in the filthy Jalis of England. They were "dissenters." I am rather proud of their record, and believe that I can endure just as much of the filthy Jalis of England. They were "dissenters." I am rather proud of their record, and believe that I can endure just as much of the contumely of the dominant class as they did. And I am willing to submit to the barbarities and tortures of your "GORILLA" if you so will.

I think that you are not ignorant of the fact that the officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the the officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the the officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the to officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the to officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the to officials in Suokane sat at defiance all the sources. The same and the convention that over it is not an adversary of the continuous content

the contumely of the dominant class as they did. And I am willing to submit to the barbarities and tortures of your "GORILLA" if you so will.

I think that you are not ignorant of the fact that the officials in Spokane set at defiance all guarantees of the constitution, and trampled the law in the mire.

You know that the police confiscated the L. W. W. paper without process of law; you know that they closed the I. W. W. hall without warrant in such cases as the law requires a warrant; you know that the police struck, beat and tortured men after arrest in violation of law that you are sworn to have enforced.

Do you believe that because the J. W. W. are disinherited you will be able to continue to subvert all your "sacred" laws when treating with the I. W. W.? Just such was the atitude of the old slave owner, but the day of reckoning came, just as will the day of reckoning came, just as will the day of reckoning came, just as will the day of reckoning may be done to get you to look into the reasons which impel the I. W. W. to act as they do. They are not impelled by resentment, not jealousy, nor a desire for such power as you wield.

They want to be able to direct their own destiny, and fate has decreed that they shall have such power. They seek to get this power in a quiet, orderly manner. If they fall in this end do your class.

I hope that you will reflect, that the I: W. W. are arrested on a charge of disorderly work are arrested on a charge of disorderly.

increase the penalty for their violation, prohibit "sympathetic" strikes, make state arbitration 

proposed "independent labor party" in order to prevent the revolutionary working class from exercising its power, and the alleged Socialists may go with it, but the miners of both the metal and coal industries will not be kept down. The term, "floating population" may be applied to these workers more than to any other. Their suppressed revolutionary energy will only burst forth, all the stronger when it does tart. Fellow workers, let us keep up our propagands. Victory is ours and that soon.

"OUIS DUCHEZ.

EMPLOYMENT SHARKS SKIN THE WORKERS

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This question of the employment shark and the entailed swindle which he carries on against the worker whom he seaks out to a job which is no job at all; is it simply an affair of these industrial Workers alone, or is the affair of the whole of the working class? One would think from the attitude of the general membership of organized labor that it is none of their business whatever. In spite of the fact that it is common knowledge that the whole trouble borne by the industrial Workers of the World in Spokane today is brought upon them by the employment sharks, in their endeavor to continue in the business of fleecing the poor worker of his hard-earned dollars and give him naught in roturn. At the very best there never was a job obtained through an employment agency more than a day or two, and in many, chara not fit for any man to stay that long. While in numerous cases there is no job at all when the man, who has probably paid anywhere from \$2\$ up to obtain such information as will get him the means to earn a few dollars with which to hold over for a few days while he tramps the country further in search of something that will be somewhat more permauent than just a short job of a day or two, The employment agency has robbed him of his money and what is he to do in consequence? Why, go hungry, of course—a thing quite common to the average out-of-work projectarian.

The employment agency has robbed him of his money and what is he to do in consequence? Why, go. hungry, of course—a thing quite common to the average out-of-work proletarian. Yes, tramp the country; on an empty stomach in search of a master. Quite a pleasant prospect, believe me. Now, this is not only typical of the Pacific coast alone, but is just the same all over this United States. The employment shark is just as prominent in other parts of the country. Having traveled around the United States quite some I speak from experience, and there never was in existence an employment shark that had any work to give in return for the fee charged which was worth the money, much less worth a man staying at. It is unnecessary for me to go into any diatribes regarding those conditions. They are too well known to need any further remarks. But there is a remedy for that evil. The remived yiles in the hands of the organized workers. Not those of the I. W. W. only. What is the matter with the various craft unions of the A. F. of L. that they cannot begin to see that with the employment shark out of business the employer could be compelled to come to union headquarters for his men.

The agencies are but scab-producing, strike-breaking, wage-reducing adjuncts of the big trusts. That is the very reason for their existence, and as such as strongly supported by the various employers throughout the country. If the craft unions took up the matter in a sincere endeavor to rid the country of these pests on the labor market, with proper handling all

Con right to strike can never be surrendered. The properties of the country of the person of the A. (I. I. that they cannot begin to see that with the various craft unions of the A. (I. I. that they cannot begin to see that with the country of th

Section 4, Article 10, of our International Constitution should be changed to conform with our declared intentions. Operators in certain districts would not then have a fear that we would order a strike in one district working under a contract in order to assist the members on strike in another district."

After outlining the miners into various districts as to time agreements and the sacredness of them, he winds up by saying: "The Canadian mine workers and operators should negotiate thelp wage agreements without any dictation from the United Mine Workers of America."

In his report, regarding the request of the Civic Federation, for him to become a member of that organization (after refusing, which is doubtless due to his jealousy of Mitchell), he says: "The National Civic Federation can do a splendid work along many lines that will add to the material welfare of the nation (the cupitalist class). The Civic Federation can, if it will, do a great deal to promote one of the principles for which it declares, namely the trade agreement between employers and the employes in our various industries."

The report throughout smacks with just that kind of slop. We see that the rank and file of the coal miners are not considered in the least. All that Lewis wants to see is the organization grow in numbers and efficiency as a dues collecting and office-sustaining organization, and more favorable in the minds of the operators.

He would make time agreements more binding,

## FIGHTERS ON THE ROAD TO SPOKANE

(Continued from Last Week.) Left Red Bluffs January 17th at 11 a.m. rived at Coram same day at 3 p. m., where street mectiling was held that evening. The next morning we proceeded to Kenneth, Cal. Here communication was received from the Central Executive Committee of Spokane, stat-ing that March 1st had been set as the day for the reopening of the fight.

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We proceeded from Kenneth to De La Mar, I where we held a street meeting the day following, and a meeting at the Miners' Union hall that night. On the 21st we returned to Kennett and held two more rousing meetings. We left January 23rd, arriving at Dunsmuir that evening, but the weather being too cold an opening was held. The next morning we left in a blinding snow storm, and at Edgewood our side-door Pullman was set out, so we were deft evernight, using John Farmer's barn for our domicile that night. As the weather was very cold we decided to get breakfast at the beath of the cold, where a few slices of bacon, spuds, hot cakes and coffee helped to cheer the bunch up of January 25th. As this is a dry town, we were unable to scare up a crowd, so proceeded to Medford, where a good meeting was held. Our next stop was Grant's Pass, where a meeting was held, but not much enthusiasm was shown. When we reached Roseburg a blinding landway for the meinbers of the party were separated from the min group. However, we once more united at Portland on February 2nd.

Through some misinformation two of the meinbers of the party were separated from the at Portland on February 2nd.

The conclusion will state from my observating locals all along the way between Portland and San Francisco. Most notably at Medford, Chico and Stockton, Cal., if a good organizer for the party were separated from the attraction of the members in the form that we have a good chance of organizating locals all along the way between Portland Chico and Stockton, Cal., if a good organizer for the party were separated from the attraction of the members in two from Local 80, one from No. 185 W. F. M., and one volunter. Two members who left San Fran-Fran-

consists of eight members; two from Local No.
173, two from 174, one from Local 43, one from
No. 382, one from No. 185 W. F. M., and one
volunteer. Two members who left San Francisco with the group and were dropped at Kennett, will rejoin us here, so that our party at
present consists of ten members.
Yours for the I. W. W.,
AUGUST WALQUIST.
Chairman Spokane Recruits.

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## LABOR EXCHANGE **NEWS ITEMS**



LOGGERS, ATTENTION!

Owing to the rapidly increasing membership and necessity of being more centrally located in the Working Class District, we, the Loggers' Union No. 432, of the Industrial Workers of the World, have moved our headquarters to Room 3 Stetson Building, corner Second avenue and Main street. Loggers not as yet members of the organization are invited to visit our Free Reading Room. Business meetings hild every Sunday at 1.p. m. The Secretary can be found at this address between the hours of 9 a, m. and 9 p. m. All mail should be addressed to the Acting Bacretary.

WM. McKENZIE,
Room 3 Stetson Building,
Seattle, Wash.
Corner Second Avenue and Main Street,

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3, 1910.

Noticing that the employment sharks are shipping men out to jobs. I come to the conclusion that new work must be opening up. Hardiy a day goes by but what some complaint is made about men being beat out of the money which 'hey paid for jobs.

The sharks are shipping to Shaniko, above The Dalles. Wages, \$2 to \$2.50 per day. Reports coming in from there state it is a very poor layout, poor grub; 5 per cent discount when you quit. Hospital fee, \$1.00.

Tillamook Railroad.

Nehaleum, 28 miles from Seaside, which you have to walk. Wages, \$2 to \$2.50 per day. Poor outfit; not worth going there. Bosses regular slave drivers. Hospital fee, \$1. Hanley & O'Neil are shipping to this place. Portland, Ore., Feb. 3, 1910.

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Silliman & Renard are shipping to Ceilio; wages, 25c per hour. Work eight hours. I. W. W. men can secure work; considerable number of members working there at present. Grub is fair. Pay when you quit and with time check. Work in city on concrete starting up: a chance to get a job now and thên. Wages, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day. Work from nine to ten hours. Use large accoop shovels for shoveling gravel in some places. Men with strong backs are the only ones capable of sticking to these jobs. Brick wheelers get \$2.25 to \$2.50 or cight hours. Employment sharks wanted a good carpenter today in the city for \$2.50 per day.

Yours for the I. W. W.,

WALTER NEZ.

February 4, 1910.

Blackwell's Logging Co., seven miles, from the first that the first first

Ring Camp: Wages, \$2.25 to \$4.50. Grub is fair. Sleep in tyink house. Hospital fee, \$1. Boss hires men from employment sharks at times. Remarks: Good-camp in general.

MEMBER LOCAL No. 432, Seattle, Wash.

C. M. & P. S. Railway: Wages, \$2.00 for steam shovel laborers, standing in water. Man went there with me from Lyons, and was refused work, and when he presented his ticket to be signed it was taken away from him. Grub la bum. Hire men from Lyons, Spokane and Missoula offices. Good place to stay away from Board \$5.25. Board, \$5.25.

MEMBER LOCAL NO. 434, Spokane, Wash.

### PORTLAND NEWS. Editor Industrial Worker.

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Fellow Worker: I wish I was capable of reproducing a scene in real life on paper. If I were what I am now going to attempt would furnish a good laugh to many a reader. On Sunday, January 9th, the car repairers working in the O. R. & N. shops here met for the purpose of organizing a union, because conditions had become intolerable. We did not learn of this in time to be at that meeting. The car repairers went ahead and signed up, and in good faith elected temporary officers, and right there was where they made their first mistake. They elected one shop foreman as president and the other as financial secretary. Then the question of what organization they should atfiliate with came up. The rank and file wanted to join the I. W. W., while the president and secretary the A. F. of L. But they found there was encouraging to the hopeful slaves—nit!) Nobody went up to join, so the meeting was adjourned till the first Tuesday in February, at 8 p. m.

## **Important Notice**

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## Brutal Police

No officer or person naving the custour and control of the body or liberty of any person under arrest, shall refuse permission to such arrested person to communicate with his friends or with an attorney, nor subject any person under arrest to any form of personal violence, intimidation, in-

form of personal violence, intimidation, indignity or threats for the purpose of extorting from such person incriminating statements or a confession. Any person violating the (Savisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The above laws of the State of Washington are what the police officers are guilty of violating. If they cannot be punished under these laws for the numerous offenses they have committed, it can be truly said that there is no justice in the courts for those who work for wages.

That the police of Spokane have done person-

That the police of Spokane have done personal violence needs no more proof than the accompanying picture, which was taken after the fellow-worker's release. As you will see by the affdavit, it was the result of a blow delivered by one of the slugging committee of the police force.

The several other affidavits appearing in this issue will give an idea of some of the barbarous methods which our fellow-workers have been subjected to by the brutes in blue. Not only have men been slugged but they are guilty of all the acts mentioned in Article 4 and 5.

Men have been done personal violence, intim-idated, and suffered all sorts of indignities. The list is too numerous to mention, but among them let us recall the aweat-box in which men them let us recall the aweat-box in which men were "packed like sardines:" packed so closely that when any of them fainted from the high temperature caused by the steampipes running overhead and the lack of proper ventilation, they were held upright by the others, as there was no room to fall. Forced to stay in this black hole" for a period of 36 hours without anything to eat or drink, and without toilet facilities.

facilities.

Transferred from the sweat-box into cold cells, where the windows were left open, notwithstanding the zero weather outside. Three men chained to a telegraph pole. One fellowworker forced to go to work with only a pair of pants and a coat for wearing apparel. Newsbows intimidated into renouncing the organization and in the hopes of securing some evidence from them. Womanhood outraged. Forced to go for a period of thirty days and longer upon bread and water. Men confined in schoolhouse, threatened with a fire hose. Men slugged for trying to enter a courtroom, and then arrested and lodged in jail; not to mention the numerous persons that were slugged while in the hands of the police.

Do you think the police are guilty of break-

hands of the police.

Do you think the police are guilty of breaking the law? Do you not think that the police are guilty of breaking Articles 4 and 5? Certainly they are. They have been the real law-breakers throughout the fight. The I. W. W. has carried on an orderly fight, not one act of violence can be laid to them. In fact, so orderly have they been that two policement have often led as many as fourteen of them off to jail.

Yet the lying papers of the City of Spokane, excluding The Press, have done all in their power to influence public sentiment against the

industrial Workers.

Accounts still appear in these papers about police officials receiving black-hand letters from members of the organization. These are some more lies manufactured for the purpose of influencing the public against the organization. These letters, if there were ever any received, were written by members of the police force to themselves most likely, or else by stool pigeons hired for the purpose.

Herewith are reproduced some of the affidatis sworm to by persons who have been maltreated by the police. They speak for themselves:

State of Washington, County of Spokane—gs. Henry Buchel being first duly aworn, on oath deposes and says: That I was arrested on the 9th day of November, 1909, while attempting to speak on the streets of the city of Spokane. I was thereafter taken to the police station and

work if they tried to get more wages. (That was encouraging to the hopeful slaves—nit!) Nobody went up to join, so the meeting was adjourned till the first Tuesday in February,

at 8 p. m.

On the following Saturday the I. W. W. advertised a meeting for car repairers. On Saturday night a man was sent around the shops to tell the slaves that those who attended the I. W. W. meeting the next day would lose their jobs. That scared a bunch of them. However, a few came to the meeting and were convinced they would get no help from the mechanics in the shops, as they had a contract with the O. R. & N. Co. not to strike without first giving the company thirty days' notice. first giving the company thirty days notice, and by that time the car men would be starved into submission. We have succeeded in getting about a dozen members out of the shops and are carrying on a good deal of agitation there.

last night I went to the meeting called to last night I went to the meeting called to install the new Local Union of Car Repairers in the A. F. of L. I knew that about 100 men had signed up at the first meeting. There were only about 20 present for the installation. I could not get the floor, but I handed out quite a lot of mental dynamite and left. I learned before I left that the A. F. of L. had decided to let the Portland men amiliate without paying per capita tax.

Towa for the I. W. W.

Yours for the I. W. W., J. JACKBON.



I was taken to Fort Wright. I was kept at Fort Wright without any medical attention until the 12th day of November, when the United States army surgeon refused to allow me to remain longer without attention. He was given the optorubuity of giving me medical attention, and as the result of his objections I was taken to the Fort Wright hospital and was kept there until December 2nd, 1909, at which time I was taken back to the Spokane jail and kept there until the following day when I was put in the Spokane Emergency Hospital, and was kept there until the 8th day of December, 1909, when they put me tack in the cell and kept me there until I was released on the 11th day of December, 1909.

When released I was in the condition shown to the affant.

Affant states that he was pushed and jammed up against a stone wall. He was knocked down and kicked and received a vicious blow in the right eye and his eye was in a serious condition for approximately for weeks, and his eye vas taken to Fort Wright. I was kept at Fort

When released I was in the condition shown in the above photograph, which was taken im

in the above photograph, which was taken immediately after my release.

At the time of my arrest I made absolutely no resistance to the authorities, and the blows given me were without any cause or provocation whatsoever. I have never been charged of any crime of any kind or character under the laws of the United States or the State of Washington, or any other state.

Subassibad and aworn to before me this 30th

overed with blood and when the joiler asked any crime of any kind or character under the laws of the United States or the State of Washington, or any other state.

HENRY BUCHEL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of December, 1999.

(Scal.)

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Bjokane.

State of Washington, County of Spokane—ss.
M. Johnson, being first duly sworn, on oath dedgoes and says: That he was arrested on the 12th day of November, 1999, at about the hour of 1:30 p. m., while speaking on the streets of the city of Spokane. That he dild not receive any brutial treatment at the time of his arrest, but subsequently, on the 16th day of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country, his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country, his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country, his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country, his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in this country his nationality, etc. Affant told the officer, that he had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in the seate of Washing for he his affant told the officer, that he had a had aday of November, 1999, and the officer asked him as to how long he had been in the seate of Washing for the last of the last of

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Ross Baker, Spokane, Wash.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon"

"For I was a hungered and ye gave me no drink: where thieves break through and steal."—Bible. meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink;

"Woe unto ye that are full for ye shall hun-

"Woe unto ye that laugh now for ye shall mourn and weep."—Bible. "For it is eazier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."—Bible. Rockefeller will have to hire an airship, eh?

Jesus' instructions to his twelve disciples when they started on the robal to agitate:

"Provide neither gold nor filver nor brass in your purses nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat; and into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire in it who, is worthy and there abide until ye go hence."—Bible.

"At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the corn, and his disciples were hun-

Laws of Washington. Chapter 249, Section 259:

Every officer, or person pretending to be such, who unlawfully and maliciously, under pretense or color of official authority, shall—

1. Arrest another or detain him against his will; or

2. Seize or levy upon another property; or

3. Eispossess another of any lands or tenements; or

4. Do any act whereby another person shall be injured in his person, property or rights, commits oppression, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

5. No officer or person having the custody and control of the body or liberty of any person.

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4. Do any act whereby another person shall be injured in his person, property or rights, commits oppression, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1909.
(Seal.) FRED H. MOORE.
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Spokane.

State of Washington, County of Spokane—ss.
W. I. Fisher, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That, I was arrested on the 10th day of November, 1909, at about the hour of 12:30 p. m. After being taken to the police station and being booked at the booking window, as I passed from the booking window through the room to the jail I was kicked by Officer William Shannon and knocked down and beaten by three other officers whose names are to me unknown. They knocked me down, kicked me, and cracked or injured the ligaments of one of my floating ribs on my left side. This sicked me, and cracked or injured the ligaments of one of my floating ribs on my left side. This injury pained me for a period of about four weeks. As I was partially unconscious, it was impossible for me to know whether or not they used anything other than their fists or not, as I was so knocked and dazed it was impossible for me to determine.

W. I. FISHER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1909.
(Seal.) FRED H. MOORE.
Notary Public in and for the State of Washing-

ton, residing at Spokane.

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is now just recovering its normal strength and
it is still weak, and in the morning he finds that
it runs with water.

When affiant reached the jail his face was
covered with blood and when the jailer asked
him what was tile trouble he told him that his
condition was due to the law and order element

ton, residing at Spokane.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

Respectfully Referred to the Ministerial Association of Spokane, Wash.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake."—Bible.

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all minner of evil against you."—Bible.

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"But woe unto ye that are rich for ye have received your consolation."—Bible.

"Woe unto ye that are full for ye shall hunger."

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meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not; sick and imprisoned and ye visited me not. Then shall the say we thee a hungered or athirst, or a stranger or taked or sick or in prison and did not minister unto thee?

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