

DAILY DESPATCHES

From Our Own Reporter

Spokane, Wednesday, Dec. 8, '09. Hall at headquarters was raided again last night. Five more "leaders and editors" captured on "conspiracy" charge. This makes twenty-five "leaders and editors" in jail. One of those left outside signs himself "Reserve Editor 999."

Gurley Flynn's trial has been in progress today.

The manner of selecting these Police Court Juries should be noticed. The Judge (Stocker in this instance) chooses, not "draws," but chooses to suit himself 18 names. From these eighteen the state and the defense each reject six, and the six left constitute the jury.

But the Judge SELECTED THESE SIX, every one of them. Of course, the verdict was settled in advance. Of course, there was no workingman on that jury. It consists of four business men and two retired farmers. Two of them are old soldiers.

In all probability Prosecuting Attorney Pugh and Chief Sullivan were consulted in the selection of the original eighteen.

Gurley Flynn has no show of acquittal whatever.

Spokane, Thursday, Dec. 9.

Otto Just, a level headed, well posted worker from Chicago, was arrested today in the Secretary's office. Charge, "Conspiracy." He is another "leader"—making twenty-six. And still they come.

In Flynn trial attorneys almost came to blows. Pugh declared Moore hadn't the sense God gave geese. Judge Stocker made him retract—grudgingly. Many recent articles in "Industrial Worker" were read to jury to prove "conspiracy." Effect probably disastrous.

In closing argument Pugh exceedingly bitter. Even questioned Flynn's

pregnancy, declaring if she was honest, she would have taken stand in her own defense. He arraigned the organization as consisting of bums and hoboes and foreigners waving red flag of anarchy. Stated the issue to be "Law versus Domination of Vagrants." Never heard class lines more clearly drawn.

Jury out only 15 minutes, returned verdict of guilty. Stocker sentenced prisoner to three months in county jail.

Court room crowded. Many women present. Great indignation at verdict. Case appealed to Superior Court and regular jury trial.

Spokane, Friday, Dec. 10.

"Disorderly Conduct" cases reached Superior Court today on appeal from Mann's Police Court.

Defendants' attorney asked for postponement for few days.

Flynn verdict excites Spokane women. Call her Joan of Arc.

Spokane, Saturday, Dec. 11.

Entire edition "Industrial Worker" seized coming from press today. Mail list is safe. Will be published elsewhere next week. Two policemen with guns stationed at doors of Inland Printing Company to see that no more papers are printed. Gurley Flynn's article said to be libel on officers. Great indignation at unwarranted seizure.

Pugh claims he will apply for injunction to forbid further publication unless copy is submitted first to special censors appointed by the Court.

Spokane is certainly going the limit to compete with Russia. Zelaya isn't in it with Pugh.

Bundle "Workingman's Paper" came today. They are great and just in time after the suppression of the "Industrial Worker."

Will introduce them at meeting tonight. Doubtless they, too, will be suppressed.

Spokane, Sunday, Dec. 12.

Two hundred and fifty copies "Workingman's Paper" sent by Seattle I. W. W. went like hot cakes last night. No copies of "The Worker" can be had. Policeman still on guard at printing office. Flynn made brilliant talk today in hotel lobby before Economic Club. She is quite a heroine now. The stupid Capitalists could have done nothing better for I. W. W. than to sentence this girl of 19, in delicate condition, too, to ninety days in jail for alleged "conspiracy to commit a crime," said "crime" speaking on the street in a perfectly orderly manner in defiance of a city council ordinance passed to please the employment sharks and to suppress a Labor Union.

Spokane, Monday, Dec. 13.

Six more "speakers" arrested today, after Capitalists had been publishing boasts that the I. W. W. were at last killed off by the arrest of their "leaders," the conviction of their Girl Organizer and the suppression of their paper. The I. W. W. answer is this new batch of "criminals."

New dodge tried today. Judge Mann claims to have a letter from Chicago threatening him with death if he does not leave Spokane within ten days, and announcing that three men are leaving Chicago to attend to him if they find him in Spokane at the end of the ten days. This is a plain Pinkerton trick. Not a single act of violence has been forced out of the I. W. W. hundreds here, though subjected to the most brutal provocation. Thus public sympathy has been growing in the men's favor day by day, until feeling on account of the Flynn trial and unheard of sentence was

sweeping the town. Something must be done. Hence this letter threatening Judge Mann.

Of course, it may be genuine. Spokane has done violence enough to provoke violence in return. The whole country is ablaze with amazement at this Russian town in America. It may be that some determined men are on their way as announced. But it is not any I. W. W. It is far more likely a Pinkerton scheme.

Crane's case for "Disorderly Conduct" set in Judge Hinkle's Superior Court today.

Bruce Rogers, formerly on "Appeal" staff, who has been acting as attorney here, was given ten days today by Judge Stocker for carrying some letters from the postoffice to some prisoners in the Franklin School Bull Pen.

The Hunger Strike has been declared off by the I. W. W. They will hereafter go on the Rock Pile and get "square meals." Spokane will pay more this way and the men will not starve. Starvation policy served its turn, but the new move is expected to work better from now on.

Spokane, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Crane's trial in progress. Defense rests tonight. Will go to jury tomorrow.

Judge Mann's Pinkerton Fake is being worked for all it's worth. Six armed guards attend him constantly. The town will soon be laughing at him. No I. W. W. member takes the threat seriously.

Latest.—Officers are now stationed at the Headquarters Hall meetings held every evening. They censor the speeches. If anything which they object to is said, they arrest the speaker. This is "Free Assemblage" in Spokane.